

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Narrogin Senior High School

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David Hallam and Katrina Reynolds



n the 17 March Year 11 and 12 students attended the Willy Wonka 2017 School Ball.

The night began with the arrival of all the students with Courtney Donnelly and Leah Leah Sieber getting best arrival for Yr 11 and Abbey Diamond for Year 12. Being greeted by Mrs Johnson and VIPs, students then entered the Town Hall, to be served by the lovely Year 10s with a glass of punch. The previous days leading up to the ball, prefects and the ball committee decorated the hall with a beautiful purple and gold colour theme. Students were even lucky enough to have a lolly bar organised by Ms Campbell. The night consisted of energetic dancing, many laughs and delicious food as well as professional photos by Bliss Studio.

s the night was coming to an end it was time to announce Best Dressed Year 11 and Belle and Beau of the Ball. Best Dressed Year 11s were Kate Wylie and Rohan Morris. Katrina Reynolds looked stunning and was announced as the Belle and a rather dapper David Hallam was the Beau.

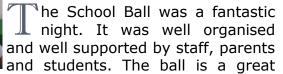
any thanks to Mrs Castle, Mrs Johnson and all the staff and students who helped organising such an amazing night.

More Ball Photos on page 5

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Principal

Mr Steve Quartermaine



community event and it was pleasing to see the large number of people who came out to see the students arrive and walk down the red carpet. Thank you to Sue Castle and Kristy Johnson, staff, parents, the Year 11 and 12 students and the Year 10 students who waited on the tables.

Preparations for Countryweek are underway with most teams either selected or just about to be finalised. Students who are selected are required to maintain performance attendance, academic behaviour in order to attend the carnival. Several students have been contracts. Adhering to the conditions outlined in the contract will ensure that they go to Countryweek.

The school census has been completed and our student numbers are strong and consistent with our budgeted figure. Our School Council and Finance Committee have endorsed the School Budget for 2017. Thank you to Peter Trefort for the many hours it takes to progress the budget to approval.

I am excited about the work that Mr David Fung has done in securing the Pathways to STEM project in partnership with Murdoch University. The Pathways to STEM program provides Mathematics support to students in Australian Tertiary Admission Ranking (ATAR) Mathematics Specialist and Mathematics Methods at Narrogin Senior High School. Online study sessions and a week-long camp in July will give our students access to quality revision and tutoring opportunities.

Similar opportunities for our middle school students are being negotiated and these should soon be in place.

Year 11 and 12 students have had a number of excursions recently that have broadened their learning opportunities. The staff who organise, supervise and drive the busses are going above and beyond to motive our students.

It has become necessary to strengthen our school procedures regarding parents and carers entering our school. To ensure the safety of our students and staff it is very important that every school visitor reports to the front office. Parents/carers picking up students, dropping off lunch, buying uniforms, coming in for a meeting with staff and/or student services are all required to sign in at the front office.

We have a safe school and we need to ensure that we continue to provide a safe positive environment for our students and staff.

Mr Brian Pontifex



Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Australia to the OECD

On 30 March we received a visit from former student Brian Pontifex. Brian graduated from Narrogin Senior High School in 1987. Coming from Corrigin, he boarded at the Residential College from 1986-1987.

He is currently the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Australia to the OECD in Paris.

Previously Brian has been:

- Chief of Staff to Premier of WA (2010-15).
- Australian Minister of Justice (2002-04.)
- General Manager Corporate Affairs, Browse LNG Project, Woodside.
- Legal adviser specialising in anticorruption at the OECD.
- Admitted to the Supreme Court of WA as a Barrister and Solicitor

After graduating from Narrogin, Brian attended the University of Western Australia. He has a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from the University of Western Australia, a Bachelor of Law (Honours) from the Australian National University, and a Masters in International Law from the University of Edinburgh.

Brian addressed a group of our students from Year 10 and from Year 11 and 12 History classes in the HillTop Café on his life after graduating and answering questions on working overseas. He is a another great example of the opportunities that are available to students who study at Narrogin SHS.



Senior School Deputy

Mr Andrew Symington

wish everyone a safe and relaxing I holiday and come back refreshed next term ... with the exception of our hard working ATAR and General students who will no doubt spend the majority of the holiday productively revising their notes from the term, studying for their upcoming exams and preparing for the assessments. You may be laughing or sniggering but please use these holidays responsibly and effectively. When I sat my TEE, I can well remember going through previous years Chemistry, Physics and Maths 2/3 exam papers. After you have gone through a few years, you begin to pick up patterns in the types of questions asked. The values may change from year to year, but the actual question remains the same. Just a little tip that may be applicable in your own personal study regime.

OLNA Update ...

... has finished for this round. thank all the students who were scheduled to do their testing this round who turned up on time, did the best they could and left with heads held high. I was especially impressed with the Writing component where lots of students were chuffed to have written so much. We will get everyone's results back in May and we will be giving out certificates to those students who passed the various sections. But most importantly, for every student that sat the various components, we will be getting an individualised diagnostic report that gives us exactly what each respective student needs to concentrate on. teachers then will focus on these aspects to help the students to hopefully achieve a pass in September. Until then, please concentrate on improving and learning and listening to the feedback that your teachers give you.

Curtin AHEAD

For our ATAR Year 12 students, there is the opportunity to be involved in a July school holiday camp. students that attended these camps last year were blown away by what was offered, especially the course revision content. application form and flyer has been posted to Connect, so please access that, and if you need help in any way, shape or form, please contact Johnson, myself or Mrs the Year coordinator.

STUDY TIP #3

Stay Healthy - it's easy to overindulge on junk food, up your caffeine levels (either through coffee or guarana type drinks) and lounge on the couch during breaks. Don't fall into this rut. Instead, schedul e time for healthy meals and snacks, regular exercise and hydrate, hydrate and hydrate. Doing this will increase your attention span and help be focused.



STUDY TIP #4

Take Breaks - a 12-hour marathon study session won't do anything but make you crazy. Instead, take short breaks every hour or so, even if only for 10 minutes. Leave your study area when you do - that bit of fresh air may be just what you needed to clear your head. Get out and walk around the block.



Middle School Deputy

Ms Sandii Stankovic

Bullying is an issue in many facets of our society and schools are one of the integral places to provide strategies on de-escalating incidences of bullying. We had a number of events to discuss and research bullying. These events included: Poster competition, messages to people being bullied (English Tree project), research projects, assembly address by school councillors and so on. Unfortunately the whole school drone photo was cancelled due to weather – we will have a similar exercise in Term 2 sometime.









Bullying. No Way! Poster competition winners from L to R Anne Robins, Bree-Anna Pike, Abbey Cant & Dwayne Riley





The Bullying Tree in the Library

Hawaiian Ride for Youth visited the school recently and were extremely impressed with our Year 9s with their attentiveness, and intelligent questions depression. Mr Potts and I watched with pride as the Year 9s interacted with the cyclists and the keynote speaker. The cyclists are cycling from Albany to Perth - there a 3 routes and they now visit the school to have a wellearned lunch at the HillTop Café before with discussina Youth Depression students. It definitely is a worthwhile event on our calendar.





Hawaiian Ride For Youth presented Michael Gentle and Isobel Kilpatrick with a Certificate of Appreciation

Parent – Teacher evening feedback was very positive. Parents appreciated the expedient nature of bookings



through SOBS online and appreciated the discussions with staff. It was lovely to see parents participate in this event. The next Parent Teacher evening is Thursday 20 July (first week of Term 3). You will be informed when the bookings are available.

School Reports will be available electronically. We would like to implement this method strategically and will most likely start with Year 7 and Year 8s. They will be available through Connect so please ensure you are registered and have logged into Connect before June 23 2017 to make the process easier.

Year 7&9 **NAPLAN** will be taking place from 9 July – 12 July. Information for Parents brochures went out with the last Newsletter. If you have not received this and/or would like further information v i s i t http://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home/assessme nt/testing/naplan

Parents often query about tutoring - **Online Tutoring** is now available and it is free! I have inserted a brochure with the newsletter and feel it would be advantageous for those students who are unable to attend after school tutoring here at the school.

Newsletters getting to Parents seems to be a challenge at times and information is not being relayed. Please know that new letters will be digitally available on our school website and our Facebook. Newsletters are distributed twice per term and dates are posted on the calendar. If there are any other forms of distributing information that you may deem effective please do not hesitate to let me know.

The **Uniform Committee** have met to discuss the desire to make some alterations to the school shorts. Please keep an eye out for the upcoming survey - we value your input.



Enjoy the upcoming holiday and Easter festivities.



What Is The Size Of Your Name?

rs Bendix's year 7 Maths class took part in an activity to learn about calculating area. Students used 1 cm graph paper to design their names, calculated the area for each letter and the overall total area of their names.



Choose Maths!

he year 7 and 8 NAEP students have been working diligently this term on researching, planning and filming a 5 minute video on the theme "Maths"



is our Future". Some of the topics they are researching include



researching include Pythagoras' theorem, the mathematics of agriculture and Euler's rule. The videos will be entered into a national competition, the

Choose Maths Awards, where they will be in the running to win \$2000. This is the first time students from Narrogin will be entering the competition and we wish them the best of luck.

Ms Kristy Chapman





Applied Maths Excursion

n the 27th March the Year 9 and 10 the Applied Mathematics elective students travelled to Perth to see the film Hidden Figures which explored the roles three female mathematicians in the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit. They also visited Scitech to explore real world applications of Mathematics.













"We learnt about some of the injustices within the United States in the 1960s, and that through persistence and determination Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughn and Mary Jackson were able to achieve their goals and change the perceptions of the roles of African American women at NASA."

Michaela Stoffberg and Madison Shotter, Year 10.

News in HASS

ongratulations to Megan Elliott (Year 10) and Kate Dyson (Year 10) who have been selected to participate in YMCA Western Australia Youth Parliament. Megan and Kate will participate in this event during the June/July school holidays. Youth Parliament is an annual event, which is run by YMCA Perth with the assistance of the Western Australian Government. Youth Parliament covers many areas of interest to young people. Both students will be involved in planning and drafting a bill, which will be discussed while participating in the event.



Safe Travels



Il the best and safe travels to Janka Reynders who will participate in the Premier's ANZAC Student Tour in the April holidays in Singapore. We look forward to

hearing about your adventures next term, Janka!

Unit 1 ATAR Geography – Bushfire Excursion

n Tuesday 21 March the Year 11 ATAR Geography class and Miss Rintoul travelled to the Perth Hills Discovery Centre to undertake fieldwork and practical skills in relation to bushfires. Students participated in various fieldwork activities and learnt about the impacts of the Parkerville Bushfire. Students also gained insight into risk management in relation to bushfires. On the day students learnt about stakeholders associated with bushfires, including the role of Department of Parks and Wildlife.

Harvey Beef Gate 2 Plate Schools Challenge

n Wednesday 22 March, students from NSHS competed in the Harvey Beef Gate 2 Plate Schools Challenge. The students



participated in an intersection, which more than 60 students participated in from across seven schools. The Schools Challenge provided an opportunity for the

students to use their knowledge gained in Year 11 Unit 2 Geography, where a key focus was on beef. The challenge allowed students to build on their knowledge and compete against other schools. The challenge was held at Willyung Farms, near Albany.

Congratulations to Marshall Henry (Year 12) for receiving second place in his section of the challenge. Thanks to the



organisers
of the
Harvey Beef Gate 2 Plate
Schools Challenge competition
and to Mr Rowley for driving
the bus on the day.

Miss Brooke Rintoul

Term Dates

Students Return	Wednesday	26 April
AIME Yrs 9 - 10	Wednesday	3 May
UWA Visit -	Thursday	4 May
Dentistry/Medicine		
NAPLAN - Writing	Tuesday	9 May
NAPLAN - Reading	Wednesday	10 May
NAPLAN - Numeracy	Thursday	11 May
NAPLAN - Catchup	Friday	12 May
Merit Assembly	Tuesday	16 May

The Australian Computational and Linguistic Olympiad 2017

n Wednesday of Week 6, a number of students from Years 9 – 11 took part in the online round of the Australian Linguistics Olympiad. This is a national competition which tests students' logical and linguistic abilities.

Narrogin SHS entered five teams: two from Senior School and three from Middle School. The competition itself relies on the four team members working out how to best answer a range of highly challenging questions within the one hour and thirty minute time frame. The academic level of this contest is therefore quite intense.

We wish all our teams the best of luck and look forward to the results next term.

On a similar note, we are very excited that a number of students have submitted their own short stories for the national <u>Write 4 Fun</u> competition. We wish everyone the best of luck!

Joan Armstrong HoLA English



First XI Cricket

The Narrogin Senior High School first XI cricket took part in the Kim Hughes Shield tournament. Unfortunately we won two games on forfeit with some teams being unable to meet their obligations. We also played 3 games in Perth and were unable to come out with a win in any of the matches.

The results of each game were as follows, the first game played was against Belridge College. Belridge went in to bat first and put up a score of 168 all out after 31 overs. Narrogin came in and made a total of 138 all out. The standout player for Narrogin in this game was Jordan Draper-Gibbs who scored a well-deserved 86 runs. The second game was against Darling Range Sports College at Lilac Hill. Darling Range went in to bat first and smashed 290 for 8 wickets with Narrogin only managing 90 all out. The rear guard action of Hallam and debut player Liam Blechynden was the highlight of our batting. The third and final game was against Newman College who also went in to bat first. Newman made a well compiled 191 for the loss of 7 wickets. A steady loss of wickets had Narrogin under pressure the whole game and the 125 total was short of expectations. The standout in this game was David Hallam who top scored with 33 runs. Liam Sweeney, Russell Cowcher and Ruben Scheepers were the pick of the Narrogin bowlers.

On behalf of the Narrogin first XI team we would like to thank Mr. Pratt for the time and effort that he has put towards us.

Captain
Ruben Scheepers



Murdoch's Pathways to STEM Program

s part of the Pathways to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) project, Murdoch University is offering our Year 12 Mathematics Specialist and Mathematics Methods students tutoring free of charge throughout their final year of school. We are hoping that the program will enhance opportunities for our students to go to university to undertake Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) courses.

Students selected for Murdoch's Pathways to STEM program will participate in on-line learning tutorial sessions after school, have individual access to Murdoch tutors to address specialized questions and in the July school holidays attend the intensive on campus ATAR exam preparation sessions. There will be more information on the ATAR exam preparation sessions in term 2.

In addition, we are in discussion with Murdoch University Outreach program aimed at providing our academic extension classes with activities related to STEM learning.

David FungHoLA Mathematics

Procedures for Visitors to The School

ur school is a safe school and we need to maintain the safety of students and staff.

The following procedures are in place for the protection of students and staff.

- 1. All student pickups and drop offs are to take place at the front office
- 2. Parents who drop off their student go directly to the front office.
- Any items brought to the school by parents or carers are to be dropped off at the front office.
- 4. If a student has to leave the school they:
 - a) go to Student Services (SS) to sign out
 - b) go to the front office to wait for their parent/carer
- 5. If a student has to go home unexpectedly:
 - a) Student goes to SS
 - b) SS call home
 - c) Parent reports to the front office
 - d) Front office rings student services
 - e) Student meets parent in the front office

Leavers Gear

Permission notes were handed out on Monday 3 April for Leavers Gear.

Final orders need to be done by 7 April.

Payments to be made to the Front Office on 27 & 28 April only.

Orders will not be placed without payments.

If you need financial assistance please see

Mrs Steer before due date.

Late orders will not be processed.





Notices



STUDY SKILLS 2017

Years 6-9

One Day Course

(April 10th School Holidays - 2016)

Years 6-9

Date

April - 10th 2017

(Edith Cowan University - Mt Lawley Campus)

** Day commences at 9:00am and finishes at 3:00pm.

We also have Senior Seminars (Years 10-12) during April. Please call for more details.

COURSE OUTLINE

- Stress Management
- Time Management
- Memory Strategies
- Revision Program
- Goal Setting
- Effective Note-Taking
- Mind Mapping
- This course is presented by former Principals and Deputy Principals.

FOR REGISTRATION

CALL Ann on:

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Or

F-mail:

topmarks1@bigpond.com

Visit our Website

www.topmarks1.com

COST: \$195

(Full Money Back Guarantee If You Are Not Completely Satisfied With The Course)

Places Are Limited So Please Book Early

"It was a magnificent course and I can't wait to do the senior course next year." Preston – Peter Moyes Analican Com

"I was feeling anxious, nervous and stressed about this coming school year. After completing this seminar, I'm feeling more confident and I'm thinking more positively about school work. I'm excited about to go to school and try out my new strategies." Ginger- Margaret River

- "This is an excellent seminar, I have learnt so much from it and I recommend it to everyone." Roman All Saints College (2016)
- "The material that was used in this course was great and it will be very helpful this year and future years." Harrison Wesley College (2016)

Guarantee: We Offer A Full Money Back Guarantee if you are not completely satisfied with the course.



STUDY SKILLS 2017

Years 10-12

2.5 Day Course

(April School Holidays 2017)

Years 10-12

Date

Venue

April 10th, 11th and 12th - (Edith Cowan University - Mt Lawley Campus)

Monday 10th April and Tuesday 11th - April commences at 9:00am and finishes at 3pm.

Tuesday 12th April commences at 9:00am and finishes at 12 noon.

We also will be running Junior (Years 6-9) Seminars during April. Please call for more details.

COURSE OUTLINE

- Stress Management
- √ Time Management
- √ Memory Strategies
- Revision Program
- Exam Preparation
- Speed Reading
- Goal Setting
- √ Effective Note-Taking
- Mind Mapping

This course is presented by former Principals and Deputy Principals.



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Places Are Limited So Pleas

Testimonials

"My daughter thoroughly enjoyed the course and has spent each afternoon this week showing me what she has discovered. She also feels more confident now she has these tools at her disposal and is keen to set up a study space in preparation for year 10 to utilise her new found knowledge. I am so happy that I discovered this course and booked her on it." Sharlene (Parent Year 10 Student - 2016)

"Very motivating that I now know and understand more about how to study. Great Experience." Bridle - Major Del College (2016)

Amazinglift helped me a lot. I learnt so many ways to study better so that I could get top marks. Noure - Langford Islamic College (2016)

Guarantee: We Offer A Full Money Back Guarantee if you are not completely satisfied with the course.



If you would like an application form please call Andrew Symington, Kristy Johnson or Connect.



HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Fancy Dress Door Prizes & People's Choice Prizes for Best Displays

6 to 7pm Thursday 6 April 2017 @ The Library NSHS

If undeliverable return to Narrogin Senior High School Private Bag 2 Narrogin WA 6312 PRINT POST APPROVED 63965610013

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Hosting French Students in July (14 July-16 August) Required Urgently

For the last 9 years a programme has been in place offering the opportunity to young French students aged 14-17 years to discover Australia and its education system.

We are looking for families willing to host students for the four weeks of their visit. They will travel to and from School with your children.

The purpose of the programme is for these French students to experience living with an Australian family, to see how an Australian school operates, to improve their English language skills through this full immersion and to create a strong friendship with their Anglophone peers. The programme is highly successful and both Australians and French students greatly enjoy the exchange. Many families still keep in touch with each other.

The students are fully briefed about the school rules, are not to leave the school premises and will attend classes daily. They will be fully covered by appropriate insurance.

Host families will be visited prior to the arrival by the organiser to explain the programme.

We believe such an exchange is also highly beneficial for our Modern Languages students, opening their eyes (and ears!) to similarly minded students for an extended period.

Please contact Martine Floyd,

email: martine.floyd@iinet.net.au,

mob: **0403 019 609** if you are interested in hosting.

YMCA Narrogin Regional Leisure Centre Easter Children's Party

Where: YMCA Narrogin Leisure Centre When: Friday, 31st March (Week 9)

Time: 6pm - 8pm

Price: \$8 per child*

For primary school-aged children, the night will include

Easter games

funky music

Egg Hunt

Visit from the Easter Bunny

We're keen to see all the kids get creative with their fancy dress and be in the running for the best Easter outfit!

*Tickets must be pre-purchased prior to event day to gain entry. All kids will receive a few treats to take home. See you there!

YMCA Narrogin Regional Leisure Centre

Swim School Term 2 Enrolments Open Monday, 27th March

- Infant & Preschool Aquatics
- Swim & Survive
- Squads
- · Junior Lifeguard
- Private Lessons
- Adult Learn to Swim

To find your family's fit or for more info chat to Sam Kempton via

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