

# **HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS**

Narrogin Senior High School

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# NSHS's Production of Alice In Wonderland



Alice: Nahla Stavely



The Cook: Ashleigh Erikson



The White Rabbit:



### The Cast and Crew

arrogin Senior High School students performed Alice in Wonderland last weekend to a well-supported community. The cast and crew had worked hard over the past few months to prepare for the event. Nahla worked wonders with the role of Alice trying to find her way whilst the Queen of Hearts, played by Alivia Rowe, would trial Alice for her actions. Rebecca Lange played a marvellous rendition of the Cheshire Cat whilst Ashleigh Erickson confidently played the Cook ensuring the audience participated in the singing of 'Crash Wallop and Bang'. The supporting cast and crew assisted in the success of the play.



A few of the cast.



The Cheshire Cat: Rebecca Lange



The Mad Hatter • Mikayla Philips The Oueen of Hearts: Alivia Rowe

Abbey Johnson



ongratulations to Year 12 Student Kaitlyn Cant for winning the Youth Prize in the WA Association for Mental Health 'Embrace Nature' Photography Exhibition.

Kaitlyn is a talented photographer and we are very proud of her achievements.



Tell Done to Adele Svendsen who, from 10 finalists (60 entries were received) finished 4th at the finals of the HGT Taste of the Future Competition, held at Belmont City College.

Pictured is David Gilmour, Adele, WA Food Ambassador Don Hancey and Paul Beard, Executive Chief of Perth Arena

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### **Principal** Mr Steve Quartermaine

O ur planning for 2018 is well underway. Congratulations to Alistair Potts who has taken up the permanent position as Level 3 Student Services Manager, David Fung has gained permanency in the role of Head of Mathematics and Adam Harris has gained permanency as teacher of Humanities. A number of other positions will be advertised giving our fixed term staff the opportunity to gain a permanent position.

School Council Elections - Our newly elected members are:

**Staff representatives** – Desiree Forrest and Louise Davidson **Parent/Community representatives** – Lee Conlan and Jo Woodruff were elected unopposed. Our school council is working well and providing valuable input and governance.

Predicted ATAR scores available following the Semester 1 exams Our Year 12 students are on track to achieve excellent results in their ATAR exams at the end of the year. An indication of their dedication is that nine of our Year 12 students successfully applied for the Curtin AHEAD in Confidence week long camp which took place during the holidays. Twelve students also took the opportunity to attend a second week long camp at Murdoch University through our STEM partnership. These camps were either free or at minimal cost to the students. Narrogin SHS assisted several other Year 12 students attended revision courses at various venues in Perth by providing a subsidy to offset the costs of the courses.

The Elevate – Life skills, study program was delivered at Narrogin Friday 11 August to reinforce messages delivered in earlier workshops and prepare our students of all years to achieve their potential.

The Your Tutor program which is available online is going so well, we have had to double this year's subscription. It is great to see our students accessing the support that is available.

Our Maths Learning Area is challenging our students with 144 students entering the Australian Mathematics competition on Thursday 27 July. I look forward to seeing the results later in the year.

Congratulations to:

Mr Ellefsen, Ms Whitting, Ms Stokes, Ms Quartermaine, Mrs Kulker and Ms Felipe and all the students involved in the Alice in Wonderland production.

Chloe Blight has been selected as a finalist for the WA Vocational Student of the Year Award. Chloe has received an invitation to attend the WA Training Awards 2017 Presentation Dinner on Friday 15 September. We wish her the best of luck.

### Middle School Deputy Ms Sandii Stankovic



I recently saw the production of Alice in Wonderland and I take my hat off to the students who went out of their comfort zone to perform in front of a general audience. Not only did they do this but also encouraged audience participation which is a feat in itself – never an easy task getting an audience to sing.

It was great to see a number of students achieve the 8A club. Whilst every precaution was taken to ensure we have the correct information we manage to leave 2 out on the assembly day - we have now included them in the list that is on the system and are acknowledged with the remainder of the group. Deepest apologies to Mia Slawinski and Jorja Young for being left off the initial list at the assembly. This actually puts our number at healthy level - 7 Year 7s, 8 Year 8s and 9 Year 9s all received this accolade for Semester One reports - these numbers are of interest alone. I am aware that student have set this goal for themselves and have achieved as such - now it is about maintaining these results. No matter what the goal is it should either involve maintain high grades or improving grades - these need to be specific and realistic. Sometimes we place undue pressure on ourselves but we do need to place a small amount of pressure just to progress forward. Stepping out of our comfort zones can be harrowing, however if people do this with support it can be quite successful.

Next week Year 7s will be engaging in Peer Skill workshops. These workshops are designed to empower young people, promote resilience in teens enriches social and interpersonal skills whilst building emotional intelligence. It is envisaged that by the end of 2017Year 7 students would have completed the workshops. These workshops are run by our Chaplains Jenny Pollard and Marty Vause. If you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact them on 9881 9315.



Chloe Blight

### Senior School Deputy Mr Andrew Symington



rrm 3 is well on the way and already we've

L completed a plethora of activities, with plenty more to come.

**Of** special note so far was our wonderful NAIDOC day on August 1. Unfortunately, our prior guest speaker Dennis

Simmons, had to fly at short notice (the day before) to Melbourne, but fortunately, Preston Colbung from KAATA took up the challenge and



the challenge and was impressive in his dreamtime story which incorporated three



key messages. Firstly, we all have individual strengths; secondly, we all have to work together as

first time, Yealering PS. We were also lucky

a team, and lastly, we need other people around us which are influences for good to get us across the line. We welcomed the three local primary schools and also for the





enough to experience both ends of the performance line, from Ross Storey's Year 4/5 beginning dancers to Francis Bolton's troupe of more accomplished dancers.

All enjoyed their traditional dances. We were treated once again to Roo stew, damper, rissoles and kebabs during lunch, and then in Periods 5/6, the Year 7 and 8 cohorts experienced a range of activities.



We'd like to thank all the helpers that came up to run the sessions for the students.

**Wednesday** saw selected Year 9-12 students drive off to AIME at Curtin university and then Thursday saw our Aboriginal Aspiration Day take place down at the John Higgins Centre. A range of local and Perth businesses and universities came down to sit 1-on-1 with our Senior students and provide for them, opportunities and possible pathways post school.

**Next** up this term is the second round of OLNA for our Year 10-12 students who have yet to achieve this standard. The online tests begin August 28 and will conclude at the end of the following week. They will take place in the tutorial room in the Library. A letter will be coming home soon alerting parents and students to the testing times. Look out for updates in the Daily Notices.

**Finally**, Year 12 exams are on the horizon and will take place in Week 9/10 of this term. I encourage all our ATAR students to fine-tune their study schedules in preparation for these final school assessments. It isn't too late to improve your predicted ATAR by moving your school marks a few points higher with a greater effort. All exams will take place in the PAC.

## **School Council Representatives**

### Louise Davidson

I am a passionate and committed educator who is extremely proud to be working at Narrogin Senior High School, where the collective commitment of the team is reflected in a school

culture that empowers students to develop excellent academic, personal and social competencies. I am currently serving on the Narrogin SHS Finance Committee, the *Western Australian Secondary School Executives Association* Aspirant Committee and I am a member of the Women in Leadership Alumni. My strength is in building whole school foci around innovation and improvement and I am extremely honoured to have been nominated as Department of Education employee staff member at Narrogin Senior High School, as a staff representative on the School Council.

#### Lee Conlan



Hi, my name is Lee Conlan and I have served on the school council for the last 2 years. I have enjoyed the opportunity to take parent questions to the school council and feel that it is important to ensure Narrogin Senior High

School remains an excellent, rewarding local option for our students in Narrogin and surrounding areas. I have lived in Narrogin for 20 years and I work as a physiotherapist at Southern Wheatbelt Primary Health Service. My husband, Sean and I have three children, Daniel, a Year 9 and Stephen, a Year 7 at Narrogin Senior High School and Claire attending Narrogin Primary School. I have participated in a number of other volunteer committees including Narrogin Child Health Clinic, Narrogin Independent Playgroup, Narrogin Primary School Kindy/Pre Primary P and C, Narrogin Basketball Association, Olympics Netball Club and Narrogin and Districts Netball Association. I would appreciate the opportunity to continue to represent parents on the Narrogin Senior High School Council.

### Jo-Anne Woodruff



I was born in Narrogin and attended NSHS, graduating in 1989.

I returned to Narrogin in 2007 and currently have two children at NSHS. Emma in Year 11 and Ben in Year 8. I am very committed to promoting the High School in the community

and been involved in organising the NSHS Open Day Market Fair since 2011. I am keen to see the school continue to provide high quality academic programs preparing students for secondary education as well as continuing to expand our facilities and subject options over a broad range of areas.

Aboriginal Aspiration Day



### 8A Award and Top Students Winners.



Year 7 Award Winners





Year 10 Award Winners



Year 7 Top Students



Year 8 Top Students



Year 10 Award Winners

Year 11 Award Winners

Year 8 Award Winners



Year 9 Top Students



Year 12 Award Winners



Year 10 Top Students



Year 11 Top Students



Year 12 Top Students

# **ATAR Revision Course 2017**

uring the last school holidays, ten Narrogin Senior High School students attended a study camp at Murdoch University in Perth, accompanied by a Maths staff member, Mrs Nicole Haythornthwaite. This was run by TEE Consultants and went from Sunday to Friday, with some students spending the week in the university's student housing and others visiting each day. The camp was an intensive five days of study and ATAR preparation, with sessions running from 8.15 until 5.15 every day. The students who lived on campus experienced life as a uni student, which included cooking for themselves, getting up and ready for lectures on time, shopping, public transport, living with other people, maintaining their apartment, preparing lunches and, a particular challenge for some, time management. Their tutoring sessions were presented by experts in each subject and students received excellent study notes for each of their subjects. The experience was extremely valuable for our ATAR students, with a wide range of benefits, including meeting students from other country towns, collaborating with different groups, experiencing living away from home, making valuable contacts with current university students and forming friendships with Year 12 students from other country schools. There was also the opportunity to indulge in late night shopping and a quiz night. All of our students enjoyed the experience and highly recommend it for next year's Year 12s.

> Nicole Haythornthwaite Mathematics Department

### Year 9 and 10 NAEP Classes Visit to Murdoch University STEM School Outreach Activities

On Thursday June 22, the Year 9 and Yr 10 Maths Academic Extension travelled to Murdoch University to participate in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) activities. The excursion was a great experience for the students. We were able to take a sneak peak around the Murdoch campus and participated in two STEM activities. The first activity was a blood stain pattern analysis activity where we applied trigonometry to determine the angle of impact, the origin of the blood source and ultimately which suspect was responsible for the crime.

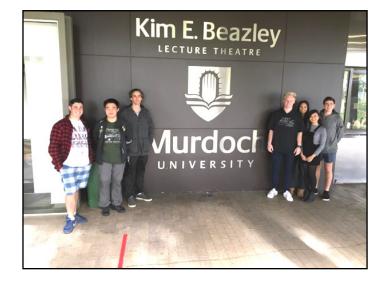
The second activity was called "Light, Sight and a few Bugs" - Pursuit curves of simple bug paths. It involved using Physics and Trigonometry to work out the speed of bugs and finding out how light works.

Thank you to Mr Fung and Miss Alagusundaram for organising the excursion and for Mr Rowley and Mrs Corner for supervising and driving the bus."

### Lucy Palumbo

The workshops explore the mathematical processes that interrelate with science and extend students' understanding of the applications of mathematical concepts in the real world. It will encourage students to see the links between Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and to pursue further study in the STEM subjects using a cross-curricular approach. The hands-on workshops proved most valuable and students were exposed to areas of tertiary study they may not have considered.

### Mathematics Department



Next Excursion : 23 NOV 2017 Year 7 and 8 NAEP Classes Visit to Murdoch University STEM School Outreach activities





# **Our Youth Parliament Journey**

### By Megan Elliott (Member for Roe) and Kate Dyson (Member for Willagee)

It's safe to say, our experience being involved in the West Australian YMCA Youth Parliament was an adventure like none other. Before Youth Parliament (YP), we didn't know



what it is that we stood for. Did we believe in marriage equality? Were we pro, or anti euthanasia? Did we agree with Malcolm Turnball's decisions for Australia? Did we believe in the importance of youth voices? We both came out of YP with a better understanding of what it was that made us, us.

YP is a program that provides youth the opportunity to voice their opinion. All 52 Youth Parliamentarians sat in the Legislative Assembly, at Parliament House in Perth. The program was run over one term, which included a training day and a five day camp. We learnt how to write bills, amend them and then debate them. Youth Parliament attempts to follow, as close as possible, the structure of State Parliament. There were two sides to YP, a Government and an Opposition.



Unfortunately, we were on opposing sides. This meant that we had to argue against each other, and yell "SHAME!" while the other was speaking. There were 8 committees in total, Roe

got a position on the Women's Interest committee (a proud feminist) and Willagee was on the Environment committee (a proud tree hugger). We spent a total of 24 hours in Parliament. We debated eight bills, with seven of them passing the chamber and one of them unsuccessful. Various topics were discussed, such as mental health, sexual harassment and plastic bag eradication. It was astounding to see such inspired, passionate young people stand up and speak (which by the way, was a requirement which meant that if we didn't stand up and speak, we would be called upon by the speaker presiding over the debate!)

The parliamentary standards were extremely strict. We

had to wear professional clothes, bow to the speaker as we stood up, and every time we spoke, we had to say "Thank you Mr speaker, Megan Elliott, Member for Roe", and we assure you, by the end of the week, we had that



phrase down pat. We had the privilege of meeting important politicians, such as Sabine Winton MLA, Jessica Stojkivski MLA, Mark Folkard MLA and Mike Nahan, Leader of the Oppositon, just to name a few.

## Year 9 Canberra Sydney Study Tour

It is now only four short weeks away until the Year 9s embark on an adventure of a lifetime with Mrs Whitting, Miss Quartermaine, Mr Harris, Mr Fawcett, and Mrs Russell in tow, as we take an education tour of the national capital.

Anticipation is building, buddies have been selected, and we are counting down the days until we can choose who we room with. While we are on our nine day tour, we will explore Canberra and be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$260 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion, and has reduced the cost paid by families.

Remember to get your white shirts ordered and bought and your school jackets and pants looking neat to ensure we represent our school with pride and integrity.

We look forward to sharing our stories and experiences with you all on our return.

Mrs Leah Russell

### Some Items to Consider for Our Year 11 and 12 students in terms of studying:

### WORK EFFICIENTLY AT HOME BY:

Working in half hour blocks with no distractions. Making a study plan or study timetable. Making a plan each afternoon before you leave school. Separating school work and personal time. Allocating set times to schoolwork. **DON'T JUST:** 

read your notes over and over leave study until the last minute **DO:** 

make comprehensive study notes early and then gradually refine learn the notes via the techniques learnt during the Elevate sessions lots of questions to practise your skills 3-4 hours of schoolwork per night

The **Perth SkillsWest Careers Expo** is coming August 18 to 20 at the Perth Convention Centre. This year's event is spanning three halls and includes the WorldSkills Regional Competitions. Full details at skillswestexpo

# NAB Cup Hockey

n Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> August teams from Jerramungup, Narembeen and Brookton travelled to Narrogin to play in 7 a side hockey carnival sponsored by the National Australia Bank.

The school entered two teams in the boys and girls competitions. Narembeen won the girls, with one of our teams winning the boys.

It was great to see our Academy students umpire, coach and play to a high standard. The visiting schools use the carnival to prepare for the District High Schools Country Week Carnival at the end of the term.

Thank you to the visiting schools' staff for making the effort to come to Narrogin, as well as Upper Great Southern Hockey Association development officer Mr Rodney Johnson for organising the day.



Winning Academy students: Kane Airey, Ryan Brechin, Ethan Forrest, Jacob Tinley, Callum Watts, Austin Shotter and Daniel Conlan.



Charlotte Harris and Courtney Dewing defending against Narembeen.



Ben Woodruff making things difficult for Brookton.



Danielle Brechin chases Colleen Edwards in the derby between NGN 1 & 2.



Sarah-Jayne Insch and Jasmyn Oats playing Jerramungup.



For further information please call Jo 0419 739 032

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## Alcohol and Young People

The peak medical organisation in Australia – the National Health and Medical Research Council - recommends for children and young people less than 18 years of age, that not drinking alcohol is the safest option.

Alcohol can damage the developing brain of young people. Drinking alcohol is linked with poor decision-making, loss of control and risky behaviour (e.g. unsafe or unwanted sex, injury, violence, car crashes) with undesirable outcomes that can last a lifetime.

- Children under 15 years of age are at greatest risk of harm from drinking.
- For young people aged 15-17 years, the safest option is to delay the start of drinking for as long as possible. Risky behaviour is more likely among drinkers aged 15–17 years than older drinkers.

WA now has Secondary Supply Laws, which ban adults from supplying alcohol to children in a private setting without their parent's consent. Penalties of up to \$10,000 apply. For more information:

#### http://www.rgl.wa.gov.au/liquor/liquor-legislation-amendment-act/faq-s

### What can parents do?

- **Supervision** is one of the most important things parents can do. Know where your young person is going and what she/he is doing. Parents are legally responsible for their teenage children.
- Talk to your young person about alcohol, drinking and your expectations of his/her behaviour.
- **If** your young person is having a gathering at your place be there and supervise.
- If your young person is going to a gathering, check that other responsible adults are supervising.
- **Drink** safely and moderately your actions speak loudly to your children.
- Don't buy alcohol for your son or daughter, or their friends.
- Talk to other parents about these issues and form a united front.
- If your child is already 18, talk to them about how the new Secondary Supply Laws may affect them.

For further information: <u>http://alcoholthinkagain.com.au/</u>

### NSHS ARTS EXHIBITION



# 19 October - 5 November Nexis Gallery

Be prepared for a talented display of Narrogin Senior High School students.

Art, Photography, Dance and Music will dazzle you

Opening Night Thursday 19 October..

