



# HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Narrogin Senior High School

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## David Hallam DUX 2017



*Principal Mr Steve Quartermaine with Dux David Hallam*

On Friday 20 October, the Year 12 Students gathered with staff, special guests, family and friends to celebrate the end of their secondary education. Congratulations to all students on all that they have achieved during their time at Narrogin Senior High School. 91 students achieved their WACE this year.

Ex-student, former Perth Wildcat and Chairman of Basketball Australia, guest speaker Ned Coten talked fondly of his time at Narrogin, with a very enjoyable and entertaining speech.

The Presentation Evening also featured musical performances by The Senior Band and Year 12 students, under the direction of Music Teacher Stephanie Whitting.

As Year 12 Student Manager, I would like to thank all those who helped make the night such a great success.

Mrs Kristy Johnson

## Toby Nicholas R/U DUX



*Rhianon Crane - Dux  
Vocational Education and  
Training*



*Adele Svendsen receiving the  
Australian Super Award for  
Excellence in Vocational Education  
and Training from Student Services  
Manager Mr Alistair Potts*



## Principal Mr Steve Quartermaine

**T**erm four has started at full speed. Week two activities included: Year 11 Examinations, Aboriginal Parent Meeting; Aboriginal Parent BBQ; Professional Learning Session 13; AIME; Year 12 Dinner; Joan Armstrong's farewell lunch; the opening of the Annual Art Exhibition; Residential College Presentation; The show - display, Ploughman's Lunches, School Band performances; and NAEP testing.

Well done to all our staff and students who contributed to the success of these activities. Your support for our students and our school is very much appreciated and we continually see the positive results from our students.

The Year 12 Presentation Night continues to be a quality event. Mrs Johnson and Mrs Castle ensured that the event ran smoothly and the students were outstanding. Mr Ned Coten who graduated in 1981 was the guest speaker and added to a fantastic evening. Congratulations to all the award winners, listed later in this newsletter.

Thank you to Verity Harris who has been a great supporter of our school as School Council Chair and P&C President.

I would like to sincerely acknowledge the contribution to our school made by Mr Doug Keilor who passed away on Friday 20 October. Doug catered for many of our events and provided support for Justine and her Hospitality students. Our condolences to his family and friends.

I would also like to acknowledge Mr Harry Narkle who passed away recently. Harry was a respected elder in the community and we appreciated the support he gave to our school.

### Parent Survey

A link to the survey for parents has been sent out through Connect.

<https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/bPdaxc8Q>

The survey will be open until Friday 17 November.

If you do not have access to a computer or you would prefer to complete a hard copy of the survey, please contact the front office. We can organise a computer for you or give you a hard copy. Your feedback is valued and is an important part of our data collection to drive our school improvement.

### Congratulations to

David Hallam - DUX and Toby Nicholas - Runner Up Dux  
Rhiannon Crane - VET DUX and Adele Svenson - Australian Super Award for Excellence in VET.

Students representing the Upper Great Southern Tennis Association at the D'Arcy Slater Cup - Luca Harrison, Tom Kilpatrick and Corey Page.



*Mr Steve Quartermaine presenting outgoing P&C President, Mrs Verity Harris with flowers for long standing community support.*

## Senior School Deputy Mr Andrew Symington



**W**e're in the home stretch now for 2017, having rounded third base, the home plate beckoning in the distance. It wasn't so long ago that the first newsletter for the year was being put together, and yet, so much has happened since that time.

Congratulations go to all the Year 12s at the recent Presentation Night. It was awe inspiring to see them walk across the stage to receive their graduation certificates and their respective prizes. Special mention to the Duxes and David Hallam and his wonderful Valedictorian Speech. The Year 12s have since departed and some are currently engaged in their final ATAR exams. We're almost at the point of bidding adieu to our Year 11 cohort and I hope that they are putting in the final effort to place them in good stead for their Year 12 studies.

I wish to now encourage the Year 10 students in the final few weeks of 2017. For every single one of them, the decisions made from now on are very important and it is imperative that they make sound positive choices. Whether positioned in the ATAR or General/VET streams everyone needs to have a strong study ethic in place, whether it is for assessments, the EST, OLNA, tests or exams. I have had a few discussions with students as I have counselled them on a study regime after school, and would be happy to share this template with them. Effective habits put into place now will stand the test of time whether heading to university, TAFE or the workplace.

I can't stress enough, from personal experience, the *irredeemableness* of time. Never say to yourself ... 'I'll do it tomorrow' ... 'I'll have enough time next week' ... 'I've got all day Saturday to focus on that task' ... 'the holidays are coming up' ... 'I'll leave it until then'. Jim Rohn once said, 'Time is more value than money. You can get more money, but you cannot get more time'. Use a diary, be diligent, be on time, be proactive, be SMART with challenging yourself with goals. Remember that those goals should be Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Timely.

Specific - what will I do?

Measurable - what will the outcome be?

Achievable - what is my achievable outcome? (as this outcome will help with setting the next goal).

Realistic - what is my realistic goal?

Timely - what is my timeframe?

Someone once stated, 'Successful people maintain a positive focus in life no matter what is going on around them. They stay focused on their past successes rather than their past failures, and on the next action steps they need to take to get them closer to the fulfilment of their goals rather than all the other distractions that life presents to them'.

I hope for all our students, that the rest of this term is a successful one and that they use their time wisely. Finally, 'If you set goals and go after them with all the determination you can muster, your gifts will take you places that will amaze you'.

Reports for the Year 11 cohort will be released in a fortnight and will be delivered electronically via 'Connect'. The Year 7-10 reports will also be delivered electronically at the end of the year. If you wish to receive a paper copy, please ring the Front Office to let them know.





**Class of 2017**

**ADF Long Tan Leadership Award**



*Abbey Wilson 2017 Winner receiving her prize from 2016 winner Damion Johnson*

**Valedictorian Award**



*David Hallam with Shire President Mr Leigh Ballard*

**Sportswoman Award**



*Pippa Bairstow and Lower School Deputy Ms Sandii Stankovic*

**Presentation Evening Awards**

**Sportsman Award**



*Bradley O'Neill with Lower School Deputy Ms Sandii Stankovic*

**Male Citizen Award**



*Kyle Fairhead with the P&C President Verity Harris*

**Caltex Best Allrounder Award**



*Mr Leigh Ballard presenting the award to Meg Conway*

**Female Citizenship Award**



*Georgia Earnshaw receiving her award from Mrs Verity Harris*

**HGT Taste Of The Future Award**



*Ms Sandii Stankovic presenting Adele Svendsen with her award*



**Kristy Johnson**  
**Year 12 Student Manager**



## Presentation Evening

*Ms Brooke Rintoul below with Seth Townsend who received Visual Arts Preliminary Award, English Preliminary Award, Certificate I in Business*



*Mrs Di Quartermaine above with Gene Hames who received the Maths Preliminary Award, & VET ASDAN Business Enterprise Award.*



*Head Girl Jasmine McDonald, Mr S Quartermaine & Head Boy Bradley O'Neill*



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**Thank you to all involved for your work and dedication to the Presentation Evening.**

## Aussie Bird Count

The year 7 Science classes have been investigating the different types of ecosystems and food webs and chains present in them. To give the students a first-hand experience of collecting data in our local ecosystems, Ms Clark's Science classes participated in the Aussie Bird Count. The Aussie Bird Count is a great way to connect with birds in your local area. The data collected assists Birdlife Australia in understanding more about Australian birds.

The students had to sit quietly for 10 minutes and record any birds that were observed. We recorded the following birds;

Willy Wag Tails

Magpies

Ravens

Brown Honey Eaters

Red Capped Robin

New Holland Honey Eaters

Silver Eyes

Ring Necked Parrots.

We all enjoyed learning about the many types of birds in our local area. The students in particular liked hearing all the calling sounds of the birds and the teacher enjoyed the 10 minutes of quiet time.



*Red-Capped Robin*

*Ms Maxine Clark*



## Science Space and Engineering Tour

During the school holidays, 29 students from year 9 to 12 travelled to the USA for the Science, Space and Engineering Tour. The tour highlights included The Smithsonian Institution Air and Space Museum in Washington and Dulles, NASA Kennedy Space Centre, Launch Facility and Astronaut Training, Motion Physics at Disneyland California and Special Effects at Universal Studios.

*Mrs K Johnson*



*Astronaut training at NASA with Shuttle Payload Specialist JD Bartoe*



*Students with Astronaut Charlie Walker, Space Shuttle Mission Specialist at Kennedy Space Centre.*



## Humanities and Social Sciences Year 7 Geography

**Guest Speaker Leigh Medlen - Assistant Town Planner and Narrogin Senior High School Alumni.**

Last term, Year 7 students were visited by past student and current Assistant Town Planner for the Town of Narrogin, Leigh Medlen. Students were studying Geography with a focus on Liveability at the time of the presentation. Miss Medlen came in to speak to students about Liveability and how Town Planning plays an important role in making places more liveable for people. She presented them with examples of how poor planning can create some not so liveable situations such as the world's longest traffic jam which lasted 12 days and covered a distance of 100km on the Chinese National Highway 110. *"We learnt about interesting facts such as the Japanese crosswalk where 2,500 people cross every time the light changes and I was able to share this with my family"* - Cassie. Students were also able to ask Miss Medlen a range of questions relating to the concepts, and the opportunity to ask for her thoughts and ideas on how to improve liveability in our town.

This opportunity for first-hand information from an expert such as Leigh helped students with their assessment task to plan a teenage friendly facility for their town with the aim of improving Liveability for the youth population. *"It was good to have another person's opinion and someone working in the field on the topic"* - Luca. Miss Medlen's knowledge and advice proved very useful to students and offered them valuable insight to current issues in the area. *"Leigh's advice helped me decide what type of facility would be suitable for my town, before I wasn't focussing on what was suitable and realistic, more on what I would like to have built there"* - Chelsea. Not only was Miss Medlen's advice useful, she has been viewed as an inspiration to students to see how knowledge learnt at school can lead to rewarding and challenging careers. *"It surprised me that she was a student here, it has opened my eyes to new career paths"* - Olivia.

On behalf of the Year 7 students and HASSL staff we would like to thank Miss Medlen for her time and coming in to talk to us.

*Miss Brooke Rintoul*



## Student Art Newdegate Field Day

Students studying Visual Arts are often given opportunities to participate in competitions held in and around Narrogin. Traditionally the Newdegate Field day is one of those opportunities. Students in Year 10 entered some of their paintings as well as Year 11 and 12 works winning some prizes in perspective sections. Congratulations to the students that participated as it is great to see enthusiasm and willingness to "be in it".

More to come next year and a big thank you to the Newdegate team for always sending us invitations for the Art Competitions.

*Ms Marga Felipe*



## Netball Academy Cup

On Friday September 22 the Year 7-10 Netball Academy students participated in the Netball Academy Cup. The students were divided up into 5 teams. Team names were: Salt and Pepper, Stingers, Ricky Baker, Camryn and the Others and Fergalicious. The winning team was Fergalicious who won all of their games. The team members of Fergalicious were: Melita Davey, Aaliyah Ugle, Kate Dyson, Megan Elliott, Maddi Shotter and Jess Coppock.

The players who were voted the best by their peers were: Aaliyah Ugle with 8 votes, Melita Davey with 5 votes, Megan Elliott with 4 votes and Elyssa Barry with 4 votes. Thank you to all the girls who scored and umpired and to Mrs Wilkie who timed and collated the results.



*Mrs Sarah Corner*

## Visit from Warwick SHS Netball Academy

On Friday October 27, Year Nine students from the Warwick Netball Academy visited Narrogin to compete in Netball games against the Narrogin SHS Year Nine Netball Academy students. Overall, the winner for the day was Warwick SHS as their teams won more games overall, however, the Narrogin girls were the best dressed in their Netball Academy uniforms. It was a great experience for our students. The visit from Warwick is an annual event and we will endeavour to win back the trophy next year. The year nine students involved were Breanna Page, Lucy Palumbo, Holly Crane, Amber Dehnel, Montanah French, Tahlia Hohaia, Kaitlyn O'Neill, Sarah Poultney, Imogen Morgan, Isela Bird, Morgan Spark, Georgina Jensen, Piper Edwards, Janessa Roser, Nouan Tupuhi-Smith, Phoenix Turner and Chloe Screaigh.

*Mrs Sarah Corner*



*NSHS Netball Academy Team*

## Almost Squash Champions

Congratulations to Michaela and Caitlin Pratt who travelled to Geelong during the recent school holidays to compete in the National Junior Squash Teams Championships. Western Australia, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in succession, finished second to Queensland, earning both girls an overall silver medal. In the individual teams Michaela's team won the U/15's, giving her a gold medal in this event and Caitlin's U/13 team finished second, earning Caitlin a second silver medal. Both girls continue to enjoy success at both State and National level, with Caitlin currently holding a WA State ranking of 1 and a National ranking of 3. Michaela holds a WA State ranking of 3 and a National ranking of 8. We wish the girls well in their upcoming trip to Singapore for the Singapore Open to be followed by the Australian Open in January.



*Michaela*



*Caitlin*

## Schools Partner Award

Recognised by industry, the Hospitality program received the 2017 Schools Partner Award from Hospitality Group Training. The award, presented at Perth Arena this week showcased Narrogin SHS to Industry leaders as to just how successful the program has been for students with employment and further training pathways stemming from our partnership with HGT.

Well done to all involved.



*Year 11 Hospitality Students with their Teacher and Chef  
Ms Justine Campbell and EA Desiree Fawcett*



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## Keeping your child safe online

The internet can be an exciting and wonderful place for children and the whole family. It is a great tool for learning, socialising, and entertainment. However, just like in the real world the internet involves risks and challenges.

In an online environment, children may be exposed to content that is sexually explicit, violent, prohibited or even illegal. They may also experience cyber bullying, be at risk from contact by strangers and unknowingly or deliberately share personal information.

You can keep your child safe online by **monitoring, protecting and teaching** them.

### Monitor your child online

Talk with your children about the internet and answer any questions or concerns.  
Keep computers in family areas and avoid online activity in the study or bedroom.  
With your children, set up rules about internet use, such as limiting screen time.  
Check the websites your child has been visiting by using the history tab.



### Protect your child online

Use a family-friendly internet service provider (ISP) that offers families information and tools that help make the internet safer.  
Tell your child not to share personal information online.  
Ask your child to let you know if someone they don't know contacts them online. Block this person from your child's account.  
Always select the strictest privacy settings and turn off location sharing on apps, websites and accounts.

### Teach safe and responsible online behaviour

When talking to your children about the internet, focus on the positive aspects and show them sites that are fun, interesting or educational.  
Explain that some areas of the internet are for adults and not for children to see.  
Talk to your child about the way you should behave online. Your child shouldn't say, do or share something online if they wouldn't do it when face-to-face with someone.

## **SUNSMART NARROGIN TRIATHLON**

**Sunday 12th November 2017  
Narrogin Leisure Centre**

**7:30am Registration, 8.20m Briefing  
8:30am Race Start**

### **Event Categories**

**Mini (9 & under only)** 50m swim 750m bike 500m run  
**Intro (13 & under only)** 100m swim 2.5km bike 750m run  
**Short (Open)** 150m swim 5km bike 1.25km run  
**Middle (Open)** 200m swim 8km Bike 2.5km run  
**Long (Open)** 400m swim 16km bike 5km run

**Compete as an individual or in a team**

On line entry at [www.narroginprimaryschool.wa.edu.au](http://www.narroginprimaryschool.wa.edu.au) and follow the link

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