

## NAIDOC DAY

*"Always was, Always will be"*



As a school, we celebrated NAIDOC day on the 25 November. The theme for this year's NAIDOC celebrations was "Always was, Always will be".

The day commenced with an assembly where our guest speaker, Basil Kickett, spoke to the students about his life journey and what it means to be an Aboriginal in today's world. Girls from the Shooting Stars opened the assembly with a traditional cleansing dance led by Latoya Bolton-Black who also spoke about the NAIDOC theme.

This was followed by the Aboriginal boys from Clontarf, performing traditional dances, accompanied by Ross Storey on the Digeridoo. The Shooting Stars dancers concluded the assembly with a vibrant, high energy hip hop dance.



The whole school was then involved in activities centred around gaining a greater understanding of the Noongyar culture through art activities, sporting activities, dance and documentaries, which were led by our Aboriginal students. Elders from the Narrogin community came into the school and shared their stories with the students which gave students the opportunity to ask questions and make connections.

The day concluded with the school coming together to watch a presentation of photographs taken throughout the day.

Mrs Karen Thomas  
Upper School Deputy

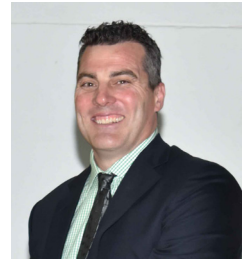








# Principal John Watters



Dear Parents and Guardians

As we move towards the holiday period there are many things to be thankful for, on micro and macro levels. I am thankful for the various factors that afforded me the opportunity to be a part of the Narrogin Senior High School community and the warm welcome I have received. I can confirm that my tenure has been extended until the end of Term 1, and I look forward to continuing this journey into 2021.

When I reflect back on the various highlights and activities of the Term, and year, it is a wonderful testament to the resilience of our staff and students who have continued to maintain a sense of the 'new normal' amongst an ever-changing landscape. I am very proud of the achievements of our students this year and the efforts our staff have made to enable this success.

The end of the year brings some staff changes and we farewell and extend our best wishes to the following staff: Mel Edwards, Kelli Nichols, Chelsea Coxon, Anthony Mitchell, Hayden McWilliams, Monique Duarte, Sushmita Datta Roy, Mona Dawson, Darren Jacques, Amelia Shadbolt, Ashley Ezard, Kayla Stokes and Rick Bee.

Whilst our planning for the 2021 school year continues, please be advised the school office will be closed during the holiday period and will formally reopen on the 27 January 2021.

I am looking forward to the break, and spending time with family and friends. On behalf of our staff, I wish you the safest of holidays and look forward to the new school year.

Regards  
John



## WANTED - Old Jam Posts

Can you help?

The Wheatbelt Cycling Collective is developing trails in the local community. The Collective is in the need of old Jam fence posts to mark the trail.

If you are able to donate some please contact Andrew Corner on 0418813968 or Michael Chin on 0487287847

Or E: [wheatbeltcycling@gmail.com](mailto:wheatbeltcycling@gmail.com)

Find us on Facebook under 'Wheatbelt Cycling Collective' or enter, 5 Trails

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# Prefect Camp

On the March 27 the 2021 Prefects were extremely fortunate to attend a three-day leadership camp at the Swan Valley Adventure Centre and let me tell you, what an amazing experience it was.

We arrived at the camp at 10:45 when everyone excitedly checked out the new mansion we would be living at for the next three days. We got straight into the leadership activities by discussing the characteristics of a strong leader, whilst receiving an egg, or should I say Year7, whom we would have to 'supervise' during all of our activities. The leadership activities involved, blind folded obstacle courses, raft building and canoeing where it's fair to say, we all got a tad drenched. Throughout these activities one member nominated themselves or others to accept the challenge of leading the group through these obstacles. By planning and communicating, we reflected on our weaknesses, and our strengths to improve our leadership throughout the camp, in preparation for the school year. After a quick supper and rest, we all then had a joyful time zooming down the flying fox and forming stronger connections with one another.



On the second day, with some of our "eggs" still standing after a hefty day and in one case, a crow attack, we were challenged with the Black Out Zone, where we had to work together to find our way out of the tunnel, across quick sand, ropes, mazes and solve puzzles. Here, our support for one another was truly shown as we were made to navigate through the dark. Trust was essential. Once we made it back into the light, we were challenged to a commando course and finally the high ropes course where again encouragement and optimism became the turning points in our leadership. After a very challenging day, we were treated to a lovely dinner at Grill'd, topping it off with sweets at San Churro and a very competitive game of spoons.

Sunday was a very peaceful day as we packed up our gear and headed to King's Park to complete our final leadership tasks. We had a lovely stroll through the Park and discussed those people in the community whom we admired. By completing this task, we learnt how, as a leader, we can become more involved in our community, create an engaging environment and provide multiple opportunities to inspire others and ensure that everyone lived their life to the fullest, no matter what challenges they faced.

From this amazing experience, we have become more certain with our task ahead in ensuring 2021 will benefit and bring joy to many within our community. This camp truly strengthened our ties with one another, and we promise we will continue to adapt these leadership skills we have learnt on the camp to ensure we can be the most engaging and effective representatives we can be. This camp gave us an opportunity to grow, and for that, we are truly grateful.

Nikota Scholz  
Year 11









# So Nice To See You Jolly Ol' Sport!

Year Eleven ATAR English students studied the iconic novel *The Great Gatsby* and ended the study with a Gatsby Lunch.

Students got into the spirit of the lunch by dressing up and speaking in 'Gatsby' quotes throughout the lunch.

Mrs. Johnson, Mrs Sexton and Mrs Castle ripped up the dance floor when they showed the young ones how the Charleston was done!

It was a fun, but educational, way to finish the study of the novel.

A special thanks to the canteen ladies for providing such a lovely lunch and Mrs Carlse and her trusty baristas, Kalani Aird and Jayeisha Ford for their great service.

Mrs Linda Bishop  
HOLA English



Nikota Scholz, Mrs Linda Bishop & Mikayla Cooper



Mrs Castle showing the boys how its done!



# Science Circus

Primary school students at Narrogin Primary School and East Narrogin Primary School were treated to the annual visit of our 'Science Circus' in November.

Year nine students in Miss Edwards' class had been working on these demonstrations once a week for almost a term, practising their science inquiry and communication skills. Students researched demonstration ideas and honed their presentation through trial and error, coming up with creative solutions to problems. Along with the help of Mrs Bee, our fantastic laboratory technician, each group had to source the materials they needed and organise the logistics of repeating the demonstration many times over. Students learned how to engage kids in the demonstrations and tailored the scientific explanations to help younger students understand.

There were nine demonstrations that included soap powered boats, gliders, 'dancing sultanas', 'pressured polymers', oobleck, film canister 'rockets', lava lamps, 'milky plastic' and even a square bubble! The year nines did an excellent job and grew in confidence with each performance, with some discovering the natural presenter/childcare worker/science communicator within them. The primary school students were enthusiastic to share their own ideas and couldn't wait to get involved. It was great to see lots of budding young scientists - we can't wait to see the roles reversed in a few years!



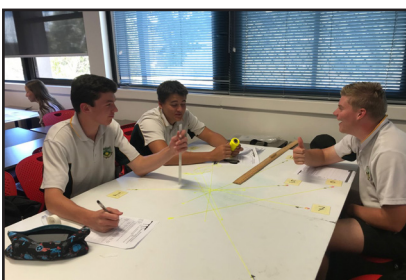
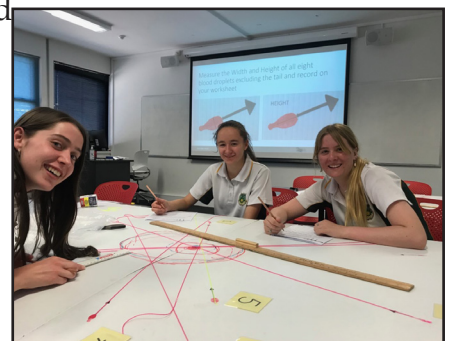
## Yr 9/10 NAEP Outreach Excursion Murdoch University

On Wednesday December 2, 49 Year nine and ten students travelled to Perth to be part of the Murdoch University Outreach Excursion.

The purpose of the excursion was for the students to see links in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and explore mathematical processes that interrelate with science and extend students understanding of the applications of mathematical concepts in the real world.

The students participated in three workshops throughout the day. The first session was a forensic science workshop on Blood Pattern Analysis. The second session was on Biomass where the students had to measure the circumference of different types of trees located in The Bush Court and then determine their biomass. The third session was on Code Cracking. The students had to use their maths skills to decipher various messages. Thank you to Mr Rowley and Mrs Corner for driving the buses and Mr Jacques and Miss Bendix for helping to supervise the students.

Mrs Sarah Corner





# Follow The Dream



Term 4 was very busy for the students in the program and the year 7 and 8 students attended camp. All the students from year 7 – 11 have been studying hard for final tests and exams, and ensuring all assessments were complete. Then it was onto the fun stuff. A number of our year 7, and 11 students helped out with the year 6 transition day. They did a fantastic job welcoming the Noongar students to Narrogin Senior High School and encouraging them to join the Follow The Dream Program in 2021.



Week 8 saw the Year 6 – 8 Induction and Reward Camp where 13 students from Katanning, Narrogin and Tambellup travelled to Pemberton Camp School for three days of challenging activities. We arrived at the end of November to hail which was not what we expected. Once the weather cleared the student's soldiered on to complete the Pemberton Amazing Race photo challenge.



Day one concluded with Team Challenges with the girl's team aptly named Mooditj Yorgas (Strong Women), taking first place. Day two was jam packed with action with the students bush walking, canoeing and raft building. There were only a couple of capsizes and lots of laughs during both the canoeing and raft races. The fun really began once the sun set with big games of capture the flag, spotlight and lantern stalk. Day three we hiked to the Yeagarup sand dunes. After some rough and tumble down the dunes it was time to say goodbye to our new friends.

It has been a fantastic year at Follow the Dream. In particular I would like to congratulate the award winners listed below.

I wish all the students a safe and enjoyable holiday and cannot wait to see you all again in the new year.

**Top Academic Award Lower School** Dakoda Bolton

## Lower School

Academic – Dakoda Bolton-Black  
Attendance – Jaxon Taylor  
Endeavour – Tyler Kickett  
Improvement – Lakkari Kickett

## Upper School

Academic – Jayeisha Ford  
Attendance – Jayeisha Ford  
Endeavour – Nicole Taylor and Jemma Isaacs  
Improvement – Chante Kickett



Ms Maxine Clark



# "A" Grade Students Year 10



Marcel Corasaniti  
Stephen Conlan  
Morne van de Riet  
Blair Kemp  
Mitchell Whillier

Courtney Dewing  
Mia Slawinski  
Marli Spooner  
Denica Stoffberg  
Kate Poultney

Tayla Battley  
Chelsea Mulcahy  
Abby Munns  
Mackenzie Williams

## Sports Academy Awards

### W I N N E R S



#### Waldron Medal

The Waldron Medal was awarded to Caitlin Pratt in Year 10. This award is for the best Lower School Athlete. Caitlin accepted her award from Mr Terry Waldron.



#### Commodine Award

Sponsored by the Shire of Cuballing. An all rounder award promoting sport in the community - coaching, playing, or umpiring. The winner was Mia Slawinski presented by by Mr Lindsay George.



# Sports Academy Awards Winners

## CRICKET

|              |       |                   |
|--------------|-------|-------------------|
| Top Student  | Yr 8  | Kacey Beard       |
| Class Award  | Yr 8  | Rhys Smith        |
| Top Student  | Yr 9  | Ethan Johnson     |
| Class Award  | Yr 9  | Mitchell Ackland  |
| Top Student  | Yr 10 | Blair Kemp        |
| Class Award  | Yr 10 | Heath Turner-Reid |
| Best Fielder | Yr 10 | Anton Hanson      |

## NETBALL

|                                   |       |                     |
|-----------------------------------|-------|---------------------|
| Top Student                       | Yr 7  | Olivia Hann         |
| Runner up Top Student             | Yr 7  | Emma Graham         |
| Class Award                       | Yr 7  | Heidi Ackland       |
| Top Student                       | Yr 8  | Amelia Corasaniti   |
| Runner Up Top Student             | Yr 8  | Hayley Page         |
| Class Award                       | Yr 8  | Natalie Bradford    |
| Top Student                       | Yr 9  | Liberty Tullet      |
| R/Up Top Student                  | Yr 9  | Dakoda Bolton-Black |
| R/Up Top Student                  | Yr 9  | Ella Hann           |
| Class Award                       | Yr 9  | Kiana Roser         |
| Top Student                       | Yr 10 | Mia Slawinski       |
| R/Up Top Student                  | Yr 10 | Tayla Battley       |
| R/up Top Student                  | Yr 10 | Chelsea Mulcahy     |
| Umpiring Award<br>Netball Academy | Yr 10 | Chelsea Mulcahy     |

## HOCKEY

|                |       |                   |
|----------------|-------|-------------------|
| Top Student    | Yr 7  | Jacob Oats        |
| Class Award    | Yr 7  | Beau Flood        |
| Top Student    | Yr 8  | Ryan Johnson      |
| Class Award    | Yr 8  | Ella Borthwick    |
| Top Student    | Yr 9  | Fletcher West     |
| Class Award    | Yr 9  | Jude Corner       |
| Top Student    | Yr 10 | Marcel Corasaniti |
| Class Award    | Yr 10 | Heidi Morgan      |
| Umpiring Award | Yr 10 | Stephen Conlan    |

# Cricket - Yr 9 Narrogin Bash

Wins were hard to come by for the Narrogin teams in the 2020 Narrogin Bash and it took until the last day to notch one on the board.

However, there were some stand out individual efforts and some near misses to keep the positive vibes flowing.



Ethan Johnson and Declan Phillips at Clayton Road oval

The 38 degree scorcher the weather gods threw at us on day one was backed up by a shower of rain early the next day, leaving us all thinking we were in Melbourne.

Mitch Whillier almost got us over the line on day two, smashing the bowlers all over the park at Williams. The game had to be abandoned leaving Narrogin requiring 24 off two overs. An unlikely equation but the way Mitch was seeing em, anything was possible.

Our derby on Thursday was a great struggle. Some strong cricket saw Narrogin yellow victorious in the closing overs to close out a great 3 days of cricket. Standout performances over the three days were topped by Ethan Johnson who scored a sparkling 196 runs and took 4 wickets. He was backed up by Tye Kemp who amassed 84, Mitch W with a 47 and 26 and Mitch Ackland, Neal Maartens, Blair Kemp, Kacey Beard, Oliver Woodford and Sam Grieve who all made useful contributions in partnerships or individually. Kacey Beard and Josh J were the pick of our bowlers picking up a handy 6 each. They were well supported by the pace and intimidation of new ball bowlers Ackland and Blair K. The closest to pulling off the catch of the week was Cohen Sheridan who hung on to a screamer until he hit the ground and the ball spilled free, while Bryce English lay claim to the best runout.

Mr Andrew Pratt  
Phys Ed



## Year 8 Production 2020

# 10 Ways To Survive A Zombie Apocalypse

**Producers and Backstage help:** Mr Howieson, Miss Duarte, and Miss Sheridan

**Cast:** Jacinta Thornton (Jimmy), Lily Lincoln (Zombie), Kaidee Marsh (Narrator 2), Chloe Marsh (Zombie), Cora Mumby (Sam), Ashton Dale (Zombie), Lexi Ashton (Narrator 1), Elyse Manera (Christy), and Emjaay Foster (Susan).

**Make-up Artist:** Alex Allinson

Since the end of Term 2, the year 8 students of 2020 have all collaborated and practised for hours on end after school giving up their own free time to create a phenomenal performance on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of November. Every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, from 3-4 or sometimes from 3-4:30, the students put an enormous amount of effort in, to get ready for their big performance. We had to overcome many obstacles to get to the stage where we were ready to give it our best shot. Mr Howieson, Miss Duarte, and Miss Sheridan had given up their time after school to help produce this performance, with the help of the year 10 student, Alex Allinson, who did an amazing job on the makeup. Everyone in the audience loved our performance and in the end all members of the cast and teachers came together to form a strong bond.

### Comments from the Participants

**Miss Sheridan** - "My favourite part of the production was seeing how talented all the students were and how much they all enjoyed it."

**Lexi Ashton** - "I loved the lighting in the performance and method 6 Kung Fu. I also loved entertaining the audience and seeing how they reacted to our performance. This was an amazing experience."

**Chloe Marsh** - "My favourite thing about this experience would be hanging out with my friends after school. I also LOVED the food."

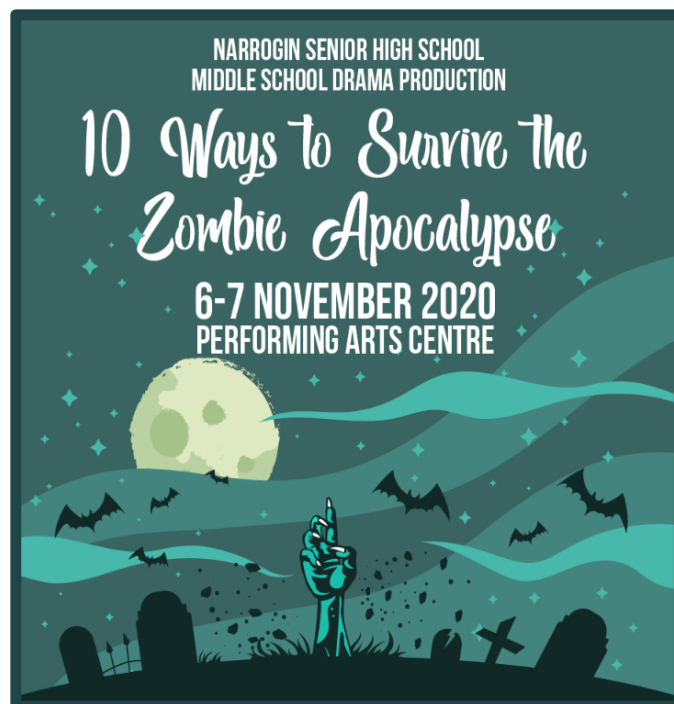
**Kaidee Marsh** - "What I loved the most about this experience would be hanging out with all my friends and dancing to the music before our production. I also loved the barbeque."

**Mr Howieson** - "I enjoyed how much effort the students put in to their play and all the confidence that they grew at the end of the production."

**Miss Duarte** - "Getting to know some of my students outside of the classroom is the best part about this Production. The cast were absolute stars!"

**Elyse Manera** - "My favourite thing would probably be EVERYTHING and having fun with my friends."

**Alex Allinson** - "Honestly my favourite part of the production was method 6, Kung Fu, and method 5 when the character Jimmy lost his feet. I also love doing all of their makeup on the year 8's and getting to know more about them."



**Emjaay Foster** - "My most favourite part of our production was spending time with all the people in it and now I know that they all have my back in the future."

**Lily Lincoln** - "I enjoyed all the fun we had on the night, even though there were some obstacles we had to get through, we all pulled it together in the end to create the outstanding performance."

**Cora Mumby** - "I liked the performance and seeing how the audience loved it after all our hard work. I also loved our makeup that Alex did."

**Ashton Dale** - "I loved it when we mucked around and danced to the music as well as singing along to the music before our performances. I also loved the company of my friends."

**Jacinta Thornton** - "This was the most fun I have had in ages. The after school rehearsals really helped me form stronger friendships with all of the other people, and I can't wait for the 2021 production, where we combine once again for another astonishing performance."