



# HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Narrogin Senior High School  
Issue 5 2021



## Elections Come to NSHS

It has been a busy time for those students who chose to nominate as School representatives. In the lead up to the elections we invited Shire President Mr Leigh Ballard to address the students and to give them some tips to help them with their presentations to their year groups. Despite their nerves there were some very well thought out and presented speeches and the students should be commended on their public addresses.



Election Day although not the best as far as weather went, was a great day with lots of fun, balloons and music. With the assistance of Jacqui from the WA Electoral Commission who also spoke to some classes in between the voting, the Year 12 prefects donned the official vests and acted as Electoral Officials, checking off students as they came to vote for their choice of student representatives to give the students a voice.

Once voting was complete Jacqui from the WAEC collected the Ballot boxes and took them back to the commission in Perth where she carried out the formal Preferential Count to work out who the successful candidates were.



Please congratulate the following students who have been elected to the Narrogin SHS 2021/2022 Student Council:

### Prefects

William Coppock, Tom Price, Chloe Bertuola, Mackenzie Williams, Caitlin Pratt, Courtney Dewing, Anton Hanson, Amy Mulcahy, Darcy Penny, Denica Stoffberg, Cherokee Ford, Chelsea Mulcahy.

### Student Councillors

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| Year 7  | Rhyan Donnelly, Rhys Thornton, Cassie Coppock, Isabella Budby, Scott Tyson, Emily Kulker         |
| Year 8  | Lily Spencer, Skye Beary, Lochlan Mickle, Justice Dale, Olivia Hann, Denby Young, Kate Cousins   |
| Year 9  | Kele Readhead, Beau Readhead, Guillaume van der Riet, Leah Mulcahy, Abby Dewing, Emmerson Nottle |
| Year 10 | Mike Brillo, Aikysha Papertalk, Karli Martin, Ben Robins, Dakota Bolton-Black, Makenna Batt      |



*Mrs Nanette Steer*



## Principal Sandii Stankovic

Continuing with the Election theme from the previous page – I too was in the audience to the 2021 Student Council nominations. I attended the Year 7 and 11 and was extremely impressed with the content of the speeches. Topics such as recycling, mental health and making the school a greater place was evident throughout the speeches.

Further to this I was privileged to speak with the incoming prefects in regards to their view of the school and what their goals are for 2022. The common theme throughout the interviews was that staff at NSHS are caring, this was so refreshing to actually hear this from students. Yes we do care! They then had to discuss strengths they would bring to the student leadership group - what an amazing group of students : determined, resilience, organised, passionate and positive were traits evident from their responses. We look forward to working with the Prefects on whole school matters. Congratulations to all student councillors who were voted in.

So the Year 12 celebrations have commenced and must say I enjoyed the Year 12 dinner that was held on Wednesday 22 September in the Trade Training Centre. What a caring and connected group the year group is. They reflected on the years in high school and included those that started part way through. The music by Brooklyn Hohipuha and Jayeisha Ford were mesmerising demonstrating the talents the students have, not to mention resilience – it is not easy to perform in front of peers. We thank Mrs Castle for coordinating the night. We look forward to hearing all about the successes that the Class of 2021 have throughout their future endeavours.

Various students attended the Boddington Careers Expo recently and the consensus from the students was this was a great and worthwhile event. Thank you to the accompanying staff members who took time out of their schedules to attend. Newmont Mining hosted the event and accompanied the students throughout the expo. One thing that did peak my interest were the opportunities and career pathways offered for our students. The world is very different – students utilised virtual reality equipment that illustrated how mining and the equipment is classified and produced. I was informed that in a workplace in Kewdale the company has this in hologram form for others to see at the same time. I am amazed how fast the world of technology is evolving and am constantly required to provide access to these for our students. Interesting times.

Wishing everyone happy and safe holidays and we will see you in Term 4 for the home straight.





# Associate Principal - Middle School

## Maxine Clark



One of Narrogin Senior High School's key priorities is to establish an orderly environment. At Narrogin Senior High School, we focus on teaching our core values of Respect, Tolerance and Responsibility to establish clear expectations around behaviours that reflect our values. Clear and consistent expectations promote the development of an inclusive, accepting culture where students and staff feel safe and valued. When teachers and students feel safe, they are able to focus on teaching and learning. This has a positive impact on student achievement and teacher performance.

It is essential we all work together to achieve an orderly environment. Narrogin Senior High School's Behaviour Matrix explicitly sets out what Respectful, Tolerant and Responsible behaviour looks like in different contexts around our school. To reinforce expected behaviours, staff acknowledge students by awarding VIVO points.

At times students will display behaviour that does not reflect our core expectations and this is seen as an opportunity to teach students how to regulate their behaviour. Sometimes students will be given consequences that they may not seem fair. In these situations, please encourage your child to find a time to have a private and respectful conversation with staff in regards to their concerns. It is important to remember that staff need to consider and balance the needs of both the individual student and the whole school. Sometimes the needs of an individual student may conflict with the needs of the class. Staff are constantly trying to achieve a balance between individual and group rights.

If you have a concern, please contact the school to discuss the issue. Remember if it is in a particular Learning Area contact the appropriate HoLA, if it is a general concern your Child's Advocacy Teacher or Year Coordinator is the best point of contact. It is the responsibility of all of us to ensure these conversations remain polite and respectful.

This week I have been talking to Year Groups, and reminding students that when they enrolled at Narrogin Senior High School, they agreed to abide by the school's Code of Conduct. Recently we have had an increase in mobile incidents at school. All students have signed an agreement stating phones are off and away all day. Please remind your child to abide by our mobile phone agreement. Staff have been instructed to remove phones when they see them. I thank you for your continued support to ensure we have an orderly environment to optimise learning for all students.

## Wear It Purple Day



"With the intent of being all inclusive NSHS engage in a 'Wear it Purple Day' which celebrates diversity and young people from the LGBTIQA+. This year the High School donned the colour purple on Friday the 27th of August. We had many students and staff members embrace the ideology of diversity within school community. The Day is commissioned by Wear it Purple and run by Student Services. The activity is not-for-profit, providing presentations and workshops throughout the day for the students."

*Ms Narelle Penny*



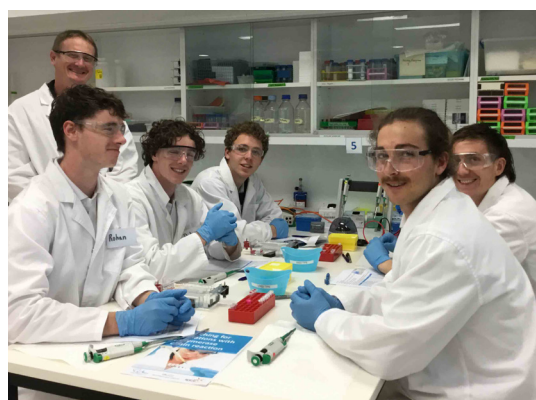
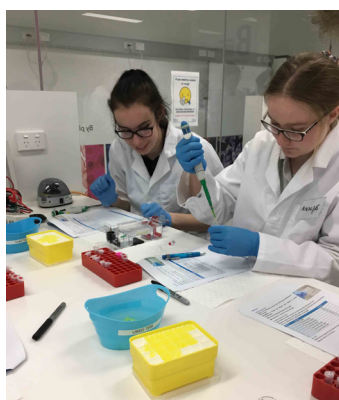
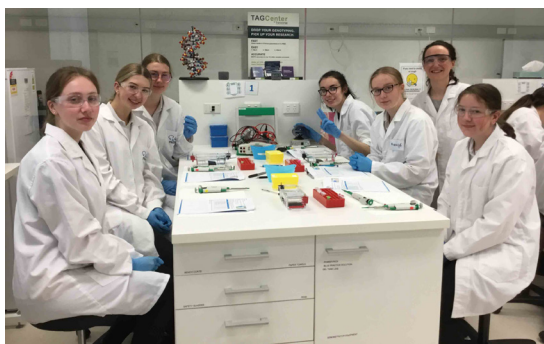
# Harry Perkins Biotechnology Excursion

Year 12 Biology and Human Biology students were up for an early start on Friday 20th August to go to the Harry Perkins Institute for Biomedical Research. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to put their learning into practice and use the proper research lab facilities to investigate a gene of interest.

The students combined their knowledge of lab techniques such as PCR and Gel Electrophoresis to investigate a mutation in a gene which causes a heightened risk for melanoma. Using the proper pipettes and lab equipment was an experience that will prepare the students well for their laboratory studies at University. Students were also shown around the facilities by PhD students, with one of the highlights being the 'green room' which messed with our colour perception and made the white walls appear pink on exiting!

All students completed the practical successfully with no contamination and one of our NSHS groups got the top score on the PCR game. We definitely have some candidates for future research scientists within our midst!

*Miss Edwards  
Science Teacher*



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# Zoo Excursion

Luck was on our side on the morning of the Year 11 and 12 Zoo excursion, with a marvellous 25 degree day forecast. The lucky students who got to spend the day in the sun were year 12 students from Psychology and Human Biology, as well as year 11 Biology students.

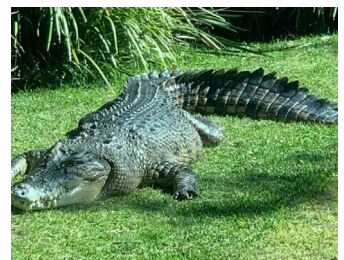
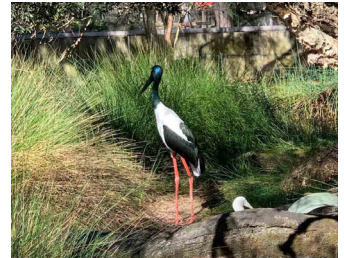


Students attended talks about biodiversity and primate evolution, which were very informative and delivered by passionate zoo employees. Then, to consolidate their learning, students made observations of animals all around the zoo.

The year 12 Psychology students observed behaviour of primates – the young gibbon brothers were a sure favourite! Some highlights from the day:

- The convoluted story ‘a trip to the zoo’ that evolved over the bus ride
- The year 11’s picnic
- Clive the Zebra Cart driver
- The year 12 boys’ close encounter with the elephant
- The shopping spree at the gift shop
- Questionable karaoke on the bus ride back!

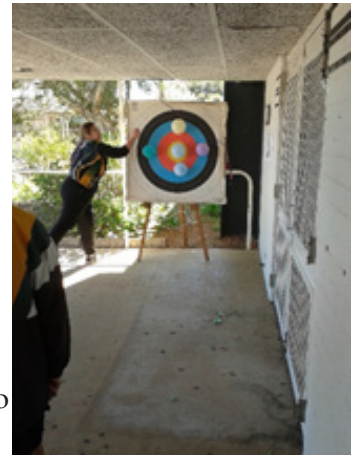
*Miss Edwards and Miss Ryder  
Science Teachers*



# Mental Health Awareness Stall

In the lead up to RUOK day, which is all about mental health, the Year 12 Health Studies class ran some mental health awareness activities at recess during week 8 as part of a health promotion assessment. The activities were designed and run by small groups and included a stress ball making station, a hopscotch for mental health activity and a dart throwing challenge for those who answered a mental health quiz question correctly.

Participants from a range of year groups were actively engaged and a few teachers were even brave enough to take on some of the challenges. A big thankyou and well done to the year 12's for their hard work in putting this event together.



Atea, Abby and Tahlia running a dart throwing competition



Ms Sarah Hennessey

Kalani, Jaiya and Matthew running the hopscotch activity



Ms Ellie Sheridan taking the challenge with some students

Demonstrating how to make stress balls



RUOK? Day is our national day of action dedicated to reminding everyone that every day is the day to ask, "Are you OK?" and support those struggling with life's ups and downs.

Narrogin Senior High School celebrated with a whole school assembly, a prize for the best decorated door and lollipops were handed out at the end of the day.

Winners of the competitions were:

Ms Rebecca Donavon -  
Ms Kristy Chapman -  
Mr Jean D'Cruz -  
Mrs Dorothy Bendix -

"Animals That Aren't OK"  
"Bee Kind"  
"Overloaded Door"  
"Call a Friend"

<https://www.ruok.org.au>



# ATAR Biology

Year 11 ATAR Biology students conducted fieldwork with Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions staff to monitor the populations of endangered and threatened species of plants and animals within the Dryandra Woodland.

Students learned how Parks and Wildlife use fire to encourage growth and regeneration, and used techniques for monitoring the short and long term effects of fire on plants and animals.

Enjoy the student perception we have included below

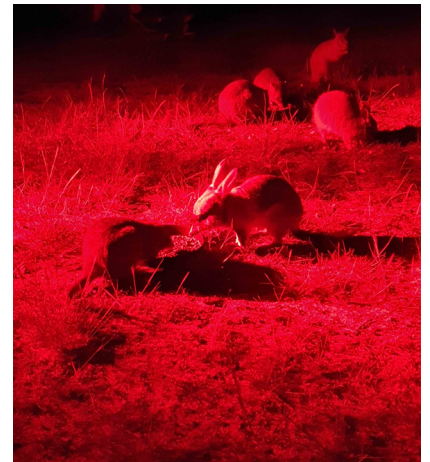
*Mrs Kristy Johnson*



*Vegetation survey*



*Leah surveys the view from the Ochre trail*



*Bilby and friends at Barna Mia  
The red light allows us to view animals without upsetting their sensitive nocturnal eyesight*

This year's ATAR 11 biology camp, like every year, was held at Dryandra woodland from September 15-17 along with Mrs Johnson, Miss Ryder and Mr Daley, the 8 of us bio students were pumped!

We departed the high school at 3:30pm to arrive at the Lions Village by 4pm. Miss Ryder was our navigator, and even though we were following Mrs Johnsons car in the bus... we still missed the turn off. "Trust the process!" was all Miss Ryder could say. In the end we had to turn around. I think next time we'll do the navigating. We were joined this year by Mandurah Baptist College. The 11 of us from Narrogin SHS were all squished into one little cottage with 2 bedrooms, and one small side room especially for Mr Daley.



After an early dinner we set off for the Barna Mia tour. We were lucky enough to see a bilby, woylie, boodie, mala and quenda all feeding together at the same time, which is apparently quite rare to see.

We were to set up quadrats in an unburnt and recently burnt area of Dryandra bushland and observe and record the differences in these two areas.

Our last morning was an early one. Everyone's alarm was set for 5am, an early breakfast at 5:30am and out the door at 6am to retrieve any animals we had caught in our traps overnight. We were lucky enough to have caught a male woylie and young female possum, who was very opposed to leaving the nice warm bag she was being held in.

We ended our trip off with a relaxing 5km walk down Ochre trail, and hot dogs for lunch before saying goodbye to the Mandurah students.

Overall the trip was an incredible adventure, a very educational experience, and a great bonding moment that I don't think any of us will be forgetting any time soon... especially Mr Daley.

*Chloe Bertuola  
Yr 11 Student*





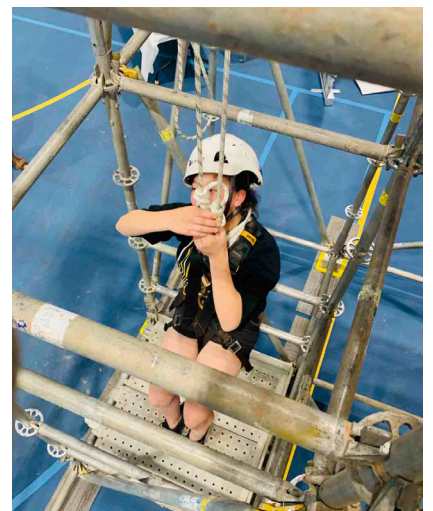
# Boddington Careers Expo

Recently students from Narrogin SHS went to the Boddington Careers Expo.

Students were exposed to various employment opportunities that they may want to access in the future.

We will definitely be doing this again as it opened up the minds of our students (and staff) of what the world of work looks like - so different to when my generation was at school.

*Ms Sandii Stankovic*





# David Bell Cup- Boys Hockey



The semi-finals of the peak hockey tournament for boys in WA was played by the school on the 23 August. Our results were:

- Shenton College 3-0 loss
- Great Southern Grammar 2-0 loss
- Como SC- 3-0 loss
- Bunbury Cathedral Grammar 2-2 draw
- Christian Brothers College win 5-0

We placed 4th which was a great achievement considering the schools we played against have much larger Senior School populations.

Ryan Johnson (Yr9) was our highest goal scorer. Of considerable merit was Connor Logie who saved the day by changing a tyre on the bus.

Thank you to the P&C Sports Academy parents who supported the excursion by subsidising the bus by \$500 and Mr Rowley for driving the bus.

*Mr Andrew Corner*

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