



High School Highlights

Narrogin Senior High School

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“IN THIS TOGETHER” NSHS CELEBRATES NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

National Reconciliation Week is celebrated each year from 27 May to 3 June.

It is a time to celebrate and build on positive respectful relationships and connections between Australians and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation.



A number of activities were held across the school throughout the week including Advocacy Group activities, Sorry Day speeches, Aboriginal arts & craft, student vs teacher basketball matches, roaming selfie booths and a Reconciliation sausage sizzle and breakfast. The wide variety of activities provided the opportunity for the school to come together and celebrate Aboriginal history, culture and provided a platform of connection and friendship.



On this journey, Australians are all in This Together; every one of us has a role to play when it comes to Reconciliation and it is important that we ALL continue to play our part in reconciliation in our school and the wider community.

Thank you to all staff and students who ensured Reconciliation Week was a success at Narrogin Senior High School and supported the activities that took place throughout the week.

Latoya Bolton-Black



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Principal's Report

Mrs Janine Keall



As a school, we continually look for ways to improve. Our families are an important element of our school and your views are essential in helping set our course moving forward. I would like to thank everyone who completed the survey on our school communication processes. We are pleased to say that 83% of our families believe our communication has improved. We have also received feedback on how we could further improve and these points will be addressed in Semester 2.

Some of the key celebrations included:

- COVID communication was timely and I really liked the multiple methods of communication as Connect is sometimes a pain. Love seeing what everyone has been up to in the Facebook pics that have recently been posted.
- SMS is helpful and frequent.
- "Your emails are AWESOME"
- All emails are backed up with a text message and updates on connect and vice versa. There's no chance of missing important information.

Independent Public School

It is with great pleasure that I announce Narrogin Senior High School has successfully achieved IPS status. This means we stand proudly alongside our local primary schools in being recognised as another exemplary Public School in the Wheabell region. I would like to thank all our wonderful staff and parents who have taken the time to complete our surveys, provided feedback on our presentation or supported us on the journey over the past few years in our quest to become an Independent Public School.



COVID - 19

On Monday 22 June, the WA Premier announced details of the remaining phases of Western Australia's Roadmap for easing restrictions. The next phase, Phase 4 started on Saturday 27 June and came into effect in our schools on Monday 29 June. We will still be adhering to the 2sqm rule, although all other restrictions have been lifted. We will still continue with the good practices we have become accustomed to especially in relation to hygiene and managing signs of illness.

Following the early disruption, this year is starting to feel a little more like normal. As a school we are now planning excursions and to kick us off, our senior school students will be involved in a mini country week event in week 10 of this term against Narrogin Agricultural College. We are looking forward to more events occurring in Semester 2. Please keep an eye out for **upcoming events on our school's Facebook page** or through the school newsletter.

School Development Day

Please note our next School Development day is on Monday 20 July, the first day after the July school holidays. Our school will be taking part in a number of professional learning opportunities to further support our excellence in teaching and learning.

Whole school assembly

We will be holding a whole school assembly at 9:00am on Wednesday 22 July. The theme for this occasion will be based around unity and students will also be acknowledged for their academic efforts throughout semester one. We would love to see as many parents as possible attend and celebrate the many talents of our Narrogin Senior High School students.

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Senior School Deputy Mrs Karen Thomas



Term 2 has passed by in a flash. It has been great to have the students return to school, and a sense of normality returning to our teaching and learning programs. Year 11 and 12 ATAR students have completed their Semester 1 exams. The Mathematics and Science Learning Areas chose not to set exams this semester and, instead, focused on completing their course work accompanied by in class assessments. All ATAR students wrote the English exam and this provided them with an opportunity to prepare for, and write an exam. All Year 12 students have now also completed their Externally Set Tasks for all general courses. I have been impressed by the way in which students have approached these tests and exams. It has been an unsettling time, however, the students have been focused and diligent in their preparation.

Academic monitoring of Year 11 and 12 students has been undertaken across the term. Students have been given their WACE trackers so that they can track their progress towards WACE achievement. One on one meetings have been held with students at risk and plans have been put in place to support them in meeting the requirements for WACE. This will continue into next term.

Year 10 students are in the process of selecting their subjects for Year 11, 2021. Mrs Sexton, Mrs Johnson and myself have been meeting with parents and students to assist with this process and support the students in making their pathway and subject choices. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Mrs Sexton and Mrs Johnson with their help in this process. They both have a wealth of knowledge in this area and have dedicated a great deal of time to ensure that students are confident with their choices for 2021. This year we held a Subject Expo in the library so that students could hear firsthand from specialist teachers what the various subjects entail in Year 11 and 12. They also had the opportunity to view course and assessment outlines and speak to the teachers. This was a very successful afternoon with students reporting that this helped them in understanding the courses available.

I wish all students a good midyear break and look forward to seeing them back in Term 3.

Middle School Deputy Ms Sandii Stankovic



I believe the term has just passed us by extremely fast and already preparing for not just Term 3, also 2021.

COVID – 19 continues to effect many aspects of the school. Semester reports for Year 7 – 10 will not include a grade. Attributes, Behaviour and Effort will continue to be assessed however grades will be omitted and staff will comment on the student engagement in the course. Student Reports will be disseminated in Week 10. These will be sent via Connect.

With the reports there is a Parent Teacher Interview evening scheduled on Thursday 23 July – first week of the Term 3. These interviews will provide further information on how students can achieve their best for each subject. The interviews will commence 3.30pm and the evening will close at 7.00pm. Parents will be able to book appointments through SOBS (School Online Booking Service) from Tuesday 30 June until 4.00pm Wednesday 22 July. I advise everyone to get in as soon as you can as we all know that the appointments get booked up quickly. Information will be texted and placed on Connect when the bookings are open on how to book an appointment. The evening will be held in the library and Trade Training Centre.

We will be embarking on our Transition program whereby we will be visiting our feeder schools in preparation for 2021. Now that parents are allowed on school sites we will be looking forward to meeting parents to our primary school visits. These will take place at the commencement of Term 3.

Our Years 7 – 9 students will also be embarking on their subject choices for 2021. There will be a number of new courses available for students so this has taken time for us to coordinate. We will also be having one lower school subject course selection booklet combining the years to assist parents in locating information in one place. These will be provided to students at the beginning of Term 3.

Ensure you enjoy the coming holidays and I look forward to catching up with parents and students in Term 3.

OLNA

Online Literacy and Numeracy (OLNA) testing will take place next term. Achieving a Category 3 in each of the Reading, Writing and Numeracy tests is a prerequisite for achieving a WACE. Students from Year 10 have two opportunities a year to sit the tests.

NAPLAN

Due to the cancellation of NAPLAN testing, Year 9 students will be offered the opportunity to participate in OLNA testing in August. All Year 9 students will complete the Reading and Numeracy tests and those students who did not reach a Band 8 for Writing in Year 7 NAPLAN will be required to sit the Writing test.

REPORTS

Reports will be available through Connect on the 3 July 2020 with Parent Teacher meetings held on the 22 July 2020. These reports provide important information about student progress and the teachers comments are important in highlighting where the students can improve. Year 10 students will not receive a grade, **however, the teachers' comments will give an indication of the students' engagement in each subject and their progress.**

The following students have all successfully completed their Barista Unit .

Pictured above with their teacher, Ms Melissa Denkinger are:

Rebecca Lange, Georgie Jensen, Chloe Turnock ,Oswald Manzanilla, Kalani Aird, and Melita Davey



Year 10 EXPO for Arts and Technologies

This was a great event where the students had opportunities to ask questions and enjoy presentations on Arts and Technology Subjects on offer in 2021. It was a fantastic display of talent and skills and we look forward to a successful new year.

We would like to thank the current Years 11 & 12 students for their presentations and contributions to the Expo.

Ms Marga Felipe



Congratulations to Our Newest Barristas!





STEM students studying thermodynamics as applied to different types of engines: from steam to internal combustion, and turbo piston to jet engines.



STEM Structural Engineering Challenge: Students applying principles of buoyancy, ballast and centre of gravity to design floating oil rig platforms.

Students built a model town with street lights and power poles. Students have been studying voltage and current in series and parallel circuits .



Year 8 Morning Teas

In past years, all the Year 8 Food classes have hosted **Australia's Biggest Morning Teas** in aid of the Cancer Council. Unfortunately, this semester, due to Covid 19, social distancing and visitors not being allowed onto school grounds, this task had had to be modified.

Miss Denkinger, Mrs Shepherd and Mrs Pattullo's Year 8 Food classes all held a smaller afternoon tea and were able to invite some staff members.

The students enjoyed being able to eat and share their morning/afternoon tea food, they had cooked in previous lessons and to participate in a scaled down social occasion.

All the students were well behaved and participated well.

We look forward to be able to again being able to host larger events in the future.

Miss Denkinger, Mrs Shepherd and Mrs Pattullo



A sample of the wonderful afternoon tea that was served.

Open Invite for Year 7 Instrumental Students

The Music Department has room for Year 7 students interested in learning Brass (Trumpet, Trombone, or Baritone) and Percussion (Drum Kit and Orchestral Percussion). Delivered through the IMSS programme, students receive free instrumental lessons on band instruments and play in school ensembles. If you would like your child to be enrolled in instrumental music or want more information, then please email Mr Howieson.

Open Band Rehearsal

To showcase all our hard work over this term, we would like to invite all parents to join us for rehearsal in Week 10 (next week!) and enjoy some wonderful music whilst munching on afternoon tea provided by our Hospitality students. This informal setting will provide our students with the much desired performance opportunity and give you the chance to see what really goes on during rehearsals.

Senior Band: Monday 3:30-5:00pm
Junior Band: Wednesday 3:30-4:00pm

Brilliant Band Banter

Keep an eye out on the NSHS Facebook page for videos of our lovely band students showing off all their hard work over the past two terms. A big thank you to Miss. Quartermaine and her photography students for helping with this project!

Thank you Mrs. Armstrong!

A massive shout out to our wonderful Brass and Percussion Tutor, Mrs. Armstrong. She has been working with our students for over a year now and it is awesome having her back at Narrogin SHS. Mrs Armstrong was the classroom music teacher for a number of years and travels all the way from Bridgetown to teach every Wednesday and Thursday at our school. Thank you for all your hard work, Mrs. Armstrong!

Band Parents Meeting

Band Parent Meeting is scheduled for July 1 2020 at 5:30pm in the Conference Room.



Mrs Armstrong



It's the end of the world and hordes of rampaging zombies are about to kill you. What do you do? Try your hand at kung fu against the undead? Attempt to reason with creatures that would rather eat brains than use them? Sacrifice the weak?

We are proud to announce that Narrogin Senior High School will be turning the PAC into a post-apocalyptic, zombie ridden, wasteland for:

10 Ways to Survive a Zombie Apocalypse by Don Zolidis.

Students are well on their way to rehearsing this production and the excitement level is running high. A big thank you to all those who auditioned and we are looking forward to Curtain Call.

Information about rehearsals, performances, and expectations can be found through Connect, or from the Arts Office.

Parents, if you would like to get involved and support the Performing Arts Department in this production, please contact Mr. Howieson via email at blake.howieson@education.wa.edu.au, or contact the school to register your interest.



Gastroenteritis

Gastroenteritis, or 'gastro' is a common condition in children of all ages. It occurs when the bowel is infected by a virus or bacteria. Symptoms include diarrhoea, vomiting, stomach cramps and sometimes, fever.

Most cases in children are not serious, but it is very important to make sure that a child with gastro receives enough fluid.

If your child has gastro, keep them away from school for 48 hours after vomiting and diarrhoea have stopped. If symptoms persist see your family doctor.

The easiest way to prevent gastro is to make sure everyone in the family washes their hands regularly, especially before eating and after going to the toilet.

For more information go to <http://www.public.health.wa.gov.au/2/597/2/gastroenteritis.pm>

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Save the Date

Past Staff, Students and families are invited to come together to
celebrate **100 Years of Northam Senior High School.**

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1921 - 2021

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Subsidised full board accommodation at UWA is available for students enrolled in 3 or more subjects.

Package includes: course fees, accommodation from 5 July - 10 July 2020 and 3 meals/day.

SPECIALS - \$780 (3 subjects)
\$880 (4 subjects)
\$995 (5 subjects)

2020 T.E.E. JULY YEAR 12 ATAR REVISION TIMETABLE

8.30am - 10.30am	10.45am - 12.45pm	1.00pm - 3.00pm	3.15pm - 5.15pm	5.30pm - 7.30pm
Chemistry	Physics	Maths Methods	English	Modern History ★
Biology	Human Biology	Maths Applications	Literature	Geography
Physical Education	Psychology			Health Studies
				Maths Specialist

★ Modern History students will study 5 hours of Unit 3 Russia 1914 - 1945 and 5 hours of skills development and practice.