



Nyngan Public School

Nyngan Public School provides – quality education for all children
through dedicated teaching in a secure, caring country environment.

Safety, Respectful, Cooperative Learners

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to what promises to be a fun filled year for the students of Nyngan Public School. Whilst all students have jumped back into learning mode we are all looking forward to the fete on March 31st, 2017.

Thank you to the staff and families who attended the BBQ on Tuesday evening. Although it was warm all enjoyed a cool drink or two and a BBQ whilst catching up with the events of the holidays.

Many parents and staff gathered in the Library on Wednesday night to commence the final planning stages for the fete. Keep an eye on the P&C Facebook for more information as it becomes available.

Students will have taken home an invitation for family to attend a Parent-Teacher meeting in the Auditorium on Wednesday the 15th of February. Please contact Mandy in the Office if the time is not suitable.

Students will be treated to a performance – *STAMP out Bullying* on Thursday at 2pm in the auditorium. Whilst this performance usually charges a \$5 per student entry fee, the students of Nyngan Public School do not need to pay as the cost is covered by our RAM (Annual finance budget).

I hope that many families are available to come along and cheer for the children as they take part in the annual swimming carnival on Tuesday. This is a regular school day with attendance required. Students are reminded to wear a school hat (NO caps), bring sunscreen and water. Children will be reminded throughout the day that they are to wear shirts when not swimming.

Students have all arrived home today wearing the first of many weekly attendance bands. Students, who attend each day of the week OR have their absence explained in that week, will be given an attendance band. Every 3 week students wearing the attendance bands for the 3 weeks will be provided a reward at recess on the Friday.

I would like to conclude by congratulating our School Captains, Student leaders, SRC, Library Monitors, Sport Monitors and House Captains and Vice Captains for being elected to support leadership at Nyngan PS. I look forward to seeing many families at our Induction Ceremony this Monday at 12.30 in the Auditorium.

Nyngan Public School will be having Alternate Work Organisation (previously referred to as Mid Term Break) in 2017. The date for these will be:

TERM ONE: 24th February – 27th February

TERM TWO: 26th May – 29th May

TERM THREE: 18th August – 21st August

TERM FOUR: 10th November – 13th November

Kylee Pearce – Principal

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

This week's draw winners are:

Attendance winner: Brady Hilder

Bango winners:

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| * Year 1 | - Ava Cummings |
| * Year 2 | - Eric Morgan |
| * Year 3/4 | - Eden Quinton |
| * Year 4/5 | - Harrison Wood |
| * Year 6 | - Cruz Cook |



Learning about flags in Year 6

Year Six holds a great responsibility of raising our flags every day. We had some questions and concerns so we asked Mr Knight to come into our class and talk about the Australian National flag. We learnt how to fold the flag properly. First you have to fold it in half twice then you fold it forward and backwards 7 times before rolling it to the end.

In 1901 there were five winners out of competition for creating the National Australian flag. The five winners created the Australian flag and received 100 pound for creating our flag.

We learnt that the Union Jack stands for England, Ireland and Scotland. The Union Jack is made up of three white and red crosses in the left corner of the Australian flag.

The Capital 7 pointed star stands for states and territories in Australia. The 7 pointed star on the flag is under the Union Jack. This is symbolic of the states and territories being united.

Mr Knight raised the flag up to show us how it is raised up and down, and which pole the flags are located on.

Ashleigh

Year 6 holds a great responsibility of raising our flags every day. We had some questions and concerns so we asked Mr Knight to come and tell us. The Australian flag is raised first and then the Aboriginal flag.



The Australian flag was chosen by a competition. There were five winners and each got 100 pounds. The Australian flag has a Union Jack on the top left. It represents England, Ireland and Scotland. It has a Southern Cross on the right side. There is a Capital star which has seven points which represents the six states and territories. The seventh point represents the states united.

The coat of arms has a kangaroo and emu facing each other because both of these animals cannot move backwards showing that our country only goes forwards.

Patrick

PBL NEWS

This year we are continuing our school's journey in PBL. We worked very successfully at introducing PBL into our playground over the last few years and strive to welcome it into our classrooms this year. For parents and families of new students and those who need a refresher the following is some information about what PBL is and how it will look in our school this year.



What is PBL?

PBL stands for Positive Behaviour for Learning. It is an evidence-based whole school process to improve learning outcomes for all students. The creators saw an area of improvement in New South Wales schools – if a child can't read, we teach them; if a child can't write, we teach them; if a child doesn't behave the way we expect of them, we punish that behaviour. This program was made to stop this happening in NSW schools.

Nyngan Public School began our PBL journey in 2014. Since then we have set three values that we expect to see every day in our school – Safety, Respect and Cooperation. These values are known by our students

and are used every single day in our playgrounds.

How does PBL work at Nyngan Public School?

Our school has a PBL team made up of teachers and community members. Every second week we meet and use our school data to choose an area to focus on as a school for the following fortnight. Mrs Scullion creates Interactive Whiteboard lessons for the whole school to do in their class every Monday afternoon based on our fortnightly focus. This focus is also reported in the newsletter so that families can have a conversation about the focus in their homes.

In the playground all staff hands out Bango bucks to our students when they see them demonstrating the expected behaviours. At the end of the week one Bango Buck is drawn from each class's box and this student is rewarded with a \$5 BANGO voucher to use at local businesses. The rest of the BANGOs are placed in a whole school container. Once this container is full, we have a celebration day, to acknowledge the terrific job our students have done to fill the container. We welcome parents and the community to join us in our celebrations on these days.



Who is Bango?

When introducing PBL into our school, we were to pick a totem. We decided that a goanna would suit, as this is our local Aboriginal totem. The name Bango was made as a mix-up of the letters in Bogan to represent our Shire. The original Bango was created by a former student during a school-wide competition.

Bango is now a vital part of our school. A giant Bango greets you as you enter our school. He is also featured on our vouchers and on the Bango Bucks that the staff hands out to students during play times. This year's Bango Bucks were created by our year 6 students. Kearah, Ella, Darcy, Siarra, Ashleigh and Jamie were our winning creators and their designs will be used during the year. Congratulations to these students on their involvement.

What can you do?

Our PBL team needs one or more community members for it to be a functioning team. This year we are looking for volunteers to join our team.

You will be present for many of the decisions about behaviour that are made in our school. You will gain a greater understanding of what PBL is and how it is used in our school to support your children. You do not need any knowledge of PBL, computers, data or anything of that sort. You just need to be keen to support our school and want what's best for our students, as we all do.

We meet in the school library, every second Wednesday from 3:30pm.

If you are interested in becoming part of our school's PBL team, please leave your contact details at the front office and our team will be in touch with you very shortly.



Important Dates

14th February	Nyngan PS Swimming Carnival
15th February	Parent/Teacher interviews
23rd February	NYNGBAR Swimming Carnival held at Nyngan
24th – 27th February	Alternate Work Organisation
10th March	Regional Swimming Carnival held at Dubbo
31st March	P & C Nyngan PS Fete

Nyngan Community Public Dental Clinic.

To parents and guardians,

Does your child need a dental check-up or have they got a sore tooth?

The Nyngan Community Dental clinic located at the Nyngan Public School offers free public dental check-ups and treatment for children 0- 18 years old.

For all requests for public dental services you must ring our Dental Contact Centre on:

1300 552 626

It is best to ring from a landline or public telephone as this will be the cost of a local call only.

Calls from mobile phones can be expensive.

When you ring the Dental Contact Centre, if you do not wish to wait on hold, you can follow the instructions and leave the telephone number you would like the staff to call you back on (for example you could leave your preferred number such as your mobile phone number).

Please enter your number carefully using your telephone key pad when instructed to do so. Listen and check you have entered your number correctly before hanging up.

Please then be ready to take the return call, which is almost always within the next 30 minutes.

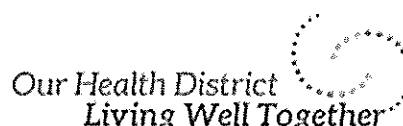
The Dental Contact Centre is open from 8.45am – 4.45pm on normal business days. You will need to give details from your **Medicare Card** and **Centrelink concession card** when you ring, so please have both these cards handy. **(A Centrelink Concession card is not required for children under 18 years.)**

Thank you

Staff at Dubbo Community Dental Clinic



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