I would like to begin this week’s newsletter by wishing our PSSA Cricket team and the children swimming at the Regional Swimming Carnival all the best. Thank you for the support given by our parents in transporting our students to these events.

Staff and students have been discussing learning goals for 2013. We are currently completing the process of developing a Personalised Learning Plan for each child enrolled at Nyngan Public School. You are invited to attend a meeting in the Auditorium this afternoon and contribute to the plan(s) for your child(ren). It is anticipated that each meeting will take approximately 10 minutes. If you have any additional conversation that you wish to have with staff please come along prepared to make an appointment to do so.

Miss Collins, Mrs Johnson and Miss Campbell are busy organising the Nyngan Public School participation in the Cobar Football and Netball Gala Day. It would be appreciated if nomination notes could be completed on time as organising such an event is time consuming. We are unable to nominate or inform parents until we are aware of the children taking part. NO further nomination notes will be accepted after 9.00 am tomorrow.

I look forward to speaking with many parents this afternoon.

Kylee Pearce, Principal

School Dance - The S.R.C. has been busy organising the school dance to be held on Tuesday 19th March. Entry will be by a gold coin and the proceeds will be going to the Clown Doctor.

Clown Doctors work with children in hospitals and now touch the lives of over 100,000 people every year. They are now part of hospital life in all major children’s hospitals around Australia. They are still hoping to reach their target of seven days a week.

The dance will be from 5.45 – 7.00 p.m. and children are asked, if they have it at home, to wear a clown nose, hat, wig or tie, with party clothes (no thongs please).
Harmony Day - Harmony Day is celebrated around Australia on 21st March and is managed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

It is a day for all Australians to celebrate cultural diversity. The day is also the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Harmony Day aims to engage the entire Australian community, particularly school children, in a celebration of the cohesive and inclusive nature of Australia.

Nyngan Public School will be holding Harmony Day on Thursday 21st March. It will be a mufti day and as the colour of Harmony Day is orange students are encouraged to wear orange on the day.

University of NSW National Competitions - Every year, the University of NSW runs national competitions for children in Years 3 – 6. Children interested in sitting the competitions in English, Maths and Computing Skills, need to fill in the form below and return it to school, with payment, by Friday 15th March. A written report is supplied to the parents and school on the student’s achievements in the tests taken. The cost of the tests is a parent responsibility. Tests are taken here at school under the supervision of the Principal.

Selective Schools Test - There will be a Selective Schools Placement Test held at Nyngan High School on 14th March 2013. This is the entrance exam for students interested in taking part in the xsel program in 2014.

There is information on the DEC website

Variety Bash - We have got the booking sheet for the Variety Bash Home Hosting. Shortly we will have competitors ringing for home hosting accommodation. If you can help it would be greatly appreciated as the Variety Bash people have been VERY generous to the school. Thursday 22nd August is the night that accommodation will be required.

We have been told that there will be about 100 cars participating in the bash so that is a lot of accommodation needed in Nyngan. Competitors who are able will book into the motels, caravan parks etc but the flow over would like home hosting. It seems a long while off but these things do take some organising.

Students from our school will be invited to have breakfast with the drivers and will have the opportunity to inspect the cars as they will be parking in our playground. The P & C are going to cater for the breakfast as a fundraisers for our school.

If you can help please send in the tear off slip on the bottom of the newsletter. As people phone in for accommodation we will advertise through the school if we have not got accommodation for them.

Book Club - Book Club orders are due back on Thursday 14th March. Parents are asked to fill in all the sections on the form including number of items ordered and amount enclosed.

Home Readers - If you would like your child to receive home readers this year, please fill in the slip below and return to the front office as soon as possible.

Sign-in – sign-out - Parents and visitors to the school are asked to sign-in and out at the front office, if you are coming into the school. This is a Departmental requirement for the safety of students and visitors.

Green Information Cards - These information cards have been sent home with every student. Could parents please fill them in and return them to the school as this information is kept in the office and if parents need to be contacted it is up to date and readily available.

Staff Car Park - Parents and visitors are asked not to use the staff car park for dropping and picking up students. This is an out of bounds area for students and is dangerous for students to be in this area. Parents are asked to park in Dandaloo Street when picking up and dropping off students or when visiting the school. This is for the safety of students.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS? - Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?
If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

**Important Dates**
- Tuesday 5th March: Parent/teacher interviews – 3.30 – 6.30 p.m.
- Thursday 14th March: Book Club due
- Tuesday 19th March: P & C Annual General meeting 5.45 p.m. – Library
- Thursday 21st March: School Dance – 5.45 – 7.00 p.m. Auditorium
- Harmony Day

Strapping and Taping Course – want to learn how to prevent injuries – This course will be held on Thursday 21st March from 6.00 – 9.00 p.m. at the Nyngan High School Hall. For more information please contact Jason French, Indigenous Sports Development Office Communications, Sport and Recreation Phone – 63626623 or 0417413989 or call at the school for an enrolment form.

Bedwetting – A new DVD based program, Bedwetting Cured, has been developed by Dr Mark Condon, and Physiotherapist, Margaret O’Donovan. It outlines a successful program for parents to implement at home with their children. For more information and a free Bedwetting Fact Sheet please visit the website: www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au or phone 1300 135 796.

Junior League Registration (5 – 16 years) - Tuesday and Thursday 4.00 – 6.00 p.m. at Junior League Oval. $65.00 a player or $120.00 a family. NEW players require a copy of their birth certificate and medicare number.

**University of NSW Competitions Year 3 - 6**

I would like my child/ren to sit the University of NSW Competition

Name: ___________________________________________ Class: _______________

Computer Skills  English  Maths

Name: ___________________________________________ Class: _______________

Computer Skills  English  Maths

Name: ___________________________________________ Class: _______________

Computer Skills  English  Maths

Cost per test is $8.80  Amount enclosed: $____________________

**Home Readers**

I would like my child/ren to receive home readers in 2013.

Name: ___________________________________________ Class: _______________

Name: ___________________________________________ Class: _______________

Signed: ________________________________

**Variety Bash Accommodation for Thursday 22nd August.**

I will be able to supply accommodation for _____ males _____ females.

Name: ___________________________________________ Phone no: __________________

Signed: ________________________________