Welcome to Week 7 of Term One. It is hard to believe that we are half way through Term One already. It was lovely to see our SRC, Library Monitors, Sports Press Monitors and some of our Kinders in the Nyngan Observer last week. I have been told that more Kinder photos will be in this week’s paper.

Congratulations to our swimmers who travelled to Dubbo last Friday to participate in the annual regional swimming carnival. The children had a lovely day with some beating swimming times from the Nyngan Public School and Zone carnivals. All students looked marvellous in the Nyngan Public School swimming caps purchased by the Parents and Citizens’ Association (P & C).

Thank you to the many parents who joined staff last Tuesday at the Parent Teacher afternoon. Staff are currently contacting parents who couldn’t make it in an attempt to construct an individualised Personalised Learning Plan for all students enrolled at Nyngan Public School.

Mrs Lupton and the PSSA Cricket team will attempt to play Bourke in Bourke again this Friday as their last attempt was cancelled due to wet weather. Good luck boys!

Reading is a major focus for Nyngan Public in 2013. Currently Mrs Shone is teaching Reading Recovery, Mrs Lupton, Mrs Andrews, Ms Arnold and Mrs Johnson are implementing a reading tutor program, Mrs Lupton is coordinating Home Reading whilst Mrs Shone and her Library Monitors are busy encouraging all children to take part in the Premieres’ Reading Challenge. Class teachers are paying particular attention to the learning styles of individual students in the learning area of reading, Miss Sandall has commenced training in Language, Learning and Literacy (L3) whilst Primary teaching staff will begin training in Focus on Reading in Term 2.

Parents are invited to attend a 1 hour workshop designed to share ways in which you can encourage and assist your child(ren) to read at home. Mrs Joanne Deebank from Bernardoes will be visiting Nyngan Public School on Thursday March 21st at 10.00 am. Please complete the slip below if you are able to attend (for catering purposes) and return it by Tuesday 19th March and also mark the date on your school calendar.

I would like to thank Miss Elisha Campbell for relieving in the position of Assistant Principal for the first five weeks of Term One. Miss Elecia Sandall will relieve in the position for the remainder of Term One. It is anticipated that the position will be filled by the start of Term Two.

Kylee Pearce, Principal

**School Dance** - The dance will be held on Tuesday 19th March 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). Entry will be by a gold coin and the proceeds will be going to the Clown Doctor.

**P & C Annual General Meeting** will be held on Tuesday 19th March at 5.45 p.m. Students will be able to attend the school dance while the meeting is on.

**Harmony Day** - Harmony Day is celebrated around Australia on 21st March and is managed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.
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. Children are to wear school shoes – NO THONGS will be allowed.

**Gross Motor Program for children starting school in 2014**. The program is held every Thursday from 9.00 – 11.00 a.m. Children must be accompanied by a parent. An enrolment form is available from Mrs Lupton.

**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 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.

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.

**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**

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Nyngan Junior Soccer - Due to the failure of the scheduled AGM Meeting and the fact that there is currently NO soccer Committee, the following will be held: AGM Meeting – 2nd attempt Thursday 14th March, 7pm, Nyngan RSL Bowlers Bar. If this meeting is not held and a full committee formed there will be NO SOCCER in Nyngan this year. All returning families and any new interested families are strongly advised to attend
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

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Cost per test is $8.80 Amount enclosed: $_____________________

Variety Bash Accommodation for Thursday 22nd August.

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

Name: ______________________________ Phone no: __________________________

Signed: ____________________________

Reading Workshop

I/we ______________________________ (name/s) will be attending the reading workshop on 21st March at 10.00 am.

Signed: ______________________________