Dear Parents,

Congratulations to students who ran our annual Cross Country today. Many thanks to Miss Brown for coordinating this event. Miss Brown will inform students progressing to Hermidale on Thursday as soon as possible.

Congratulations to Bella Leatham who won our weekly attendance draw last Friday.

Currently the DEC are revising school participation in Mid Term Break. Whilst we are taking part in this this week (Friday 30/5/14 and Monday 2/6/14) we have to reapply for future participation. In the past parents have been asked to indicate their level of support at the end of each year for the year following. Whilst many of you did this at the end of 2013, I would appreciate your assistance by completing the tear off survey at the end of this newsletter and returning it to the front office by Thursday.

Many schools in our area have been participating in Mid Term Break for 10 years or more. Nyngan Public School commenced Mid Term Break in 2010. Students participate in an additional 12.5 minutes of school per day in order to have a 4 day weekend in the middle of the term. Although children are absent from school 8 days per year they are not missing any school time as this is made up with the additional daily component.

Whilst some parents have indicated finding child care on these days has been difficult others have indicated that they have been able to take advantage of the time to visit friends, relatives, doctors or dentists.

Please take the time to complete the survey, adding your thoughts for or against Mid Term Break. Your input is valued and will be used when making submission.

Nyngan Public School commenced Positive Behaviour for Learning early in 2014. To date we have formed a committee and commenced training. This program aims to have all staff, students and parents contribute to the formation of school rules. The first step needed is the selection of 3-5 values for Nyngan Public students. When surveyed children indicated the following values as important: care, respect, safety, fairness, responsibility, cooperation, happy and staff indicated: respect, cooperation, safety, honesty and friendliness.

We would like to invite you to have your say. Please complete the tear off slip at the end of the newsletter and return by Thursday.

Thank you to parents who have expressed an interest in their children (Year 5/6) attending the Sydney excursion. We have also had interest from parents wishing to attend. Please note expressions close on June 5th, 2014.

Kylee Pearce,
Principal

National Simultaneous Story time - On Wednesday 21st May Nyngan Public School took part in the National Simultaneous Story time. We joined with thousands of people from around Australia to read the same book, at the same time.

Stamp Out Bullying – Nyngan Public School students are invited to attend a school performance next Tuesday at 2pm in the auditorium. The cost of $4.40 per child has been sponsored by Nyngan Public School.

Staff car park - Parents are asked not to drop off or pick up students in the staff car park, as this is an out of bounds area for students. Please drop off and pick up in Dandaloo Street as this the safe area for students.
Attendance – Regular school attendance will help your child to succeed in later life. Attending school everyday makes learning easier for your child and helps build and maintain friendships with other children.

If your child misses learning the basic skills in the early years of primary or high school, they may develop problems in later years.

- 1 day off a week = 10 days a term (2 weeks gone!)
- 1 day off a week over the period of a year = most of term 1 – gone!
- If this pattern starts in Kindergarten and continues through to Year 6 almost 1 and a half years of learning is gone!!
- If this pattern continues through high school students will miss nearly 3 years of learning.
- If students miss days of learning they reduce the chance of achieving to their academic potential.

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Signing in and out - Visitors to the school are asked to sign in and out at the administration office. This is for the safety of both children and visitors.

**Important Dates**

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I ________________ support Nyngan Public School in their application for Mid Term Break. I have used previous Mid Term Break opportunities for:

(PLEASE CIRCLE)

- Family visits
- Medical appointments
- Other – (Please note)______________________

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Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________________

I ________________ DO NOT support Nyngan Public School in their application for Mid Term Break. I have used previous Mid Term Break opportunities for:

(PLEASE CIRCLE)

- Family visits
- Medical appointments
- Other – (Please note)______________________

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Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________________

BUT do not support because (please provide detail)

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Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________________
**Positive Behaviour for Learning Survey**

Please number the values (1-3 with 1 being the most important to you) that you feel are the most important for student learning and social development.

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