Dear Parents,

Congratulations to Jaqueline Diaz who was the winner of our weekly attendance draw. I would like to remind students that to be eligible to go in the draw they must be at school ON time each day of the week.

I would like to extend my thanks to Miss Collins and Mrs Shields for their organisation of the NYNBAR swimming carnival last week. Schools attending commented on how smooth the day went. Congratulations to our swimming team who won the NYNBAR shield for the first time in a number of years. Special mention must go to Ebony Martin, Matthew Wales and Jaidyn Wherritt who were age champions on the day.

I would like to invite interested parents to join our Aboriginal Education Committee. This committee meets as needed. We will have 1 meeting this term and 2 each term for the remainder of the year. The purpose of the committee is to ensure Aboriginal perspective is accurately represented across all classrooms. Please phone Marea Johnson to share your interest in joining this committee.

Nyngan Public School has its first P&C Meeting of the year tomorrow at 5.45pm in the Library. The first AECG Meeting of the year will be held in the Nyngan High School Common Room at 4pm on Wednesday.

I would like to extend an invitation to parents and community to attend our first assembly for 2015. This assembly will be held in the Auditorium at 12.15pm on Monday the 9th of March, 2015. This assembly will be dedicated to SRC Inductions and Swimming presentations.

Kylee Pearce,
Principal

**Bango Bucks**

Last Monday students were introduced to Bango Bucks. Bango is the mascot for our Positive Behaviour for Learning Program. Students displaying SAFE, RESPECTFUL and COOPERATIVE behaviour in the playground may be awarded a Bango Buck. This token will eventually form part of a larger reward program.

As a staff we have formed a 2015 PBL committee. The committee meets every second Monday throughout the term. We are looking for parent representatives to go on the committee. Please phone the school and share your interest with Mrs Miles. She will provide more detail upon receiving your call.

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**Homework Support**

Every Tuesday morning (8.30 to 9.00am) there will be homework support available to all students in my class. Location 4/5 Classroom. Equipment – Bring your homework.

Thanks Ms Lakin.

**Pink Card**

Please ensure that your contact details are accurate. I (Kylee) have made a number of calls over the last 3 weeks regarding students absent from school and found that I was unable to make contact with families because the number was outdated.
Useful Websites

**Multiplication times tables**

Does your child need encouragement? Explain to them that learning times tables = instant, painless recall in exams. Here's School A to Z's help sheet:


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**FUN for K-2, Home Readers K-2**

Home Readers and Homework has begun in K-2. Please contact the school if you have any questions regarding either.

Please make Home Reading a fun time so your child learns to love reading. It would be great if the person listening to the child read could sign the Home Reading Book each night. Homework is encouraged at our school, if you would rather not receive homework could you please contact me at school on 68321 605. Home Readers for Kindergarten will be a Library book and for Year 1 and Year 2 a school reader. Please remember you can read anything…. back of a cereal box, book or a recipe.

HOME READING IS FUN. Can you please make Home Reading fun- it is OK for you to read the book to the child. Talk about the story or the pictures. Your child does not have to get each word right- enjoy the story by making it a fun time. Remember you are making this an enjoyable time so your child learns to love reading. Children can read any kind of material… a school reader, a library book, the newspaper or a magazine.

You can read to your child as well as having them read to you.

If you have any questions about home reading please give me a call or drop into school.

Thanks for your help.

Louise Shone.

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**Attendance**

By law it is necessary for families to provide explanation if their child(ren) are absent from school. You are able to do this by using the school app, writing a note for your child(ren) to deliver to the office or phoning the office staff on 68 321 605.

Early notification (that made prior to the absence) may result in the granting of an exemption. We are no longer able to grant an exemption for the purpose of a family holiday.

Nyngan Public School is accountable for ensuring regular attendance of EVERY student. Unexplained absence may result in you receiving a call from the school or the Home School Liaison Officer (based in Narromine). The Home School Liaison Officer will be visiting Nyngan each week. Home visits are made once per term. If your child(ren) have had a number of UNEXPLAINED absences, she will knock on your door. In the past this has offended some families. To avoid offence, provide explanation.

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***Helping Your Child with Primary School***

This is a 6 week program being offered by Barnardos. It will commence on the 2nd of March and run each Monday for 6 weeks, 10am – 12 noon.

We will talk about:

- Ways to help your child with their homework.
- Lunchbox ideas.
- How to be part of your child’s school.
- Building your child’s self esteem
- What is happening in Maths and English classes

Childcare and morning tea are provided. Please call Barnardos if you require transport. For more information contact Fiona at Barnardos on 68 322166.

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**Important dates**

**February**

- 24th: P&C Meeting in School Library 5.45pm – 7pm.
- 25th: AECG Meeting 4pm at Nyngan High School
- 27 Feb – 2nd March: Mid Term Break

**March**

- 9th: SRC Induction and Swimming Presentation Assembly 12.15pm
- 26th: School Photos