Dear Parents,

Thank you to the many parents who helped with timekeeping or simply cheered their children on at our carnival last Thursday. Congratulations to all students who participated, earning points for their house. Well done, Orana on winning the day and to Bogan for winning the war cry.

This Wednesday we have the next stage of our carnivals with schools travelling to Nyngan for the NYNBAR swimming carnival. This carnival will start at 10am. Any parent who could spare some time is more than welcome to come along and help out with time keeping.

Congratulations to Isaac Drady who won the first attendance draw of the year. Thank you to families who have been sending in a note or phoning the office to explain their child’s absence. We have had a terrific start to the year with not many cases of students missing school. I am sure our Attendance Officer will be pleased to see this when she visits on Wednesday. It is fantastic to see children arriving to school on time. This is very helpful to all as children don’t miss the initial instruction of the day.

School photos will be taken on March 26th, I would like to ask that all children aim to have a pair of BLACK shoes to wear on the day. The uniform endorsed by the P&C and the AECG includes BLACK shoes as uniform. Looking at past photos, they are more appealing when students are in uniformed shoes.

The first P&C Meeting for 2015 will be held in the NPS Library at 5.45pm on Tuesday the 24th of February. Children are welcome. I would like to encourage as many parents as possible to spare 1 hour out of the month to come along and celebrate what is happening at Nyngan Public and share suggestions for fund raising and future programs.

Kylee Pearce,
Principal

Swimming Carnival
Thank you to all the Students, Parents and Staff who attended our Swimming Carnival last Thursday. The students showed great sportsmanship and participation. Congratulations to Bogan for winning the War Cry competition and to Orana for being the overall winners of the day. I would like to congratulate the new house captains and commend them on a job well done. Thank you to the Parents and Caregivers that supported us with their time and assistance. A very big thanks must go to Mandy Martin and Jodi Douglas for being our referees, thankyou ladies. We wish the qualifying students the best of luck on Wednesday as they represent our school at the NYNBAR Carnival. Any parents that can come and assist on the day would be greatly appreciated.

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Centenary of ANZAC
Mr Bonsing has set up a display in the Library to encourage students to celebrate this historical occasion. Mr Bonsing and Mr Knight will be adding to the display as the term progresses.
I would like to ask ALL families to help Nyngan Public School celebrate the Centenary of ANZAC with the Nyngan Community on Saturday the 25th of April, 2015. This is the Saturday after school returns for Term 2.
Please note this date in your Diary so that we are able to March as a WHOLE School – the more students the better!

Pink Card
It is anticipated the all families have returned the pink information card. If you have not, please do so ASAP.

Nyngan Public School App
Our weekly newsletter is available via app, our website or via paper copy. Paper copies have been sent to those who requested them. If you hear of anyone wanting a paper copy and they have not ordered it over the last 2 weeks, please ask them to call into NPS and do so.

Home Readers will come home today for children in K-2. Homework activities, to be completed in the Homework Book, will be sent home next week.
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.

Useful Websites

**Friendships to boost your child’s learning**
If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.

**Helping your Kindergarten child succeed at school**
A great way to kick off your child's formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.
Speech problems
All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there’s a general pattern to your child’s language development?

Maths questions
Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child's maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey's Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It’s aimed at children from Years 3 to 8.

Helping your child with homework
How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.
Find out more:  http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/maths-monkey-s-quest

Vehicle Safety
I would like to remind all families that parent and visitor parking is available in Dandaloo St. Please note that parents are not able to stop / park in between the NO STOPPING signs for any reason. This includes pulling in to let children out of the car. Courtesy of a visit form the Highway Patrol at the end of 2014, we were asked to inform families that doing such would result in the loss of 2 points and a $311 fine.

Parents are asked not to access the STAFF CARPARK.

***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.

Important dates

**February**
18th  NYNBAR Swimming Carnival commences at 10am
24th  P&C Meeting in School Library 5.45pm – 7pm.
27th Feb – 2nd March  Mid Term Break

**March**
6th  Dubbo Zone Swimming
26th  School Photos

**April**
2nd  Last day of school for Term One