Dear Parents,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all students and families. I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday! The staff have had a fantastic start to the term, spending the last 2 days extending their knowledge and skills in classroom management and student welfare.

Nyngan Public School welcomes Mr Robert Moffitt, Miss Sharon Devereux and Miss Ashleigh Parkes to our team of teaching staff. I am sure that you will get to know and welcome Robert, Sharon and Ashleigh as the term progresses. Mrs Michelle Heggie will be providing opportunities in music each Wednesday and Thursday and Mr Garry Knight will be working at Nyngan Public School one day per week. The staff of Nyngan Public would also like to congratulate Mr and Mrs Bright (nee Miss Galvin) who married in the Christmas holidays.

We are an open door school. This means, if you have a concern you wish to share we welcome you doing so. In 2015 I am on class each afternoon. I would ask that parents phone the school on 02 68 321 605 to make an appointment to meet with staff and or myself. This ensures that your conversation is given the focus it warrants.

I would ask that families refrain from sharing concerns on facebook as often a concern is a misunderstanding. It is embarrassing for all if this is shared with a wide ‘friend’ base only to be deemed incorrect.

In 2014 we had a tremendous number of families that shared the ‘good’ with us as well. It is always nice to know that parents are happy with programs and processes implemented at Nyngan Public. Please feel free to share positive feedback at any time.

Thank you to the large number of parents who shared the first day with us. It was lovely to see parents in our playground and supporting the introduction of 2015 classes. I would like to acknowledge that there is NO Homework being handed out this week.

**There will be NO CANTEEN this week.**

Kylee Pearce,
Principal

**Pink Card**
Please complete the pink card (one per child) that has been sent home today. This provides the school with up to date details so that we are able to get in touch with you if your child falls sick whilst at school. We ask that you provide details for 2 additional contacts in case you are unavailable at the time of need. It would be appreciated if the was returned to the office TOMORROW.

**Hints for Surviving the Start of the Year.**

**Eight ways to get your kids organised**
Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday's half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.

**Smart foods to boost learning**
Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?
You can increase the learning opportunities of your child(ren) by ensuring they have a good night sleep, a good breakfast, reduce the amount of sugar in lunch box items and talk to them about our school values of Safety, Respect and Cooperation. Nyngan Public School aims to provide educational, social, cultural and sporting opportunities in a safe, respectful and cooperative environment.

**Swimming Carnival**
Nyngan Public School will hold its annual swimming carnival NEXT Thursday, the 12th of February. This carnival is open to all students (K-6), activities will run for all ages and abilities. It is a normal school day. As such a letter of explanation is required if your child(ren) is / are absent.
Please complete the note below if you are able to assist with the running of the carnival – ie) time keeping etc

**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.
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.

**Nyngan Public School App**
Attached you will find instructions on how to download the Nyngan Public School App. Our weekly newsletter is available via app, our website or via paper copy. Please complete the note at the end of the newsletter if you would like to receive a paper copy. The school newsletter will be available each Monday.

**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.

**Milo and Junior Cricket**
Mr Walsh would like to remind everyone that Milo and Junior Cricket commence THIS SATURDAY the 7th of February at 8.30am SHARP.

**Western Studio of Performing Arts**
Mrs White would like to remind all that the Western Studio of Performing Arts is holding an Enrolment Day on FRIDAY the 6th of February from 3-6pm at the Palais Theatre Nyngan. Classes are available in Ballet/ Modern, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, Boys Only Tap and Hip Hop, Ballet Technique, Adult Jazz, Open Stretch Class, Jellybaby for 2-3 years class and Jellybean for 3-5 years. Come along and join our Wspa family and have a great time learning new dance skills.
All enquiries to Angie White on 0417291067

**Nyngan Junior Touch Football**
Nyngan Senior touch football is hoping to start a junior competition, commencing **Monday 9th of February at 4.20pm at Larkin Oval.**
There will be 2 divisions – 8-10 years and 11-13 years.
Teams will be mixed and it will be 6 aside.
ANY interested players need to come down and put their names down. Teams will be organised.
There is NO cost to play.
We ENCOURAGE parents to come along and be involved.
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I ___________________________ (please print clearly) would like to receive a paper copy of the school newsletter.

Date: ___________________________

I ___________________________ (please print clearly) am able to assist with the running of the carnival on Thursday 12th of February.