



NASHS Newsletter Week 4 Term 4 2019

Hi Subscribers Name

You may have heard by now that I have made the decision to retire and hence this is my final term at NASHS. While it has not been an easy decision, I know that the time is right for me to say farewell.

It has been a privilege to have been the Principal of NASHS and to have served the NASHS community for the past 18 years. I am very proud of our many achievements but perhaps the one that speaks the loudest is the true alignment of the educational programs we provide to our school motto of "Care and Diligence" and our school ethos that "Students are First and Foremost".

The decisions we make and the academic, cultural and social programs we provide are based on a wraparound holistic approach to education. They are also underpinned by our strong five school values – Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Your Best, Be Kind and Be Safe.

Over the last few weeks I have received many positive comments and accolades about NASHS. However, the reality is that the good standing of NASHS in the community is due to the commitment, dedication, and hard work of many people.

I want to sincerely thank the NASHS staff, both teaching and support staff, for their unwavering support and determination to make NASHS a good school by providing quality and inclusive teaching and learning programs and student support services. And to the many local community organizations - thank you for helping us to add a richness and diversity to our school curriculum. To our students, both past and present, thank you for contributing to the heart and soul of this school. To the School Board and P&C - your strong backing and promotion of NASHS has been deeply appreciated. And of course, to our parents and carers, thank you so much for working alongside us to support your child through their adolescent years.

In reflecting on our school vision, *"To provide opportunities for our students to achieve personal excellence so that they can participate actively in a changing world"*, I am confident I leave NASHS in a good place. While there is much to celebrate about our past achievements, there is also a lot to look forward to in 2020 and beyond including the building of our new Year 7 Teaching and Learning Centre and science laboratories; our developing focus and commitment to sustainability practices; and the continuing implementation of quality educational programs to support improved student outcomes.

My best wishes to you all for the future.

Kind Regards

Sharon Doohan.

Principal.



NASHS Helps Celebrate the UWA Albany 20th Anniversary

Year 11 student councillors' Noah Morcombe and Jessica Stals represented NASHS recently for the procession and celebration of UWA having a campus in Albany.

After proceeding down York Street, we listened to a presentation from Jennifer O'Neil discussing the growth of UWA in Albany and the exciting new opportunities that will be available for future students.

It was wonderful to be a part of UWA's celebrations and hear about the growth of UWA in the region.

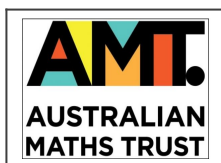
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NASHS Drama Class Bi-annual Night of Skits

NASHS welcomes families of Drama students to its second performance of the year, the bi-annual "Night of Skits". On Tuesday December 3 starting at 7pm. Hope to see you there - Mr Le Page
Semester 1 Drama Class Night of Skits 2019



NASHS Students Shine in National Maths Competition

The 2019 Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) was the 41st annual competition. Thousands of students in primary & secondary schools from 30 countries sat the AMC on August 1. Students in year 3 to 12 compete on the same day making it the largest single event on the Australian education calendar.

Our students performed fantastically in this year's Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) held in August. Year 11 student, Callum Postmus, was the standout performer. His result was top 4% for Year 11's in Western Australia. Callum earned a certificate of High Distinction. Congratulations Callum.

Joshua Tracey was top 9% Year 7, Western Australia.

Clinton 'T Hart, top 11% Year 11, Western Australia

Uluka Luscombe, top 15% Year 11, Western Australia

Archer Gordon, top 17% Year 7, Western Australia

Dylan Hawkins, top 20% Year 9, Western Australia

Certificates of Distinction were awarded to each of these students. Congratulations for an outstanding result.

Sixteen students earned certificates of Credit, putting their performance in the top 55% (Junior or Intermediate Divisions) or top 60% (Senior Division) of their year group for Western Australia.

The students are:

Year 7

Thornton Hambley

Kayden Collins

Hannah Tschabotar

Year 8

Daisy Stewart Morgan

Year 9

Angus Bowles

Amber Wilkinson

Riley Wood

Stella Westcott

Kaius Pearson

Owen Smith

Oliver Dall

Arli Vanderleer

Year 10

Cameron Pettley-Gray

Kia-Joy Fuentebella

Regan Beer

Sharmaine Boyd

Congratulations everyone.

A further 25 students were awarded a Proficiency certificate for achieving a pre-set score. Altogether 52 students participated in this year's competition. Every competitor was provided with an individual performance report.

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The competition tests everything from basic numeracy skills through to advanced problem solving. This is the 9th year that a Proficiency certificate has been awarded for students reaching a pre-set standard in both skills and problem solving, using their skills in the world around them.

The competition is conducted by the not-for-profit Canberra based Australian Mathematics Trust under the trusteeship of the University of Canberra.

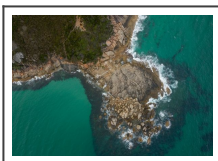
Congratulations to all our award recipients and well done to all students who participated in the competition.

Next year's competition is expected to be in July or August. Details are generally available in March.

Mr John Smith

Maths Teacher

AMC Manager.



Year 11 Earth & Environmental Science Field Trip

On September 26th the Year 11 Earth and Environmental Science ATAR class took a field trip to study the igneous rocks at Ledge Point, near Gull Rock.

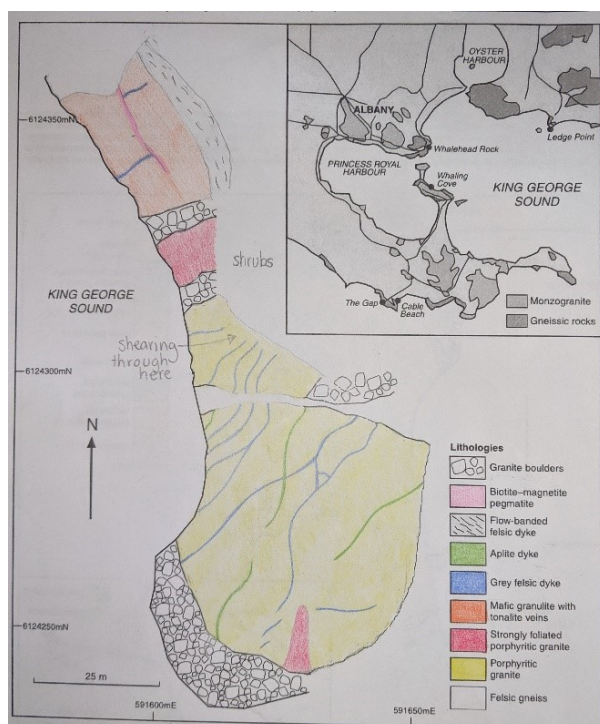


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The purpose of this field trip was to complete the difficult task of constructing a geological map of the outcrop, including mapping some very complex magmatic intrusions.

The students produced some outstanding work as a result of their commitment to the task and coped well with the inclement weather. Thanks to Jean for being our bus driver this year!

Mr Skillen



Some great mapping from Gemma Schoof



Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools Policy 2020

The State Government announced a new, Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools policy to take effect from the start of Term 1, 2020. NASHS is currently

working on the implementation of this new policy. Parents and students will be informed of the details before the end of this year.



School Dental Services

The School Dental Service continues to provide free general and preventative dental care for all enrolled students in primary school and high school up to Year 11.

If your child is graduating from year 6 you can continue to go to the same Dental Therapy Clinic attended in primary school, or you can contact a new centre if it is more convenient.

If you would like to enrol your child in our service please get in touch.

All appointments made will be posted home, if you have changed address in the last few years please contact us to update your details.

If you no longer intend to use our service please let us know as soon as possible as your valuable appointment could be taken up by someone in need.

You can call us on 9841 3967, drop in or send us an email at spencerparkdtc@dental.health.wa.gov.au.