



NEMINGHA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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INFORMATION BOOKLET

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Welcome to Nemingha Public School

The Nemingha Public School community extends a warm welcome to new students and their families as they enrol at Nemingha Public School. Your child's time at our school will be enjoyable, educational and rewarding. Nemingha Public School caters for approximately 195-200 students from Kindergarten to Year 6 and was originally established in 1877. The current school was opened in 1995.

Students at Nemingha Public School enjoy an engaging curriculum. Our caring, safe environment ensures all students are highly motivated and strive to achieve their best. Courteous students, professional staff and supportive parents work together to provide a quality education.

Our school motto is '**We Care**'.

We care about:

- Ourselves
- Each other
- Our work
- Our school
- The environment
- Australia
- The World

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT:

We will provide a safe, happy and caring environment. Children will be valued and encouraged to continually strive for their highest levels of individual success.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

● Community ● Opportunity ● Excellence

The exceptional teaching and non-teaching staff at Nemingha Public School work tirelessly every day to provide the very best education for our students. You are encouraged to develop positive and open relationships with all staff and we offer many opportunities to meet and discuss your child's education. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or me, through the school office, if you have any concerns or issues.

The Nemingha School Council and the Nemingha Parents and Citizens' Association both ensure positive and productive links between the school and its community. You are invited to become involved in the many activities our school community provides. We believe the best education occurs when there is a close partnership between home, school and the community.

The school has excellent outdoor facilities including large sporting areas, two Covered Outdoor Learning Areas (COLAs), play equipment, vegetable gardens and chicken yard. Classrooms are well appointed with interactive televisions, computers and wireless technology.

Christopher Jackson
Principal

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STAFF 2018

Principal	Mr Christopher Jackson
Assistant Principal (Rel)	Mr Joshua McDonald
Assistant Principal	Mrs Leanne Kemp
Teaching staff:	
Mrs Jenelle Pearson	Kindergarten
Mrs Emily Holcombe	K/1
Mrs Elise Robinson	Year 1
Mrs Kristine Sharkey	Year 2
Mrs Tracy Gooch	Year 2/3
Mrs Vanessa Miller	Year 3/4
Mrs Nadine Blanch	Year 4
Mrs Yvonne Webb	Year 5
Mrs Toni Reid	Year 6
Mr Joshua McDonald	RFF and Support Teacher
School Administration Manager (SAM)	Mrs Nicolette Moss
School Administration Officer (SAO)	Mrs Susan Ryan
General Assistant	Mr Robert Baldwin Tuesdays and Thursdays
Cleaners	Mrs Susan McClelland Mrs Kim Butorac

**Classes and temporary contracts are determined towards the end of the year and are organised to maximise student learning, K-6. Enrolments at the end of each year are projections only and unforeseen staff/class changes may be necessary when numbers are finalised early in the new year.*

Nemingha Public School is very fortunate to have a dynamic, caring staff. The staff provide a very positive and safe learning environment for all students.

At present there are ten permanent teachers on staff. Temporary staff are employed, as required, to fill vacancies due to temporary leave, and/or some small staffing allocations not filled permanently.

Temporary employment arrangements are determined by enrolment numbers and will vary slightly from year to year.

OFFICE HOURS

Office hours are from 8.45am until 4.00pm each day. Mrs Ryan also assists with Library administration.



Messages can be left on the school answering machine when the office is unattended. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

SCHOOL HOURS

The school is open for students during the school term from 8.50am to 3.20pm.

Lessons commence at 9.20am with PE and then Mathematics.

Students will have fruit and water during their morning classes (Crunch&Sip).

Recess is from 11.20-11.45am, which is followed by English.

Lunch 1 commences at 1.15pm and concludes at 1.20pm. Lunch 2 commences at 1.40pm and concludes at 2.05pm.

The afternoon session includes Creative and Practical Arts, Sport, Science and Technology, Scripture, Human Society and its Environment and/or Library borrowing. Spelling and other Maths or English related lessons also take place during some afternoon sessions.

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program runs according to the timetable for various classes across the school.

SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS

Teaching staff are on duty each day from 8.50am until the last bus leaves Nemingha Public School in the afternoon. As such, the school's supervision roster starts at 8.50am.

Staff are not able to ensure the safety of children at school prior to 8.50am. ***The Department of Education views parents and carers as legally responsible for their children prior to 8.50am, when supervision begins.***

We ask that children not travelling by bus be collected at 3.20 and no later than 3.45 each afternoon.

Special arrangements can be made when necessary. Please contact the office to make suitable arrangements.

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is an important element of each child's education to ensure satisfactory progress in all areas.

If your child is absent from school for any reason, a phone call to the office is appreciated and an explanatory note should be provided to the school upon your child's return to school.

If an explanatory note is not provided to the school within seven working days, a departmental reminder will be sent home with the student(s). After seven days from the absence, unexplained absences must be reported to the department.

The school is legally required to keep absence notes for seven (7) years from the date of issue.

MONEY COLLECTIONS

Money should be sent to school in either a ziplock bag or a sturdy envelope labelled with the student's name and class. These can be handed in to the front office upon arrival or to the class teacher upon entry into the classroom.



LUNCH ORDERS

Nemingha Public School P&C provides the school with a canteen service each Monday and Friday. Lunch orders are to be handed to the canteen upon arrival at school.

A paper bag with the student's name and class recorded on the front of the bag is preferred. Money is to be securely enclosed in the bag.

SICK OR INJURED STUDENTS

Nemingha Public School has excellent facilities to cater for sick or injured students, including a toilet and shower in the sick bay.

In the event of a child becoming ill at school or injuring themselves, after first seeing a teacher, they report to the office to be admitted to sick bay to have their injuries treated. Parents are notified and requested to collect their child from school.

Should an injury or illness be considered serious, parents will be informed and an ambulance will be called. The school has insurance to cover any costs associated with the use of the ambulance for students.

MEDICATIONS

Frequently, children need to have medication while at school. Requests for staff to administer prescribed medication (including asthma inhalers) must be made in writing, stating the nature of the illness, the medication required, dosage and when it needs to be given.

The medication and the written request should be given to the office staff upon arrival at school. Asthma inhalers and spacers can be securely stored in the sick bay on a long term basis.

No student may take medication without supervision. Medication must be stored by staff and be administered according to departmental guidelines.

MOBILE PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Children are not permitted to use mobile phones, iPods, electronic games, etc while at school.

Phone calls to family during the school day can be facilitated through the office.

Parents will be contacted if a child brings electronic equipment to school. The school takes no responsibility for the loss of any electronic equipment.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

First formed in 1992, the School Council meets at 6.00pm on the second Wednesday of the month during the school term.

The School Council plays an important role in assisting with local decisions which affect school operations and management. The function of the council is to create increased transparency and accountability.

Parents over the years have supported the school by volunteering to be members of the council. Copies of the minutes are available from the school office.

2017 (until 2018 annual general meeting)

President :	Toni Petty
Principal:	Chris Jackson
Staff Representative:	Vacant
Staff Representative:	Kristine Sharkey
P&C Representative:	Amanda Perkins
Parent Representative:	Hugh Gentle
Parent Representative:	Neroli Graham
Parent Representative:	Vacant
Parent Representative:	Toni Petty
Community Representative:	Janelle Tongue

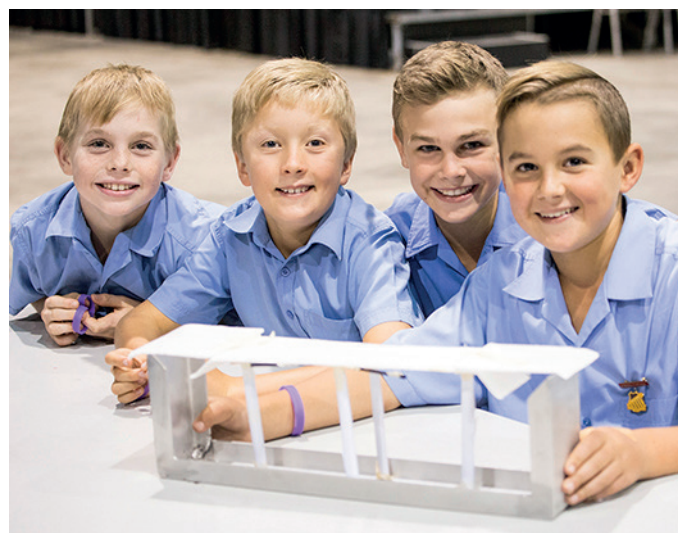
NEMINGHA P&C

The aims of the Nemingha Public School P&C are to:

- ✓ Promote the interest of the school by bringing citizens, parents, pupils and teaching staff into close co-operation.
- ✓ Raise funds to provide equipment for the school.
- ✓ Acquire information about the NSW Department of Education and the implications for our school.

The P&C operates a healthy school canteen which is open on Mondays and Fridays. All profits from the canteen are donated back to the school to assist with the provision of quality education for all students.

Meetings are held in the school staff room at 7.00pm every 2nd Wednesday of each month during the school terms.



2017 (until 2018 annual general meeting)

President	–	Donna Murphy
Secretary	–	Gina Blyton
Treasurer	–	Karlie Tongue

The Annual General Meeting to elect the executive is held during the first half of Term 1 each year. P&C members must be financial to vote during all meetings.

FUNDRAISERS

The P&C holds various small fundraisers throughout the year, with usually one major fundraiser each term.

Fundraisers in the past have included the annual ball, trivia nights, family fun nights, Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls, as well as catering for various events in the Nemingha district.

Support from family and friends in organising any fundraising activity for the school is always greatly appreciated. The money raised is used to ensure our students have the best possible educational opportunities and facilities.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Nemingha P&C supports a voluntary contribution scheme where all parents pay a small amount each year to cover such things as –

- Art and Craft materials
- Library books and reading resources
- Maths resources
- Computer software

- Exercise books and writing materials
- Additional aids and supplies
- Sporting equipment.

Contributions as at February 2018 are \$45.00 per year per student. Students in Years 3-6 are asked to pay \$10.00 per term for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program.

Contributions can be made as a yearly payment or in instalments of any amount which will be accepted at any time throughout the year either by cash, cheque or direct credit. If parents are paying contributions by cheque, please make cheques payable to Nemingha Public School. Bank details are advised on invoices. Your support is greatly appreciated.

NEWSLINK

As part of the school's communication procedures, our newsletter, "Newslink", is published, with a paper copy sent home with the eldest child in each family.

The newsletter contains important details of forthcoming events, reports of past events, comments

on educational matters and often includes samples of children's work. There is also a place in Newslink for notes and notices about community events.

Reports for inclusion in the newsletter need to arrive at the office the Monday before the newsletter is due to enable the information to be included in that week's Newslink.

Copies of Newslink are also uploaded to our school website and Skoolbag app.

REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS

Both formal and informal reporting provides parents with important information about their children's progress.

The school uses school-based and external National Assessment Plan for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN - Y3 and Y5) to assess progress.

Information sessions for parents are held for parents early in the year to explain class policies, expectations and homework.

Written reports are provided at the end of Term 2. Parent/teacher interviews are held at the end of Term 1 and Term 3. Written reports are again provided towards the end of Term 4.

Parents can request an interview at any time throughout the year. Please contact your child's teacher to arrange an appointment.

BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club provides students with the opportunity to purchase books. Book Club order forms are sent home with each child. Payment and ordering can be made online to Scholastic. If payments are made by cheque, this must accompany each order. Cheques are to be made payable to Scholastic Australia. The due date for each issue is advised at the time of distribution.

CLASSROOM SUPPLIES

All students are required to have a school bag, pencil case, pencils etc. Students in Year 3 to 6 are requested to bring their own pencils, blue, red and black pens, coloured pencils, textas (optional), rulers and erasers to school.


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NEWSLINK

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Term 2, Week 1
27 April 2017

Calendar

May	
Friday 5 May	Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking competition Students from Years 3-6 are eligible to compete
Wednesday 10 May	P&C and School Council meetings School Council 6pm in the staff room P&C 7pm in the staff room
Thursday 11 May	Mothers' Day stall Orders due by Friday 5 May
Friday 12 May	Cross Country at Nemingha Public School Come 'n' Try Day for Kinder 2018
Tuesday 16 May	Year 4 excursion to Peel Wetlands
Thursday 18 May	Assembly - Year 5 item
Friday 19 May	Zone Cross Country
June	
Tuesday 6 June	Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking competition regional final
Monday 12 June	Queen's Birthday holiday
Friday 9 June	Canteen meeting 2pm in the staff room
Wednesday 14 June	P&C and School Council meetings School Council 6pm in the staff room P&C 7pm in the staff room
Friday 16 June	Assembly - Year 4 item
Friday 30 June	Athletics Carnival End of Term 2
July	
Tuesday 18 July	Start of Term 3
August	
Wednesday 9 August	P&C and School Council meetings School Council 6pm in the staff room P&C 7pm in the staff room
Friday 11 August	Assembly - Year 3K item
21-25 August	Book Week
Tuesday 22 August	Horrible Harriet 10.30am for K-2 students
September	
Friday 1 September	Assembly - Year 2 item
Friday 8 September	Canteen meeting 2pm in the staff room
Wednesday 13 Sept	P&C and School Council meetings

Clothing Pool - open each Monday, 9.30-10.30am and on assembly days at 1.30pm



Lest we forget

Nemingha was once again well represented at the Kootenay ANZAC march on Tuesday morning.

It is great to see that students from Nemingha recognise and remember the sacrifices that ANZAC troops have made for us and our way of life.

Thank you also to all the teachers and parents who gave up their time to help commemorate this occasion.

David Lewis, Assistant Principal




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Parents will be informed at the beginning of the year and an invoice will be sent home early in Term 1. Exercise books for writing etc are provided by the school.

Every classroom is equipped with an interactive television. All students have access to computers and video conferencing facilities.

PAINTING SHIRTS

Parents are encouraged to provide their child with a painting shirt which can be stored at the school and used when the children are painting or during craft activities.

An old shirt of Dad's makes a great painting shirt (preferably short sleeved with buttons still attached). Your child's name should be clearly marked on the shirt.

Please be aware the school does not keep spare painting shirts.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Hats are a compulsory part of the uniform and must be worn all year in the playground. Hats are maroon with an embroidered school emblem and these are only available at the clothing pool.

BOYS' UNIFORM

Summer:

Blue short sleeved shirt, grey shorts, black leather shoes, grey socks. Shirts and shorts are available from the Clothing Pool.

Winter:

Blue long sleeved shirt, school tie, maroon v-neck jumper with embroidered school badge, grey trousers, grey socks, black leather shoes. The tie, jumper, shirt and trousers are available from the Clothing Pool.

Sports uniform:

Summer – Maroon raglan polo shirt with gold inserts and embroidered badge, maroon mesh shorts with a gold stripe down sides, white socks and white sports shoes. Shirts and shorts are only available from the Clothing Pool.

Winter – As for summer with the addition of a maroon and gold microfibre jacket with embroidered school emblem and a microfibre track pant. These are only available from the clothing pool.

GIRLS' UNIFORM

Summer:

Cap-sleeved princess-line dress with maroon collar with zip pocket. White ankle socks and black leather shoes.

Winter:

Blue, maroon and yellow tartan fabric tunic. Maroon "cross-over" tie. Blue shirt. Navy stockings or long socks. Black leather shoes. Navy slacks may also be worn except on formal occasions. Maroon v-neck jumper with embroidered school emblem and long tie.



Sports uniform:

Summer – Maroon raglan polo shirt with gold inserts and embroidered badge, maroon mesh shorts with a gold stripe down sides, white socks and white sports shoes. Maroon netball skirts can also be worn if desired.

Winter – As for summer with the addition of a maroon and gold microfibre jacket with embroidered school emblem and a microfibre track pant. These are only available from the clothing pool.

Summer and winter uniforms are available from the clothing pool and some uniform shops in Tamworth, who also have available fabric as well as pre-cut uniforms.

CLOTHING POOL

The clothing pool is situated in the school hall and is operated by the school P&C. It is open each Monday morning from 9.00-10.00am, and every second Friday (coinciding with assemblies) from 1.50-2.50pm.

The clothing pool will sell clothes on your behalf for a percentage of each item. When sending clothes in to the clothing pool, please ensure that they are

clean and in a reasonable condition. Write your name and address on a slip of paper pinned to each of the uniforms and record whether the item/s are a donation or to be sold on your behalf.

If you are moving away please leave a forwarding address with the clothing pool so that cheques can be sent to you at the end of each year.

LOST PROPERTY

Unclaimed and unmarked property is stored on a clothes rack which can be found near the library. Children and parents are welcome to check the rack for missing items. From time to time all clothing is put on display.

Unmarked clothing not collected by the end of each term is washed and given to the clothing pool for resale.

Please ensure that all school clothing and property is labelled with your child's/children's full name.

CURRICULUM

The K-6 curriculum aims to develop in students:

- 1 Basic skills,
- 2 Respect for learning;
- 3 A positive attitude for lifelong learning.

The skills include:

- 1 English literacy including Talking and Listening, Reading and Writing
- 2 Mathematical skills including Number, Space, Measurement and
- 3 Problem solving, Information Processing and Computing
- 4 Scientific and communication.

The NSW curriculum includes six Key Learning Areas (K-6):

- 1 English
- 2 Mathematics
- 3 Science and Technology
- 4 Human Societies and Its Environment;
- 5 Creative and Practical Arts
- 6 Personal Development, Health and Physical Education.

HOMEWORK

Homework is important for students of all ages, as it helps them build on what they have already learnt in the classroom, and prepares them for the next stage in their learning.

Homework helps to bridge the gap between home and school it should be seen by teachers, students, parents and care givers as a vital part of the home-school partnership which supports young people while they learn. Completion of homework is not compulsory but is encouraged.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The role of the teacher is to:

- ensure homework is related to the work being done at school
- set homework which allows students to demonstrate what they are capable of, and which challenges them to progress
- give students sufficient time for the completion of tasks
- ensure students are aware of what is expected of them, and how their work will be assessed



- help parents understand what homework is required, and when it is due, through requesting them to sign off their child's work
- communicate with parents about areas of concern related to homework
- assess homework to determine achievement by students
- maintain student homework records.

The task of the student is to:

- complete homework within the given time frame
- show their homework to their parents or guardians, and ask them to sign it off.

Parents and care givers can help by:

- supporting students in completing homework
- providing, if possible, a dedicated place and desk for homework and study
- assisting teachers to monitor homework, by signing off tasks
- communicating with teachers about any concerns with homework or their child's approach to homework

HOMEWORK HINTS FOR PARENTS

- 1 Don't let homework sessions become a time of family disruption and tension. Work done under such conditions can develop a dislike for school and school work.
- 2 Encourage your child, praise freely and offer constructive feedback.
- 3 If possible, supply your child with a desk/table in a room away from the distractions of other people, TV etc.
- 4 If helping or supervising your child's homework, choose a time when you can give all your attention to the task, eg. don't try to hear reading over the kitchen stove.
- 5 Keep a regular set time for the homework to be done.
- 6 If any problems at all arise which you cannot resolve, make an appointment to see your child's teacher.
- 7 Homework is not mandatory. If you do not wish your child to complete homework or assignments please let your child's teacher know at the beginning of the year.

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

Our School Counsellor attends Nemingha Public School one day each week and is an integral member of the staff and the Student Welfare team.

School counsellors are responsible for providing specialist psychometric and diagnostic testing as well as advising teachers and parents on the psychological, educational and behavioural difficulties encountered by children at school.

Our counsellor is available to discuss any concerns parents may have regarding their children. Appointments to see the school counsellor can be made either through the front office, the class teacher or the school principal.

LIBRARY

Each class visits the library for lessons. All children are required to have a library bag, preferably made of cloth with a drawstring to protect their library books in transit.

The stock in the library is an invaluable resource to our school, not readily replaced, so it is appreciated when children have and use their personally labelled library bags. Bags are available for purchase from the school office.

For any further enquires you are welcome to contact your child's teacher.



BOOK WEEK AND EDUCATION WEEK

Special activities are planned for these events. In recent years there have been open days for **Education Week** which include a combined scripture service in the school hall.



Displays, open classrooms and morning tea are also organised.

For **Book Week** we have often involved visiting authors as well as having a book fair in the library.

We enjoy a high level of attendance by parents at this day and it is rare for a child not to have at least one visitor

in the crowd. On many occasions uncles, aunts, grandparents and friends also attend. We really welcome this as it reinforces the important place of education in your child's life.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION (SCRIPTURE)

Religious Instruction lessons are held each Friday from 11.20am-11.50am. All scripture teachers have written approval to deliver scripture lessons from their respective churches.

All denominations combine for an Easter service (Term 1), Education Week service (Term 2) and a Christmas service (Term 4) at the school.

The children participate in prayers, Bible readings, singing and drama. Parents are encouraged to join us at these services.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Five days each year are allocated to staff professional development and school organisation. Students do not attend school on these days and are not marked as absent.

The first day of Term 1 is usually an organisational and administrative day. The first day of both Terms 2 and 3 and the last two days of the school year are utilised for training, planning, curriculum and school policy development.

Parents are asked to make alternative arrangements for their children's care on these days. Parents are often welcome to attend these days and usually find them informative.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Each year a specialist photographer visits the school to take class, sport and individual photos which may be purchased as a personal record of school days.

Parents have input into the selection of photographer at P&C meetings during the previous year.

Please let your P&C representatives or school office staff know if you have concerns about the quality of photographs so that informed decisions can be made in a timely manner.

CHARITY DAY

On one day per year all classes run stalls and other fundraising activities to assist various charities nominated by the students, staff and/or the P&C.

In the past, the Westpac Rescue Helicopter, Ronald McDonald House and the Ambulance Service have been supported.

The day is usually a "Mufti Day" and there is usually a wide range of activities such as knock 'em downs, lucky dips, mini golf, trash and treasure stalls and food stalls. Children are encouraged to enjoy themselves whilst raising funds to help others.

The activities usually commence before lunch and run until just before 3.30pm, when an assembly is held to announce results of the fund raising. Through the generosity of our community, we usually raise between \$1,000 and \$2,000.

"MUFTI" DAYS

At the end of each term, and on other selected days, a "Mufti" or out-of-uniform day is held. Children are able to wear suitable, casual clothing to school and are asked to give a gold coin donation.

The money raised is used in a variety of ways including the Year 6 gift to the school, specific student requested purchases (sports equipment) etc.

TRAVEL IN PRIVATE VEHICLES

The transporting of students in the cars of staff members, parents, caregivers or volunteers should only occur in those circumstances where there is no feasible option available to provide alternative transportation. This may only occur under the following conditions:

- 1 Written permission from the parent(s) or caregiver(s) of the student(s) being transported is obtained;
- 2 The driver is licensed;
- 3 The vehicle is registered;
- 4 The number of passengers in the vehicle does not exceed the number of seatbelts;
- 5 Car seats are provided for children under the age of 7;
- 6 Current driver's licence and car registration details are sighted by the school prior to giving permission for students to be transported in the vehicle;
- 7 All parents, caregivers or volunteers who transport students in cars have a *Working With Children* check prior to the event.

PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF PROCEDURES

Nemingha Public School is very lucky to have parking facilities not experienced at many public schools. We have:

- The drop off zone directly at the front of the school which is designated for dropping off and picking up students. Please observe a maximum wait time of two minutes. Parents using this zone are not to exit their vehicles. Parents are encouraged to use this facility where possible – especially in the mornings.
- A parent and visitors car park on the western side of the school which is available for parents to collect their children from, and/or bring their children to, the grassed area or path at the front of the school office and the library.
Parents may also wish to use this car park when they need to touch base with teachers, visit the clothing pool, visit the canteen and/or to visit the office.
A disabled car space has been set aside in this carpark.

For safety reasons, children of all ages must be accompanied by an adult in the car park. Please ensure all preschool children and our younger students hold your hand at all times. Parents are encouraged to come into the school grounds to collect their child, waiting in the covered outdoor area in front of the hall.

Carparks are not safe places to have conversations.

All cars must exit this car park by turning left into the the bus bay before turning right on to the main road.

- The back portion of the parents/visitors car park will be open for Friday assemblies and other events where parents and guests are expected in large numbers.
- The car park for Nemingha Public School staff only is situated on the south-eastern side of the school. This area is out of bounds for students, and parents are asked not to enter or exit the school through this car park.

The speed limit must be strictly observed at all times in areas surrounding the school and while in any car parking area.

No vehicles are to be parked on the footpath outside the car park gates, or on the island between the bus bay and the road.

All parking laws as per RTA signage must be followed.

Smoking and alcohol are prohibited on school grounds - this includes the bus bay and car parking areas.

AFTERNOON ROUTINES

- Parents are asked not to wait for their children outside classrooms as this can disrupt lessons and prevent teachers from moving all students to bus lines and the pick up area in a timely manner. Parents are welcome to wait on the grassed area at the front of the school.
- At 3.15 pm the students will be taken by teachers to the canteen area where the bus board messages are read prior to any student leaving the school.
- Children waiting to be collected by parents will be supervised by the teacher on early bus duty under the hall COLA.
- We request that all children being picked up are collected by 3.30 pm, unless alternative arrangements have been made with the school.

BUSES

Four buses provide transport to and from Nemingha Public School:

- **Calala Lane Bus:** Goonoo Goonoo, Calala Lane, Boronia, Calala Lane, Campbell, Gordon, Melissa, Myrl, Gordon, Campbell, Calala, Osprey, Windhover, Peregrine, Osprey, Calala, Darrell, Panorama, Calala, O'Briens Lane to Nemingha School. Leaves the Bus Shelter in Calala Lane at approx 8:22am, arrives Nemingha School 9:05 am. Leaves Nemingha approx 4:00 pm, arrives Goonoo Goonoo Rd approx 4.20 pm.
- **Loomberah Bus:** Monteray Road to Loomberah then to Nemingha. Arrives about 9.05am. Leaves school at about 3.40 pm.
- **Nundle Road Bus:** Arrives at school at about 9.00am. Leaves school at about 3.30pm.
- **Nemingha/Back Kootingal Road Bus:** Travels along the New England Highway from Nemingha at approx. 8.50am to Kootingal – Denman - Back Kootingal Road, Brooklyn Park Road, Woodside, Brooklyn Park Road, Back Kootingal Road, Rupari Drive, Adolphus Drive, Back Kootingal Road to Nemingha School at 9:20 am. Leaves school at about 3.50pm.



Primary children who live more than 1.6km from school, and all infants (K-2) children, are entitled to free bus travel to and from school. All children who travel from Nemingha village are entitled to free travel because of the danger to pedestrians on the bridge over the Cockburn River.

Applications will need to be completed online at transportnsw.info/school-students, nominating your home address and which bus company or transport operator the student needs to travel with between home and school.

PRIVATE VEHICLE CONVEYANCE SUBSIDY

Parents who drive their children to school because there is no bus service or who drive them more than 1.6km to their bus stop, are entitled to a subsidy.

Apply online at transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

SPORT

Nemingha Public School boasts a tradition of producing fine sportsmen and women. Athletes, swimmers, hockey players, footballers and tennis players have represented our school at state level, and have continued success throughout their lives.

Students are placed in one of the four sporting houses for competitions in swimming and athletics.

Wombats	- Green
Magpies	- Yellow
Emus	- Blue
Kangaroos	- Red

Kindergarten to Year 2 usually combine to do sport on Fridays during the middle session for 60 minutes, while classes from Year 3 to 6 combine for sport in the afternoon session. During the summer months, sport is held earlier in the day to avoid the heat. **A hat must be worn at all times.**

Our school **swimming carnival** is held early in Term 1 at the Kootingal Pool. Results from this event are used to choose a competitive team to participate in the Tamworth Zone PSSA Carnival. Successful students are then able to compete in regional and State carnivals.

Throughout the year, children have the opportunity to be selected for school-based teams in PSSA State Knockout Competitions.

Our school athletics carnival is held at the TRAC during late Autumn and begins with the traditional march past, followed by house competition in most PSSA Athletics events. A school team then participates in the Tamworth District Carnival.

Outstanding athletes can then progress through region to State finals. Our school is also involved in a similar progression for the State cross country championships.

NETBALL

The school usually supports several netball sides depending upon the numbers interested in playing each year.

Anyone who would like to be in a netball side is very welcome. The games are played on Saturday afternoons at the Sports Dome. Teams wear their school sports uniform. Practice sessions generally take place after school hours.

CRICKET

A parent-organised cricket club runs Saturday morning cricket for teams in the 8 to 12 years old age range.

We take part in the Tamworth District Junior competition, which involves travelling to other schools and grounds around Tamworth for an 8.30am start. The competition takes place in Terms 1 and 4 only. Parents are required as umpires, scorers and supervisors.

Our cricketers play in school sports uniform and use the school equipment (except protectors and

mouth guards). Practice takes place at school during lunch hours and on one afternoon after school. The emphasis is on teamwork and enjoyment of the game. Club meetings are kept to a minimum in both frequency and time.



MUSIC

Music helps us learn as it establishes a positive learning state, creates a great learning atmosphere, focusses concentration, increases attention, improves memory, releases tension, enhances imagination, provide inspiration and motivation and most importantly, adds an element of fun !!!

Nemingha has an extensive music program providing opportunities for all students. If you wish your child to participate in the concert band and/or orchestra there is a small cost per term for private tuition. (\$20 a lesson). Please contact the school if your child is interested in learning string, woodwind, brass, piano, guitar or drums.

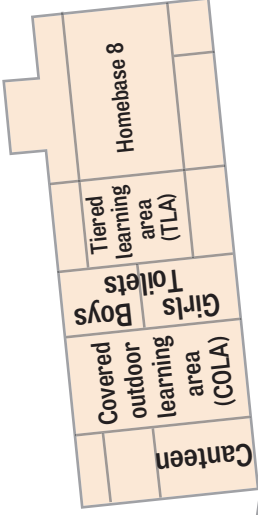


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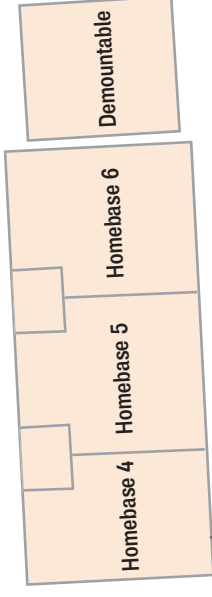
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• Kinder	Thursday	01.02.18		
Autumn vacation	Monday	16.04.18	Friday	27.4.18
Term 2	Tuesday	01.05.18	Friday	06.07.18
Winter vacation	Monday	09.07.18	Friday	20.07.18
Term 3	Tuesday	24.07.18	Friday	28.09.18
Spring vacation	Monday	01.10.18	Friday	12.10.18
Term 4	Monday	15.10.18	Wednesday	19.12.18



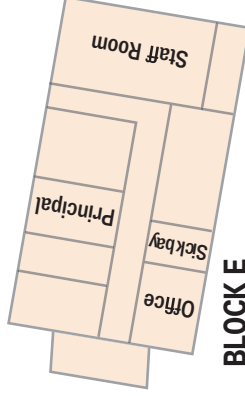
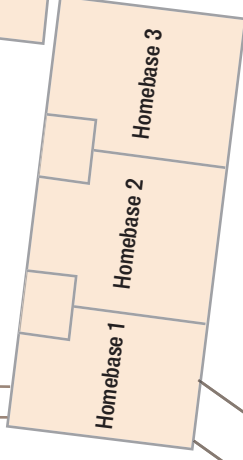
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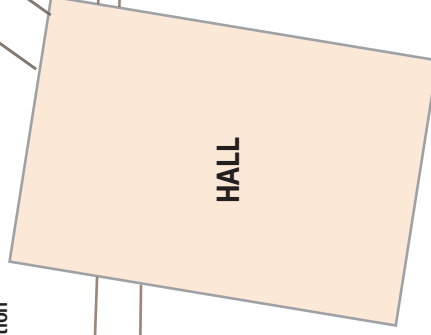
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BLOCK E
Administration



Staff Car Park

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Pick-up area and bus bay

Visitors' Car Park

BLOCK A
Library

