



Nemingha Public School

NEWSLINK

Term 4 Week 1

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YOUR PRINCIPAL WRITES:

Welcome back to all students for Term 4. I am excited to be back after having had the opportunity to visit Europe and my family in Italy. Thank you to Phil Bellis and Leanne Kemp for relieving in the position of Principal during my leave and Tracy Gooch as the relieving Assistant Principal. This term is going to be 'packed to the rafters' with some major events planned such as, the Astronomy day and evening show; the school concert 'Star Search' celebrating Year of Astronomy 2009; Presentation Night; and the Year 6 Farewell. Dates for events are published on the back of each newsletter.

As you would be aware the school has been steadily growing over the past few years. Nemingha Public School was designed to have a maximum of 200 students attending and the school has reached this number at this stage for 2010. We have had a wonderful response from families in the area, however, when we reach our ceiling number we have to follow Nemingha's enrolment policy in line with Departmental guidelines. Places have to be available for students in the local enrolment area/zone designated for Nemingha Public School and siblings of students at the school. Then places can be offered for other students in the area. We are working on this and will keep parents informed. We are appreciative of the positive support and recognition from parents and community for the school and public education.

Congratulations to our spelling super stars! Harrison won the Regional Spelling Bee final competition held at Oxley Vale Public school

on Wednesday 30th September and he will be competing in the state competition on 18th November in Sydney. Well done to Matthew Hughes for coming third in the Senior Division and Caitlin and Matthew for their fantastic efforts in making it to the fifth round in the Junior Division.

Yesterday, we welcomed the relieving School Education Director Mr. Stuart Hemmings to the school. He was pleased with our programs, plans, results and directions for 2010.

Parents and community are reminded to use the rear car park when coming to the school and to please be aware of the appropriate parking areas out the front of the school. The grassed public footpath in front of the driveway gates should not be parked on. The RTA penalty for parking in a footpath is \$141.00. Parents are to pick their child/children up from the steps area in the school's courtyard. We thank you for your co-operation in making Nemingha a safe place.

The school year ends on Wednesday 16th December for students, this is their last day. On Thursday 17th December it will be a Staff Development Day for teachers and staff to plan for 2010. The school will be closed on Friday 18th December.

Aurora Reilly
Principal

SERVICE AWARDS

Congratulations to Abby and Timothy on receiving their Service Awards at the Assembly on Friday 25th September.

Classroom Corner

Kindergarten

Term 4 here we go! This will be a very busy term as we lead up to our School Concert in Week 4. Thank you to those parents who were able to come to our Concert meeting in Week 10 last term.

Costuming was organized as follows:

Kinder girls: A leotard or t-shirt with a fairy skirt or tu-tu, with a glittery, sparkly look. They may need to wear some socks or stockings, depending on the weather and floor/pebblecrete where we will be performing. A silver fabric star (which I will provide from leftovers when the boys' capes have been cut out) may need to be sewn or pinned onto their leotard/t-shirt so that they will all have something in common. We might all wear a headband with some silver tinsel wrapped around it.

Kinder boys: Black trackpants and t-shirt (worn inside-out if it has motifs or pictures) with a silver cape (I have purchased the fabric for these). A cap covered with aluminium foil on their head and shin pads covered with foil, to wear on their shins. Black boots, joggers or shoes.

If there are any further queries, please come and see me.

We are very lucky to have some new readers which the P&C have bought for the Infants classes. Now we need SOME PARENTS to VOLUNTEER to COVER some books with CONTACT. We would really appreciate this as the children might be able to read some of these readers before the end of the year. Many thanks.

Kym Dwyer.

K-1

It sounds as though the children have had an enjoyable holiday with many stories about

exciting things they have done. It is good to see them all back in their summer uniforms. Please remind them to bring their school hats as the days are getting warmer.



We welcome Brock Sharp and his family to our school. Brock is in Kindergarten and he is settling in very well.

On Thursday 12th November we will be having our school concert. Thank you to the parents who have sent in mauve/purple/white clothes for children to wear. I have purple hair spray and some hats and wigs and some accessories. Please send in their clothes as soon as you can so we can have some dress rehearsals. Please contact me at school if you have any questions.

Rosalie Copeland

Year 1

Fourth term is well and truly underway with a number of school events taking place within the next eight weeks. One of the major events that will happen during week four is the annual concert. As part of our class item we will be performing a dance relating to the space theme. Our costume requirements will be a plain black T-shirt and black tights for the girls and plain black pants for the boys (tracksuit pants, jeans etc). We will be adding some decoration to the T-shirt, so if we could have every shirt in by the end of week 2 it would be great. If there is anyone who could assist with the sewing of material onto the shirts it would be very much appreciated. Please see me ASAP with regards to the costuming.

In Cogs this term we are looking at the topic of "Our Stories." This unit studies a number of artworks and looks at the stories that they present relating to Australia's heritage and history. As part of this unit we will be

creating a book about an object or artefact. As these hold special memories for the children and their families they will be stored safely in the storeroom and only used under strict supervision.

This week we have completed a maths assessment, and the children have performed at a very high standard. I am in the process of listening to all the children read aloud. Remember this skill will continually improve with constant practise via take home reading, library borrowing and sharing of books.

Yesterday we began our sport groups. The children were placed in mixed age teams and are completing a circuit of activities during sport time. Today the whole school participated in the “Music Count Us in Program.” We delivered a very polished piece of music, and look forward to presenting this to you at a later date.

We have a number of students who will be receiving silvers at this week’s assembly. Congratulations to everyone.

Leanne Kemp.

Year 2

Year 2 are busy and settled into their class routine once again. We welcome two new students this term – Tanika and John .

This term we are looking at the C.O.G’s unit “Growing and Changing”, so we will be looking at the way plants and animals grow and what they need to stay alive. Life cycles and personal timelines will also be part of the unit. The class will look at how local and school environments change. This week we will be planting some seeds, some in sunlight and some in the dark, to see if the sunlight affects how a plant grows.

As part of our performance for the school concert we will need some yellow and white T-shirts. If you have this colour at home please

send it in to school with your name on it. If you had both yellow and white T-shirts at home it would be greatly appreciated if you could send them in for any children who may not have this colour at home. I am hoping that we do not have to buy costumes for our performance.

Due to the warm weather the children have been quite hot, especially after lunch. Although the demountable is cool due to the air conditioning, if you could perhaps consider sending your child with two drink bottles, especially on a sport day, it would be a good idea.

Vanessa Fox

Year 3

Welcome back! I hope everyone is ready for another busy term. I hope that you all enjoyed the break.

This term the students will be learning about convicts, explorers and the First Fleet in the COGS unit ‘Our Fleeting Past.’ As part of this unit the students will be completing a project about an explorer. They will be researching their explorer with another student. Then in week 5 the students will give an oral presentation about their explorer. This project will be done in class. However, pictures or other materials may be sort from home if needed for their presentation.

It is really important that the students have their own writing materials. They need pens, pencils, a sharpener and eraser. Students are only allowed to write in blue or black pen and red for the margin. Other coloured pens are permitted for marking and margins but not for their writing. A lot of students are coming to school with nothing to write with. Please ensure their pencil case is labelled with their name.

Today the whole school participated in ‘Music Count Us In.’ It is a national day where the

students learn the same song and sing it at the same time across the country. The reason for this is so that students can see that learning music is important and is something fun and educational. Parents will be able to see the performance at a later date.

For the next couple of weeks will be very busy practicing and preparing for the concert. I will give you some more information shortly. However, each student will need to have black clothing. A black T-shirt that we will be sticking things too, black pants (they can be shorts as it may be hot) and black socks and shoes. The students will also need a baseball cap. Some students will need other things but I will put that in a letter later.

Kristine Sharkey

Year 4

Welcome back to term 4, I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing holiday. Term 4 is only nine weeks and will be very busy as we cover all our **Key Learning Areas** and practice for our end of year concert that will be held in November.

Our COGS unit this term in on 'Our Fleeting Past' and explores the impact of British colonisation and how it has shaped Australia. Students have already learnt about some of the severe punishments of the Georgian era and the type of conditions 'poor' people lived in.

In connection with our COGS unit students will be working on an individual class project on an early explorer to be negotiated. They will need a **large sheet of cardboard** to present their information. Could you please send in the cardboard by week 3. Further information on the project requirements will be sent home separately.

Our end of year concert is being held on the evening of 12th November. We will be performing a dance item to the Star Wars theme music.

Costume requirements

All students are required to wear a black T-Shirt.

Girls - Black leggings / tights (below the Knees)

Boys - Black shorts (knee length) or black trousers

No footwear is required for the dance item.

Hair and Make-up - to be discussed at a later date.

Please remember that homework is due on Fridays and also that we have Library on Fridays.

Helen Reynolds

Year 5

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable break.

This term is once again shaping up to be a busy one. Year 5 will be 'buddying' up with a new kinder student as the Kinder Orientation program commences early this term.

The school concert is fast approaching and our class will be performing an item to David Bowies, Major Tom. We will need assistance in organising costumes and props. I will send out a note at a later date detailing what is needed. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Year 5 students also have the honour of organising the Year 6 farewell dinner and disco. It would be of great assistance if some parents could volunteer to help the students organise this event.

Four students will be attending a Values Forum next Monday. Our class has discussed issues that effect the Nemingha School community and will now choose one of these issues to develop a research action project.

This term students will be preparing leadership speeches that they will present at a special assembly later this term. We⁴ will be discussing the qualities, actions and values

that determine great leaders.

Our Cogs unit this term is 'Traditions and Heritage'. We will be exploring Australia's history through art, drama and music. We will also be investigating key events that have shaped our lives and will research human rights issues.

Tracy Gooch

Year 5-6

Welcome back to our final term for the year.

Our work in COGs will look at 'Global and Social Issues' which has a focus on understanding the links that exist between people, places and resources on a local and global level. Part of their work in class with either Mrs Diss or me will be investigating the science of a natural disaster and to create an artwork in response to a global or social issue.

Maths and homework tasks will look at logic and problem solving tasks.

Year 6 will have their sports shirts silk-screen printed with the names of the children in the class on the back. Parents wishing to have shirts printed will need to send them in in a bag with their name on it together with \$6.00. Shirts must be washed and labeled. Money and shirts need to be delivered to the school by Friday 27th October.

Tamworth High School Orientation days are on Wednesdays 11th November and 18th November. Each one is from 12.00 to 3.30 pm. Please let Tamworth High School know if you can attend either or both sessions.

Our class concert item is a song called "We are the World" which we are currently practicing.

Phil Bellis

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to all of our competitors at the North West Regional Athletics Carnival. A special mention to Tim Hassan and Montana Ellsley who will represent the school and the r region in longjump this term at the State Championships.

USE OF SCHOOL GROUNDS

To co-ordinate the use of school facilities for Term 4, organizers and coaches of sporting teams are required to contact the school office to avoid any clashes. Active After School activities are on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4.00 pm to 5.00pm each week, concluding on Thursday 10th December. These activities take priority over other sessions.

In 2010 Terms 1 and 2, Active After School sessions will be on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 4.00pm to 5.00pm beginning on the 22nd February and concluding on 9th April.

FIRE DRILL.

During the last week of Term 3 we conducted a fire drill for the whole school. The drill was successful, but two issues arose that need to be addressed.

1. Visitors to the school (both community members and parents) must sign in at the office. It is essential that the school is aware of visitors' presence in case of an emergency.
2. Children who are either late or leave early **must be signed in or out** at the time of arriving or leaving. If this does not occur, lives could be put in danger looking for a child who is no longer in the school.



P&C NEWS

DUNGOWAN CAMPDRAFT

The P&C helped man the canteen and kitchen for the 2009 Dungowan Campdraft. A big thank you to Phil Bellis, Kevin Turnham, Mervyn McCahon and Kelly Klepzig and her family for donating their time on the Sunday of the Campdraft. Their efforts will result in a donation to the Nemingha P&C.

*Imagine your sink could think and write.
What would it write in it's daily journal?*

A Day in the Life of the Kitchen Sink

- by Courtney

6.00 am: Oh my goodness. I am very lucky the Harris' have a dishwasher but some days... I am not so lucky. Today I am just prepared for whatever might get washed down my pipe.

9.00 am: "Yuk" bacon and eggs, yoghurt and cereal "down my drain". Wait! Usually....the dishwasher takes care of all this....Oh no please don't say the dishwasher is broken....

12.00noon: Yep the dishwasher is broken. I just got a peanut butter, cheese and carrot sandwich washed down the drain.

3.00pm: Oh no, no, no, no, no please don't tell me it Courtney.....Oh yes it is. Disgusting. Yoghurt. Don't you just hate it?

6.00pm: Great all the Harris' are here for dinner. Yuk! Apricot chicken down my drain. Ew... rice! Stuck, all sticky.

9.00pm: Oh Lord, please get the dishwasher fixed tomorrow "Amen". Yes, a rest finally. I really can't wait till tomorrow...joking!

A Day in the Life of the Kitchen Sink

- by Sarah

School Day

6.00am: Time to wake up soonarrrrr!!

I'm not looking forward to Mr Dixon dumping his mouldy cereal and bowl on me. Ahhh, here it comes! PLONK!!

9.00am: Errr oh thank goodness Mrs Dixon put her smelly egg cup in that filthy dishwasher. But (sob, sob) I've still got the spoon from Sarah's yoghurt. Oh I want my cleaning now!! (sob, sob)

12.00noon: This spoon with yoghurt is going mouldy, it's starting to smell! Huh? What's the front door opening for? Oh yes! The kid's grandmother is coming, time for a relaxing wash out and scrub. Ooooh this is fantastic!

3.00pm: Good, I'm still sparking because Mr Dixon didn't have his cornflakes for afternoon tea, he had an apple.....SAVED!

6.00pm: Jack had cake and put the crumbs in MY drain. It's clogging (cough) my drain! Eww.. I swallowed the vile thing (shudder).

9.00pm: Cleaned out again—all dishes in the dishwasher, sleeping time (yawn). I'll dream of clean things tonight.....

PARENT WORKSHOPS IN MATHEMATICS

Afternoon workshops in Mathematics will be conducted on Thursday 5th November 2009 in the Heritage Room at the Tamworth Community Centre. These workshops will briefly take parents through the syllabus and strategies used to teach mathematics in K-6.

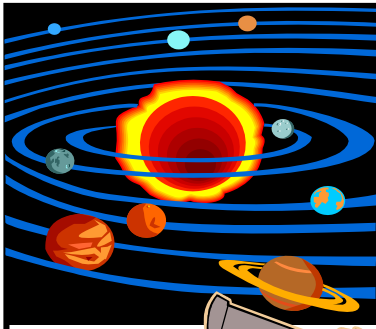
Workshop 1 (5.00—5.45pm) K—2

Kerrie Betts will then talk with parents about National Assessment and Reporting

Workshop 2 (6.15—7.00pm) Y3-6

Refreshments provided

For further enquiries please contact the school.



Astronomy OUTREACH

Get ready for it!! 2009 marks the International Year of Astronomy, a United Nations initiative celebrating the 400th anniversary of Galileo turning his telescope to the sky and revolutionizing the way we think of the Universe and our place in it.

Welcome to Astronomy Outreach bringing the entire Universe right into the classroom. This program will give our students a refreshing new look at the latest discoveries in astronomy and space.

Monday 2nd November (Daytime Sessions)

Students in K-2 will be attending a session called “KidSpace” from 11.30 am in which they will introduced to the concepts of astronomy and space in an exciting, colourful, fun-filled and engaging program.

Students in Year 3-6 will attend a session called “Discover the Universe” from 2.00pm. This session is about what the Universe is, where it came from and what it contains. The children will examine the Sun and all the planets in our Solar System plus the moon landing, comets, constellations, meteors and asteroids etc.

The cost for these programs is \$4.00 per student.

Monday 2nd November (Evening Session)

A special 30 minute audio-visual presentation which captures the essence of our universe’s creation and the history of the space program will be held by well known Australian astronomer, David Reneke. David will be using the latest, most up to date visual material available from NASA and the Hubble Telescope. After the show you will have a chance to peer through the telescopes with free viewings of the moon, stars and planets, and a laser guided tour of the night sky by David Included as a special bonus.

Suitable for those with little or no knowledge of astronomy, this enthralling one-hour show is covered in simple, easy to understand terms. In a splash of colour you will discover the wonder and beauty of stars, star clusters, galaxies, and black holes, and hear about the latest discoveries in astronomy from around the world.

This special night show is a relaxed and entertaining look at the universe with some startling facts and images being made public, some of them for the very first time.

This is a must for anyone interested in astronomy so be early and don’t miss out on this opportunity. The show commences at 6:30pm sharp and concludes at 8.00pm.

Admission is \$8 for adults, \$4 kids, and just \$20 for a family of four.

If children have attended the daytime program, there will be no cost for them to go to the evening show.

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
26	27 Clothing Pool 3.15—4.00pm School Council Meeting 5.00pm	28	29 Clothing Pool 9.00—10.00 am	30 ASSEMBLY 3.00pm YEAR 2 ITEM Clothing Pool 3.30—4.00pm
2 Kinder Orientation 9.30—11.00 ASTRONOMY SHOW 11.30am K –2 2.00pm Y3-6 6.30pm Families	3 Clothing Pool 3.15—4.00pm	4 Kinder Orientation 9.30—11.00	5	6 Kinder Orientation 9.30—3.30
9	10 Kinder Orientation 9.30—11.00 Clothing Pool 3.15—4.00pm	11	12 Concert	13 Kinder Orientation 2.00—3.30 ASSEMBLY 3.00pm YEAR 3 ITEM
16	17 Clothing Pool 3.15—4.00pm	18	19	20

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