



Nemingha Public School

NEWSLINK

Term 4 Week 3

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YOUR PRINCIPAL WRITES:

It was wonderful to see so many new smiling faces at school for the Kinder Transition program this week. The students have been involved in many exciting activities including programs on the Smartboard. Miss Copeland, Kinder teacher for 2010 is conducting the program. Thank you to the Year 5 students for helping out as buddies and we look forward to the full day at school this Friday.

The school held an astronomy day on Monday 2nd November for students Kinder to Year 6. David Reneke presented the 'Astronomy Outreach' program and he also conducted an evening program for parents and families. Students were very excited and this has set the scene for the school's concert 'Star Search' next Thursday 12th November to celebrate the International Year of Astronomy 2009. The concert will be held in the courtyard under the 'stars'. Parents, carers, families and community will be taken on a dazzling journey through space.

Last Friday it was 'World Teachers' Day and Nemingha teachers were recognised for their commitment and dedication at the Assembly. Our teachers are a professional team focussed on quality teaching, keeping up to date and providing the best for students. This week is 'School Administrative and Support Staff Recognition Week' we thank Nicolette Moss and Susan Ryan for their hard work and support in the front office; Mervyn McCahon for keeping the school a show piece and his work on the new veggie garden; Narelle Sheppard and Julie McClelland for their help

and care as school learning support officers in the school and Debbie Robinson for keeping the school shiny and clean.

Aurora Reilly
Principal

ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

Every term, the Regional Home School Liaison Officer conducts an audit of student absences at all schools. Our school had such an audit this week.

It is a Departmental requirement that all absences are explained within 7 days of your child's absence. If you do not advise the school, either verbally or in writing, of the reason for the absence within that time, the absence is recorded as 'unjustified' and remains on record as such.

In cases of high rates of absenteeism, letters will be sent home asking for explanations of absences, and if this is not forthcoming, families can expect follow up from Departmental officers.

If you know that you will be taking your child out of school for reasons such as family holidays, travel/family commitments, long term illnesses, etc, you need to advise the school so that an exemption certificate can be issued in advance. Please contact the office for a form which will need to be completed and sent back to school prior to the leave being taken. Once a certificate is issued, records are adjusted to show the exemption.

Classroom Corner

Kindergarten

Kindergarten has been practicing every day for the School Concert which will be held next week, on Thursday 12th November, at the school. On Monday 9th November, the boys need to bring their performance Rocket (with their name on it) so that they can practice with it. The girls will need to bring a headband so that we can attach the tinsel we have purchased, at school. Tuesday 10th November will be the Dress Rehearsal and children should bring their costume in a bag with their name on everything, so that costumes and uniforms will not be mixed-up.

We have some new classroom readers which the P & C have purchased for the Infants classes. We still need some volunteers to cover them with contact. Thank you to Karen Darling for taking books to cover. Much appreciated!

We have an Early Stage 1/ Stage 1 excursion coming up soon and a note will be sent home about this.

Kym Dwyer

K-1

The students had a great session learning about the Universe from our visiting astronomers last Monday. The children listened carefully and answered some questions or asked relevant questions to the astronomers.

We have been very busy practicing for our item in next Thursdays concert. Thanks to the parents who have sent in clothes for their children to wear.

Our zucchinis in the school vegetable patch are doing well and we should soon have some zucchinis to eat.

Rosalie Copeland

Year 1



On Monday we were treated to an amazing astronomy show in the school hall. All the children came away with a better understanding of our solar system and they all had some excellent questions about this topic. Some of our class returned to school on Monday night and thoroughly enjoyed looking at the moon and Venus through some very powerful telescopes.

Thank you very much to Rachel Thompson and Deanne Lesslie for sewing our shirts for the concert. Those people who have not brought in their black T-shirts need to do so ASAP. Please send in the black tights and/or trousers for the bottom half of the costume by **next Monday**.

As you are aware the annual school concert is taking place on Thursday 12th November, at 7:00pm. Please ensure your child is **at our classroom by 6:30pm on that night**. We look forward to entertaining you all.

Congratulations to all award winners for the past fortnight. I have been very pleased with the progress everyone has made in their reading and the improvements in handwriting. Keep up the good work everyone.

Leanne Kemp.

Year 2

Now that the school concert is fast approaching there are a few final details that need to be addressed. Firstly, all children should have received a note last week about costume requirements. The sunshine and moonlight children need a yellow or white shirt with either bike pants or shorts (no set colour). These items need to be at school as soon as possible, but definitely by the **END OF THIS WEEK**. This also applies to the children who are the dancers. They need to

bring in long black pants (jeans or trousers), white shirts and need black shoes. There is a full dress rehearsal early next week for the whole school so we need to be organised before then. Thank you to those parents who have already sent in clothing. If you have a problem organising any of the clothing for your child please let me know as soon as possible. If the girls could have their hair tied back (just so that their faces aren't covered when they dance) that would also be much appreciated, but please do not go to too much trouble.

The children recently planted radish and bean seeds to find out if plants needed sunlight to grow. Some of the plants have grown extremely quickly (10 cm over the weekend!!) and we have noticed how the plant has changed from a small seed. The children also found out some interesting facts about what happens when you plant a seed and keep it in the dark. You will have to ask your child what they discovered!!

In the next few weeks the children will be looking at how animals grow and change, and will be particularly looking at the life cycles of butterflies and frogs – animals which go through a complete metamorphosis.

The children will also be doing a small amount of research on an Australian animal of their choice. The children will be required to do a small amount of work at home, but more information will be sent home with homework shortly. Very soon the children will be directed in how to write a small speech on a given topic, and will learn how to present this speech to the class.

Once again, thank you for your support with dance costumes and I hope to see you on the night.

Vanessa Fox

Year 3

Thanks to all students who have brought in their black clothes. They need to be in a bag and be at school by Friday so I can put the finishing touches on the tops.

The students have still been practicing and are looking forward to the concert next Thursday 12th November. I hope that everyone can come to the twilight concert and watch all the students' hard work.

It is really important that students practice their times tables from 2-10. There will be a test on them next week. If students are not sure how to complete them, show them using concrete materials like rocks. If the question was 4 x 8 then the students will make 4 rows with 8 rocks in each row. If they are still having difficulties please let me know.

All students are working hard on their explorer's project and we all have been learning new things about what people discovered in Australia. The students have also been drawing some beautiful native plants with Mrs Diss.

Thank you for all your responses to the homework. Could you please let me know if you would like your child to have their homework on paper or via email and Smartkiddies.

As the weather is heating up, it is essential that the students have enough water to drink (2 water bottles) as well as wearing sunscreen and a hat.

Kristine Sharkey

Year 4

Early this week we had the science program 'Astronomy Outreach' presented by astronomer David Reneke. It was very informative and we were privileged to see some of the recent photographs that have been taken of different planet surfaces. We were

able to learn about black holes, stars, comets, meteors and asteroids. If you were able to attend the night presentation I hope you enjoyed it and found it as informative as we did.

All students have been given their explorer to research for their COGS project. This is a class project but students can research and find information at home and bring to school. Your child will need a large **cardboard sheet** by no later than **Monday Week 4** if you have not already sent it in.

Concert –

Our school concert is next Thursday and students have been working hard at their dance routine.

Costume Requirements -

All students will need a black T-shirts.

- *Girls* - black tights below the knee.
- *Boys* – black pants or shorts knee level.

A separate sheet with hair and make-up requirements will be sent home tomorrow.

Our class welcomes two new students this term, Paige and Ethan.

Dates to Remember

Fridays – Library

Thursday 12th November – School concert

Friday 27th November - Assembly Item

Helen Reynolds

Year 5

Time is fast approaching for our concert item to be performed. We have been rehearsing and your child has been given a part in our drama/dance performance. We are now ready for dress rehearsals and will need our costumes at school. Please ask your child what part they are playing and could you ensure that your child has the correct attire as follows:

ASTRONAUTS

-old tracksuit sprayed silver, silver helmet (old bike helmet sprayed silver would be fine) joggers.

WIVES

DRESS - apron, scarf, sandals.

PROPS - brand name shirt eg. Billabong, quicksilver, mambo, ripcurl etc

GROUND CONTROLLERS

DRESS—Long pants and t-shirt (all black).

PROPS - microphone and headphones.

STARS

DRESS— long pants and t-shirt (all black).

EARTH

DRESS— long pants and t-shirt(all blue).

COUNTDOWN/NEWSPAPER READERS

DRESS— long pants and t-shirt (all black).

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

We continue to investigate our heritage and traditions in our COGs unit. In literacy we are looking at cause and effect. Students are constructing flow charts to show the relationship between events.

We have completed some great art works these last weeks, “Daffodils in Vases” and “The View from My Window”.

Students have explored many maths concepts through a variety of learning activities. These include measuring body parts and comparing the ratio between them, measuring the length of each others hair and graphing the results and playing egg-o multiplication games.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL- A meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th November at 3.35pm. Could all interested helpers please attend this important meeting as we will decide on a theme and decorations for this event.

Tracy Gooch

Year 5-6

Parents would be aware that the school concert, Star Search, will be held next Thursday evening from 7pm. Our class is performing “We are the World” and will need to be dressed in black i.e. black jeans or tracksuit, black short or long sleeve shirt,

black shoes. I am supplying white gloves and glow bracelets to be handed out on the night. Let's hope for a fine night under the sails and a good attendance.

There are a number of High School Orientation days coming up shortly which Year 6 children and their families should be aware of.

These are:

Oxley High School – Thurs. 3rd December.

Peel High School – 2 Orientation Days
Wednesday 18th and 25th November from 12.45pm to 2.45pm

Tamworth High School—2 Orientation Days
Wednesday 11th and 18th November. Each one from 12.00-3.30. Please let me know which one your child would like to attend.

Farrer MAHS – Thursday 3rd December.

On the school calendar the Year 6 Farewell Dinner will be held on Monday evening, the 14th December. Further information will follow.

In the sporting arena we wish our talented cricketers from Year 6, Rhiannon , Chloe , Rachel and Morgan all the best as they play with the North West Regional squad in Sydney this week. The school's PSSA girls cricket team will also be playing away next Monday in Grafton in the State Knock out competition. Good luck girls! At the State Athletics carnival held in Sydney both Tim and Montana returned with good performances in long jump. Well done on a fantastic level of achievement! Congratulations also to Khea after being identified out of a large field of players in the Northern NSW Football Association, as being a key member in the training squad. She also has the opportunity to attend Canberra next year for possible selection in the National Championships as goalkeeper. A great effort!

Year 5 Captain Speeches are to held on Friday 27th November from 2.45pm.

Year 6 will be receiving a digital portfolio at

the end of the year. It will be a combination of past and present work samples, photos and scanned art work. If parents have any articles for scanning that would be suitable for such a collection for their child, then please send them to me before the end of November.

At the end of this homework cycle a weekly spelling list and related activities will be introduced until the end of term, i.e. Weeks 5, 6, 7 and 8. No homework will be set in Week 9.

P.Bellis

SCHOOL WEBSITE SERVICES

Parents are reminded that the school has an up-to-date website located at:

www.nemingha-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.

A simple Google search with Nemingha as the key word will also locate the site. It will predominately feature as a key method of communication across the school community. In particular, parents should avail themselves of the opportunity to read past and current *Newslinks* as well as check approaching dates on the calendar.

There is also a feature to download permission or information notes for various school and class events. The site also contains a link to the school's intranet resource bank of internet sites that are used in the classroom. Access to this site is gained by entering the following information:

Username=guest *Password*= password

ADMINISTRATION MATERS

SCHOOL FEES

Final invoices for 2009 will be sent out next week. As the school's annual financial rollover occurs at the end of November, it would be very much appreciated by the office staff if all accounts could be finalised within the next three weeks.

P&C NEWS

CAR BOOT SUCCESS

A big thank you to all involved in our car boot sale Sunday October 25th. The P&C raised over \$600 from gate entry and sausage sizzle! There was a good response from the general public. School families picked up some cash from the sale of unwanted items and we all found some treasure amongst the stalls of others!

A special thank you to *Ron Smith* for manning the Barbeque, *Sarah Attwell* for donating lots of Irises, and *Parents* who donated cakes for the cake stall.

LAMINGTONS & CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS

An order form made up By Village Pies Dubbo has gone home recently for Christmas goodies. Please return this form to the front office of the school (Not the canteen as indicated on the note) with payment **by end of Week 5— Friday 20th November.**

Your order will be delivered to the school on the afternoon of Monday 7th December 2009.

Sharon Draper
Fundraising Co-ordinator

P & C RAFFLE

A wooden clock made and donated to the school by Mr Frank Hodges was raffled at the recently held car boot sale day. The winning ticket was drawn this week and went to Kate Nalder. Congratulations!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

LONGYARD GOLF

JUNIORS

Come and Play

Sundays from 8.30am

Coming dates 8th November
22nd November
6th December
13th December

5-17 years of age

Contact Greg Kellett on 6765 4221

OR

Longyard Pro Shop on 6765 2988

AUSTRALIAN AIR LEAGUE

The Australian Air League is a non profit youth organisation which is a valuable group in Tamworth where the youth of Tamworth can go to learn about aircraft, earn badges, have fun, meet new people and represent their community with pride. They take part in many community events, go flying, gliding and attend various camps and reviews.

Your local quadrons are looking for new cadets. There are boys and girls squadron. Membership is open to boys and girls 8 years and over.

Both squadrons meet on Friday evenings at the Scout hall in Jean Street, Tamworth from 6.30—8.30pm in winter months and 6.30—9.00pm in warmer months. For further details contact Ruth on 0447842993 or 0417043262.



STAR SEARCH

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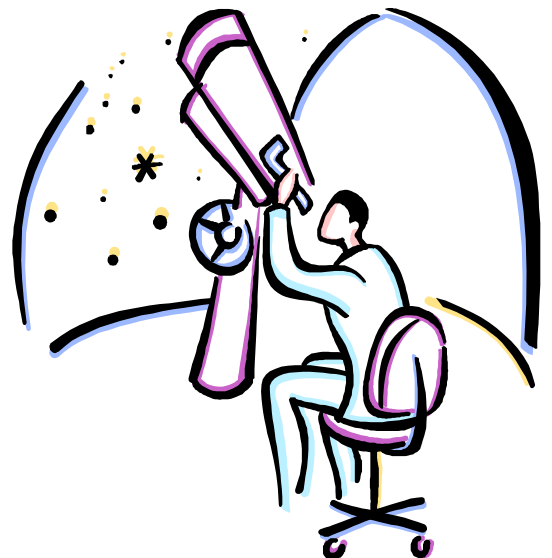
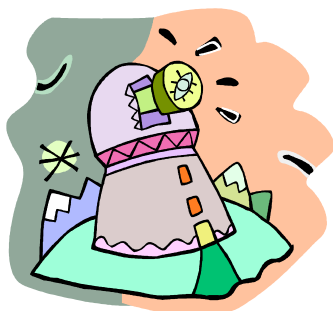
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Concert

On

Thursday 12th November

at 7pm



NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 Girls Cricket Team to Grafton—PSSA Knockout Regional Finals.	10 Kinder Orientation 9.30—11.00 Clothing Pool 3.15—4.00pm	11 Remembrance Day P&C Meeting 7.00 pm	12 Clothing Pool 9.00—10.00 am Concert 7pm	13 Kinder Orientation 2.00—3.30 ASSEMBLY 3.00pm Clothing Pool 3.30—4.00pm
16	17 Clothing Pool 3.15—4.00pm	18	19 Clothing Pool 9.00—10.00 am K-2 Excursion To Calala Cottage & Power Station Museum	20
23 Intensive Swimming Scheme Begins	24 Clothing Pool 3.15—4.00pm School Council 5.00pm	25	26 Clothing Pool 9.00—10.00 am	27 ASSEMBLY 3.00pm YEARS 3 & 4 ITEM Clothing Pool 3.30—4.00pm
30	1 Clothing Pool 3.15—4.00pm	2	3 Clothing Pool 9.00—10.00 am	4 Intensive Swimming Scheme Finishes