



Nemingha Public School

NEWSLINK

Term 4 Week 5

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YOUR PRINCIPAL WRITES:

The stars were out at Nemingha Public School on Thursday 12th November evening. We didn't have to search far for the super stars as students Kinder to Year 6 dazzled us all with their brilliant performances. We started our journey with Stage 3 choir singing 'Somewhere Out there' and then the glittering Kindergarten starlets and rocket men led the way. We were invaded by the K/1 Purple People Eaters and thankfully the Year 1 'Star trekkers' came to the rescue. Year 2 brightened up the stage with sunlight, moonlight and dancing when they blamed it on the 'boogie'. Year 3 took us into an outer space classroom as they performed their solar system rap dance. And then there was the heroic Year 4 'Star Wars Army' battling against the forces of evil. Space travel can be an intrepid experience as Year 5 showed us with their item 'Rocket Man'. Finally we were brought down back to earth where Year 6 sang out the message of saving our planet earth. We are the people and we have to make sure that we care for it, for our children and future.

Quality concerts don't just happen. It takes many people working together. Thank you to teachers, staff and students for the wonderful performances. Thank you to parents and community for help with the costumes and preparing the students on the night. Thank you to parents who helped with the lighting. Above all, thank you to everyone for giving every child at Nemingha the opportunity to perform and to shine!

Last Friday the Kinders for 2010 had their last

transition afternoon. They had an exciting library lesson with Mrs. White and the highlight was the school's Assembly when they attended with their senior buddies. The children were presented with a special certificate on completing their Kinder Transition program.

Congratulations to Harrison Diss on his good performance in the State Spelling Bee which was held yesterday. He did very well and got to round three. Well done Harrison.

The intensive swimming scheme starts next Monday 23rd November to Friday 4th December for 28 students from Yr 1 to Yr 5. Miss Copeland will be the supervising teacher. Water safety is very important especially as the weather is getting warmer and families are spending more time doing water activities.

The evaluations for learning and Sport/PE have been collated and the evaluation team is preparing the reports. The results of the evaluations and reports on other areas of the curriculum, achievements, management plan, school directions and goals will be published in the Annual Report 2009.

Aurora Reilly
Principal



SERVICE AWARDS

Congratulations to Nevada who received her 3rd Service Award at assembly last Friday. Well done Nevada, you can be proud of your efforts!

Classroom Corner

Kindergarten

Kindergarten enjoyed presenting their concert item last Thursday and I was very pleased with their efforts during practices and the performance. A **HUGE** thank you must go to the parents who made extra rockets (Kylie Dawson, Billie Spanswick, Toni Petty) and to Toni Petty for making the 10 capes for the Rocketmen. Thanks also go to Tracey Black for purchasing extra headbands and tinsel for all the girls to wear on their heads. Thank you to the Mums who brought the gel and hairsprays along to add the final touches to our whole cast. Thank you to Blake and Mrs White for taking care of the music for us. It was a team project that came together on the night. Thanks to all!

Back to classroom happenings. This week we are starting a new COGS theme of 'Our Place' which will involve looking at our local area and community. Unfortunately, our planned excursion which was to complement our classroom work had to be cancelled for this term due to the excessive heat.

We are continuing with many assessment tasks in class and the children are trying very hard whenever they are required to read, count, demonstrate sounds knowledge or mathematical concepts understanding.

Kym Dwyer.

K-1

The children were so excited to perform at the school concert last week. They certainly were very cute "purple people eaters" and they did a great job. They were surprised to learn that the song was over fifty years old. A big thank you to the parents for providing the purple and white outfits.



Our plants are really producing some lovely zucchinis and our beans are starting to flower. The zucchini lucky dip is proving very popular with names being drawn out of a hat to see who gets to take home the next zucchini!! (Hopefully everyone will get one before the end of the year.)

Next week swimming lessons will begin at Kootingal Pool. I will be escorting the children to the pool. Please ensure that they have plenty of sunscreen and a plastic bag to keep wet towels etc in. The swimming instructors also ask that girls tie back their hair in plaits or ponytails.

Rosalie Copeland

Year 1

Thank you to all the people who were able to come to school last Thursday night and watch our concert. I was very proud of the way the children performed during our item, as well as the way they patiently waited in the room for the finale.

Because of the extreme weather conditions, we were unable to go on our excursion to Calala Cottage, the Power Station Museum and Belmore Park today. All excursion costs will now be transferred to our end of year trip to Kids Zone. A note will be sent home soon regarding any extra payment for that. Instead of our excursion, Year 1 and 2 played some "old-fashioned" games and learned some bush dances, which ties in with our COGs unit "Our Stories".

Next week some of our class will be attending the intensive swimming scheme. The Department has given funding to employ qualified Austswim instructors for a fortnight of swimming lessons at Kootingal Pool. Miss Copeland will be attending the pool with the children. All the children who attended last year improved their swimming skills immensely.

This week our class has been making varying graphs to show how different information can be recorded. We have graphed the number of boys and girls in our class, the different types of lunch's class members brought to school, and the colours of the cars in the car park.

Congratulations to our award winners for the past fortnight, and keep up the good work everyone!

Leanne Kemp.

Year 2

What an exciting time Year 2 had at our school concert! After a great effort in rehearsal and some excellent effort by all the children in our dance practice, our Michael Jackson song was well performed on the night. We hope you enjoyed not only our class performance, but the whole presentation.

Just a reminder to please pack two drink bottles, if at all possible, so that on the hot days that we are currently experiencing children have enough cool drink for the whole day. Please remind your children to also bring their hats with them every day.

Due to family commitments that cannot be avoided, I will be away next week. The children will be taught by Miss Jane Eather. She has taught the class before and is familiar with the children. The children are very flexible and have coped very well with changes to routine, so I am sure they will have an enjoyable week while I am away.

Year 2 have been learning to write a speech and will have the opportunity to speak in a more formal manner when they speak in front of the class. Now that we have learned more about the life cycles of butterflies and frogs, we are now looking at the way people grow and change. This also involves looking at personal timelines. You may be asked to help your child complete their personal timeline as

some of them may not remember family events that have occurred in their life time.

Vanessa Fox

Year 3

Congratulations to all students for their outstanding performance at the concert!

I would like to say a very big thank you to Kellie Klepzig for helping make our wonderful costumes. I would like to thank Kellie and Mariko Batho for helping to get the students ready on the night as well.

Just a reminder that the students need to revise their times tables as we will be having a test on them on Friday.

Most of the students have given an oral presentation of their explorer and have presented some wonderful and interesting facts about them.

Even though it is getting near the end of the term, please ensure your child has enough materials to write with. The school does not have endless supplies for the students to use.

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.

In the next few weeks I will be asking the students to bring in a couple of dollars to buy some materials for some Christmas craft we will be making.

Our class will be performing at assembly next Friday with Year 4. Please come along and enjoy our performance if you can.

Kristine Sharkey

Year 4

It is hard to believe we have only 4 weeks left of school! We still have our heads down

working hard on all areas of the KLA's. Students are completing maths and writing assessments this week. Reports are due to go home in Week 8.

Some students have already presented their projects on explorers and the standard of work has been excellent. Students are encouraged to research information about their explorer at home and bring to school (don't forget the town library has excellent resources that students can borrow). All projects must be completed and presented by **Friday 28th**.

Our end of year concert was a great success. Year 4's performance was very polished and I was proud of their behaviour and self control when using the paper rolls as swords. Thank you to all parents for making sure your child had the required items for the performance.

Students were required to complete a shape poem of their favourite food for homework last week. I have included one of the poems:-

A Shape Poem of My Favourite Food

by Ben

*Mangoes are juicy, golden and round
They grow on trees: they don't come from the
ground.*

*When my teeth hit the fruit, flavour bursts out!
They make a real mess, which makes my Mum
shout.*

*Mangoes are a summer fruit and real good for
you.*

Mmm, I want a mango, how about you?



Dates to Remember

Friday – Homework due
Library — Last day of borrowing
for Term 4 Friday 20th.

Friday 27th Assembly Item with Year 3.

Helen Reynolds

Year 5

Time is marching on and preparations are underway for the Year 6 farewell which Year 5 students host. There will be a meeting on Wednesday 25th November at 3.35pm in the staffroom for all parents who are interested in helping organise this event. Mrs Jenny Klepzig is scanning baby photos and would appreciate helpers. No experience necessary, as you will be shown how to use the scanner and upload the photos to the computer. Please ring Jenny to organise a time if you are able to help.

Our concert was a spectacular evening, as we were entertained by our stars. Thank you for your help in providing costumes and props.

In our COGs unit we have begun to look at healthy choices and drug education. We are using a resource that the Department of Education and Training has produced specifically for Stage 2 and 3 students. This resource "Message in Bottle" provides students with the knowledge and skills to enable them to make informed choices about substances that can affect them. We are looking at the contents/additives of a number of foods and beverages and comparing them. It certainly has our class thinking!

Captain's speeches will be heard next Friday at our Assembly which will begin at 2.45pm. We will be discussing leadership roles and responsibilities that all future Year 6 students will have next year. Speeches can be written at home, however time will be available to write speeches at school.

The students have already shown what great leaders they are in their role as a "buddy". I was very impressed to see the maturity, displayed by the Year 5 students as they helped the new Kinder children settle into the routine of school. Well done!

Our supply of tissues is very low. If you have not sent in a box this year could you please

help us out as summer colds are prevalent at the moment.

Congratulations Laticia and Abby M who are members of the girls cricket team which won against South Grafton PS in the Regional final. Well done girls and good luck in your next game.

Tracy Gooch

Year 5-6

The stars shone last Thursday night with the class and the entire school giving a great performance. Thank you to all parents for assisting with their outfits on the night. Unfortunately I didn't get the chance to take any photos of We Are the World, so if any parents have any shots or videos I would appreciate any that came out.

Well done to the cricketers in the class, Rhiannon, Morgan, Taylah, Sophie, Rachel, Darian, Ashleigh and Chloe who played against Grafton Sth to become NW and North Coast Regional Champions. An excellent level of achievement that shows that dedication, practice and skill development all pays off. Congratulations to the whole team!

As yet I haven't received that many photos, awards or other items to be scanned ready for their Y6 Presentation CD. The Year 6 have a collection from past and present work samples to add to their digital portfolio. Thank you to Mrs Klepzig and Mr Hughes for assisting in this process.

Our Homework cycle is down to one week for the remainder of the term with a spelling list and associated activities to complete. Unfinished maths work in class is also set as homework.. Maths at the moment has a focus on decimals and number patterns.

A note will go home shortly about the end of year party at the Ten Pin Bowling Centre. Please return payment and permission note as

soon as possible after you receive the note.

Phil Bellis

SPORTS NEWS

Last Monday, 16th November, the Nemingha girls' cricket team played South Grafton in the final of the North West/North Coast Region. Under very trying conditions (36 degrees) the girls played very well. After losing the toss and being sent in to bat, the girls put on 138 runs after their 25 overs. All girls batted well and formed good partnerships. Laticia opened the batting and made 27 runs. Rachel retired on 23.

As the day became hotter and hotter the girls went out onto the field and bowled well in the heat. The depth of our bowlers made a big difference and although the South Grafton girls fought hard to chase the runs, our total was just out of their reach.

This is a tremendous effort for the girls to be the champions of this region, as there are only five regions in the state in the girls' cricket competition. We now play the winner of the Hunter region which has yet to be determined.

Thanks once again to our coach Anne Coleman and to the many parents who transported the girls to Grafton. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Vanessa Fox
Girls Cricket Coordinator

P&C NEWS

Christmas Cakes Fundraiser

Please return all orders and money to the school by tomorrow (Friday 20th November). Delivery of orders will take place on Monday 7th December 2009.

CANTEEN NEWS

Our final canteen meeting for 2009 will be next Monday in the staff room at 9.30 (after the mornings assembly). All are welcome.

Our final canteen day for this year is Monday 14th December, the last week of school. As you can appreciate we do not like to have lots of food left in the canteen over the Christmas holidays. We will endeavour to slowly reduce our stock from now on, and will not be repurchasing some things. For example our yoghurt sticks are almost sold out, instead of buying more of these we will be selling frozen orange quarters instead for 20cents. These will be available at both recess and lunch.

If your child orders something that is unavailable we will offer them an alternative. It would be appreciated if, when the orders are being handed in at the window, the children can wait and see if their chosen item is available.....this will save our already hardworking volunteers a lot of "chasing time".

Some "stay cool" reminders

- ☺ meat and salad rolls for lunch are yummy!
- ☺ Our new sparkling flavoured water is very refreshing as they have 1/3 of the sugar content of fruit juice poppers.....\$1.60
- ☺ By ordering your recess and lunch you don't have to queue in line for a long time, you can sit quietly in the shade for longer.....Orders are sent to your classroom.

Marion Turner
Co-ordinator

MEETING REMINDER

You are invited to attend the final meeting of the year for both the Canteen and the Clothing Pool which is to be held on Monday 23rd November at 9.30am.



LIBRARY NEWS

Hi everyone,

Stocktake time is fast approaching!

**The library will be closed from Friday
4th December.**

As this is a short term and school ends on
Wednesday, 16th December
for the children,

**the LAST DAY for BORROWING
will be**

THIS FRIDAY, 20th November.

This will allow all books to be returned
over the following fortnight , **with all**
OUTSTANDING BOOKS
DUE BACK BY
4th DECEMBER!

We so look forward to major
LIBRARY PRIZES

on
WEDNESDAY, 16th DECEMBER
for our Nemingha Students,
as 2009 comes to a close!!!!

A very exciting time...look out for the
next Newslink for more!
Good luck children in the hunt for missing
books!

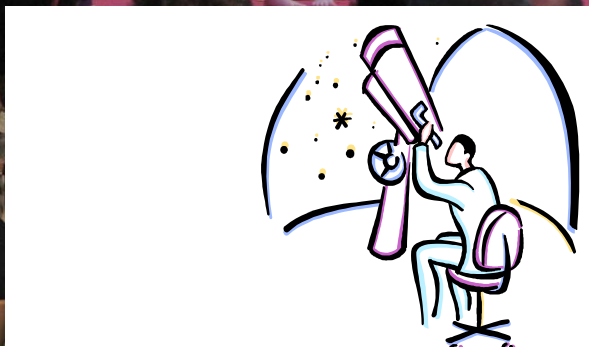
Happy Reading,
Jill White and Susan Ryan

ADMINISTRATION MATERS



SCHOOL FEES

Just a reminder that it would be appreciated if all outstanding fees could be finalised as soon as possible so that the annual school financial rollover can proceed.

STAR SEARCH



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>23</p> <p>Canteen & Clothing Pool Meeting 9.30am</p> <p>Intensive Swimming Scheme Begins</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Clothing Pool 3.15—4.00pm</p> <p>School Council 5.00pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Yr 5 Parent Meeting for Y6 Farewell 3.35pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Clothing Pool 9.00—10.00 am</p>	<p>27</p> <p>CAPTAINS' SPEECHES ASSEMBLY 2.45 pm YEARS 3 & 4 ITEM</p> <p>Clothing Pool 3.30—4.00pm</p>
<p>30</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Clothing Pool 3.15—4.00pm</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Clothing Pool 9.00—10.00 am</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Library Closed from today</p> <p>Intensive Swimming Scheme Finishes</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9.30 Scripture Christmas Service</p> <p>Active After School Activities Conclude for Term 4</p> <p>Clothing Pool 3.15—4.00pm</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Clothing Pool 9.00—10.00 am</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>PRESENTATION NIGHT 7.00pm</p> </div>	<p>11</p> <p>Clothing Pool 3.30—4.00pm</p>
<p>14</p> <p>K—2 to Kids Zone</p> <p>Yr 6 Farewell Dinner 6.00pm</p> <p>Dance K-6 7.30pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Clothing Pool 3.15—4.00pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Years 5 and 6 to Tenpin Bowling</p> <p>Years 3 and 4 to the Movies</p> <p>LAST DAY 2009</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>		<p>17</p> <p>Staff development day</p> <p>No Students</p>