



Nemingha Public School

NEWSLINK

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YOUR PRINCIPAL WRITES:

Leadership is highly promoted at Nemingha Public School and students are provided with many opportunities to be the future thinkers and leaders of tomorrow. The year 5 student candidates for captains and vice captains 2010, were no exception. They competently presented their speeches at Assembly last Friday and are to be commended for the high standard.

Congratulations to the girl's cricket team for their outstanding result against Maitland last Tuesday. The girls now move onto the State Finals series in Maitland next week. It is fantastic that we are down to the final four of the state. Thank you to Anne Coleman and Vanessa Fox for coaching the girls in reaching this level.

The Nemingha Public School Council held its last meeting for the year last Tuesday 24th November. The council worked on the Annual School Report and discussed plans and directions for 2010. Thank you to Megan Mann, Peter Graham, Nicolette Moss, Erryn Crowell, Dawn Hampstead, Jo-Anne Roberts and Tracy Gooch for their commitment and dedication to the school and their valuable input.

The swimming school ends this Friday. Congratulations to students for their efforts and Miss Rosalie Copeland for assisting the students.

We welcomed Mr. Jim White, New England Regional Director at the school today. Mr. White visited Nemingha as part of his school

visit program. He was very impressed with all the classes and students. He personally congratulated our fifteen students who achieved at state level and the girl's cricket team for their wonderful achievement.

They say a good education opens doors. This year Nemingha Public School opened many doors for our students. It has been a successful year in a range of educational areas and pursuits. Students have excelled individually and for the school. Teachers have excelled in further developing the young minds and administration staff worked hard to keep the school at a highly efficient operational level. Parents and community have helped and supported the school so that students could continue to do their best and shine for all to see.

All of our students are winners and behind each door that opens lies a whole new set of opportunities to learn. 2010 is shaping up to be another exciting year as we continue to head towards the 'Digital School'.

I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and urge everyone to take care over the holiday period. I look forward to working with you again in 2010.

Aurora Reilly
Principal



Classroom Corner

Kindergarten

Kindergarten is winding down to the end of term.

Thank you to the parents who have given their child a shoe box or a cardboard box to paint and decorate as a gift box or treasure box.

Monday 14th December is our Kids Zone and party day. Children will need to bring some morning tea and 2 water bottles for the excursion to Kids Zone and the park. Afterwards we will return to school for an end of year party; so if children can bring some food or drink to share, we will leave it in the fridge until we return to school for lunch/party and some games.

Thank you to all parents for their support this year with the many requests that I have asked of you.

Best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and Summer Holiday!

Kym Dwyer.

K-1

This is the last *Newslink* for 2009.

It has been a busy and productive year and I have really enjoyed working with the children in K/1. They have been a happy and enthusiastic group of students.

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents for their help during the year. A special thanks to those who have been able to come into school and help with reading and gross motor activities.

Presentation night will be on Thursday 10th December. We hope all the students will be able to attend this very important evening.

The children are looking forward to our party

day on Monday 14th December. A permission note was sent home earlier in the week with information about the day. Please return this as soon as possible.



I wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday.

Rosalie Copeland

Year 1

This term has certainly flown by and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and assistance with our class activities throughout the year. All the children have benefitted greatly from the help they have received in reading and I am sure you will agree they certainly “sparkled” on concert night thanks to our clever mum’s.

Monday 14th December is our annual excursion to Kids Zone. The children will need to take their recess and a drink with them. Could you please ensure all drink bottles and food containers are labelled with your child’s name? On return to school we will be having our class party. Each child is required to bring a plate of food or some drink to share with his/her class mates.

Next week we will be removing some of the artwork from the walls and completing our workbooks. Could each person bring a plastic bag to help carry home some of these work samples? Please remember to return all library books and have a hunt around for any lost books. This would greatly help Mrs White as she is in the process of stocktaking the resources in the library.

Congratulations to all our award winners for the past fortnight. As our assemblies are completed for this year there will no longer be “Reach for the Stars” Awards for 2009. Any children who have achieved 10 bronzes will be receiving their silvers at the Monday

morning assembly. I will keep the children's bronze awards over the holidays and pass them on to their new teacher next year.

Next week is our last week for homework. Congratulations to all those children who always complete their homework. So we can collect all the reading resources, this Friday will be the last day for take-home reading. Please endeavour to help your child bring all reading materials back to school for use next year.

Have a safe and restful holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in 2010.

Leanne Kemp.

Year 2

As the school year draws to a close, there are a few details that children will need to be aware of so that the next few weeks run smoothly.

Please remember to bring in your note and payment for Kids Zone. On our return from Kids Zone the children are also having a class party. Children need to make a **small** contribution of either food or drinks that we can all share. If you do **not** want your child to participate you will need to supply their normal lunch. I will provide some plastic cups and plates. If any parents are available to help organise the food (heating up etc.) it would be much appreciated. Next week I will send a note home about the party food so that I have a better idea of what people are bringing and that we don't have too much of one sort of food.

Over the past few weeks the children have been looking at how our school environment has changed since they have come to school. They have drawn some lovely pictures of the sails, the vegetable garden and the fixed equipment. These are just a few of the changes that they have seen in the three years since their arrival at Nemingha School.

As this is the final *Newslink* for 2009, I would like to thank all parents for their help and support this year. The children have been a pleasure to teach and I would like to wish them all the very best as they move into Year 3 next year.

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and an enjoyable start to the new year.

Vanessa Fox

Year 3

This will be the last *Newslink* for the year. I wish to say thank you to all students and parents for the effort and help I have been given since starting at Nemingha. I have really enjoyed being part of a great school.

It is great to see everyone continuing to work hard and enjoying it. Although we will be completing some Christmas craft in the afternoons, students will be working right up until the last day of school. This is very important so that the students are able to retain what they have learnt during the year.

I would like to thank all the parents who came to watch our 'Mummy' and 'Oompa Loompa' performance. The students certainly enjoyed themselves.

On Wednesday 16th December the last day of term the students have an excursion to the movies. Can you please make sure that if your child is going you send in the note and money as soon as possible so we can give final numbers to the cinema. The students will be seeing "Where the Wild Things Are". Our class party will also be on the last day and everyone will be asked to bring a plate to share with each other.

A reminder to everyone that Presentation night is next Thursday 10th December.

As we are trying to promote healthy eating, it is a request that the students only hand cards to their friends and not candy canes.

Even though the weather has cooled a little bit, it is still very important that students have enough water to drink (2 water bottles) as well as wearing sunscreen and their school hat.

Next week I will send out a note asking that all students bring in \$2 to cover the cost of some material so we can make some hanging objects for Christmas.

Kristine Sharkey

Year 4

It is countdown to the end of the term with only one and a half weeks remaining. It is hard to believe this term has gone so quickly and that Christmas is upon us in 20 days. We are still working hard in class finishing our unit on 'British Colonisation of Australia' and there are a few projects still to be presented.

On the last day of term our class and Year 3 are going to the movies. The movie we have chosen to watch is based on the classic children's picture book 'Where The Wild Things Are' by *Maurice Sendak*. The book was first published in 1963 and was the winner of the Caldecott Medal as the 'most distinguished picture book of the year'. A permission note was sent home with your child at the beginning of the week. Please return with money by end of week 8.

Our assembly item last Friday with Year 3 was very polished and the students did an amazing job considering they were only given a very short time to learn the 'Mummy' song. I would like to thank Mrs Sharkey for the fabulous costumes that she provided.

Each child will need to bring a **plastic or recyclable bag** to take home their books in the last week of term.

Next week we will be sewing Christmas craft and students are asked to bring in \$2.00 each to contribute towards the materials.

Dates to Remember

Library – All library books should be returned by tomorrow (4th December)

Movies - 16th December 10.am cost \$9.80 per student. (This includes bus travel).

Scripture - Whole school scripture with Eric the Emu on Tuesday 8th at 9.30.

I would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a safe, relaxing holiday and wish Year 4 students all the best for 2010.

Helen Reynolds

Year 5

All students who presented their Captains' speeches are to be congratulated on their public speaking skills. I was most impressed with the quality and delivery of the speeches. Each and every student is worthy of the Captain's role, however there are only four positions and 31 wonderful candidates. It is important to remember that ALL senior students can be great leaders and role models no matter the results of the elections.

Students continue to apply themselves to their learning. In reading we are looking at figurative language and we will apply this in our writing. In numeracy we have been exploring negative numbers and are continuing to revise this year's work.

Congratulations to Abby M and Laticia who were part of the winning girl's cricket team. What an incredible performance. We wish them all the best for the next game on Tuesday at Maitland.

We are busy organising the Year 6 farewell and preparations are well underway. A meeting for parents will be held next Monday at 3.30pm in the staff room. This is to finalise any last minute details. The hall will be set up on Sunday 13th at 9.30am. If you could help out it would be appreciated.

Tracy Gooch

Year 5-6

Congratulations to the girls in class who are now through to the State PSSA Cricket Championships next week. We wish Morgan, Rhiannon, Darian, Sophie, Rachel, Chloe, Taylah, Bree, Ashleigh and Eliza all the best in the competition next Tuesday.

A reminder to Year 6 that photos will be taken at the school before and during their farewell dinner on Monday 14th December. These photos will be available for the children to download onto their thumb drives the next day.

In maths recently we have been looking at the area of circles and how they can use the rule or formula to work out answers to more complex problems.

The class has a short “GOOGLE EARTH” presentation to work on in groups in which they have to take a virtual world tour to at least 4 continents, visiting as many interesting cultural or geographical places as possible.

Presentation night is next Thursday evening at 7.00 pm. The class will combine with Yr 5 to recite “The Man from Ironbark” by A.B. Patterson. School uniforms are to be worn.

A reminder that all notes and money for the end of year excursion to Tamworth Tenpin need to be returned to school by Friday, 11th December so that lunch orders can be sent to the venue.

Phil Bellis

SPORTS NEWS

Last Tuesday, the 1st December, the Nemingha Girls Cricket team played Maitland Public School in the inter-regional final of the PSSA Lord Taverner’s Shield. This was to determine who would go on to contest the final series in Maitland next week.

The girls lost the toss and were sent in to bat

on the turf wicket at Chaffey Park. Laticia and Rhiannon began well. Laticia scored quickly to get to 17 runs. All the girls continued to bat well and kept the runs “ticking over”. Darian scored 11 runs, and Rhiannon went on to score an unbeaten 40 before she had to retire.

After setting a total of 116 after 25 overs, the girls went out to field. All girls bowled well, with eight girls picking up wickets. Rachel took 2 for 6. Morgan also took two great catches in the field. Maitland were all out for 25 runs after 14 overs.

We now move to the final four in the state and play in the final series at Maitland on Tuesday 8th December. Our first match will be against Milton who were the winners of the South Coast/Riverina region.

Thanks again to all the parents who have been a great support for the girls.

Vanessa Fox, Girls Cricket Coordinator

P&C NEWS

CANTEEN

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the position of Canteen Convenor has become vacant. The P&C would like anyone interested in filling this position to contact either Mariko Batho, Treasurer, (0417021524) or Peter Graham, President (0409824128).

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

Parents who ordered Christmas pies, puddings and cakes are reminded that they will be delivered and available on Monday 7th December from 2.30—3.30 pm in the hall.

P&C LIFETIME MEMBERS

P&C would like to know the names of any Lifetime P&C members. If you have any information or know of any Lifetime members could you please contact Peter Graham or the school office. Any assistance would be appreciated.

SPELLING BEE

The State final of the Premier's Spelling Bee was an amazing experience. It was a little bit nerve-racking and I was feeling great until Round 3. I was out.....but I tried my best.

At the end I was presented with a medallion and a large Macquarie Dictionary.

I would like to thank the Nemingha P&C for their financial support. I would also like to thank the school, it's students and staff, for cheering me on.

Harrison
Year 5

Merry Christmas Library News

Term 4 is nearly at an end. It's time to clean out those cupboards and return books!

Lots of wonderful book prize opportunities are coming as a

REWARD

for children who return their books by the end of Week 7 (this week)!!

Up to 3 entries into the competition for each child to win

** Class Book Prizes

**Christmas surprise packs

**Large Christmas prizes to the Grand Prize winners of the year.

The draw will take place after lunch on Wednesday 16th December (last day of term)

Bookclub

We are so grateful for your support throughout the year, as Scholastic offers the school huge book rewards that help to add to our collection and also go towards prizes!

Have a merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday. Look forward to seeing you all in 2010.

Jill White

ADMINISTRATION MATERS

SCHOOL FEES

It's not too late to finalise any outstanding accounts for 2009! Thank you to all parents who have paid school contributions this year. Term fees will remain at \$13.00 for Kindergarten and Year 1 and \$17.00 for students in Years 2—6. These contributions are used to purchase resources for your children.

Students in K—5 will be issued with Targeting Handwriting workbooks which have been ordered and the price of these will be advised early in Term 1. The cost is generally around the \$9 mark—which is Students who do not already have a “Wordbank” book will be issued with one at the beginning of the year. The cost of this will be \$4.00.

PERMISSION NOTES

It is a Departmental requirement that all children have parental/caregiver permission to attend excursions.

Increasingly, permission notes are not being returned to school by the requested dates. This creates problems and causes inconvenience to the organiser/s of the excursions/events, especially when transport has to be arranged and costs are involved.

If notes are not returned promptly, this could result in your child missing out. Please check dates, times and costs carefully and return permission notes and money in time.

CLOTHING POOL NEWS

Clothing Pool will be open on Wednesday 27th January (School Development Day). Mrs Hawes will be in attendance from 9.00am until lunchtime and again at the normal opening time on Thursday 28th (9.00—10.00am).

YEAR 6 FAREWELL AND DANCE

The organising committee has been working hard behind the scenes with over 60 people expected at the dinner. Don't forget Year 6 that the dress is casual but smart and you need to be at school for photos at 5.30pm.

Year 5 and Year 6 will be seated at 6.00pm in the hall for dinner and speeches. Dinner will finish at 7.20pm so that the hall can be cleared for the dance.

All other children from Kindergarten to Year 4 can come into the hall at 7.30pm. There is no entry charge and cake with a cool drink will be provided before they go home at 9.00pm.

ALL PARENTS ARE REMINDED TO PICK THEIR CHILDREN UP PROMPTLY AT 9.00PM

HOLIDAY HELP NEEDED!!!

We have received new take home readers and they need to be covered with contact in the holidays so that they will be ready for use in the new year. If there is anyone who could assist with covering, could you please contact Vanessa Fox.

WHO WILL BE AT NEMINGHA SCHOOL NEXT YEAR?

For organisational purposes, the school needs to know **definite** numbers in each class for 2010.

If your child is ***not*** going to remain at Nemingha Public School next year, please complete the slip below and send it in to the office as soon as possible.

Child's name: _____

2009 Class: _____

State Representatives in Sport



Regional Director of Education Mr Jim White with:
Back—L to R: Jock , Blake , Rachel , Harry , Harrison
Front—L to R: Tim , Rhiannon , Morgan , Chloe , Matthew .




Nemingha Girls State Cricket Finalists



L-R (back) Bree , Sophie , Rachel , Mr Jim White, Chloe , Taylah , Darian
L-R (front) Morgan , Rhiannon , Ashleigh , Eliza , Abby
(missing: Laticia)



DECEMBER 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	8 9.30 Scripture Christmas Service Active After School Activities Clothing Pool 3.15—4.00pm	9	10 Clothing Pool 9.00—10.00 am  Active After School Activities Conclude for Term 4 PRESENTATION NIGHT 7.00pm	11 Clothing Pool 3.30—4.00pm
14 K—2 to Kids Zone Yr 6 Farewell Dinner 6.00pm Dance K-6 7.30pm	15 Clothing Pool 3.15—4.00pm	16 Years 5 and 6 to Tenpin Bowling Years 3 and 4 to the Movies LAST DAY 2009 		17 Staff development day No Students
21 December 2009	HOLIDAYS			23 January 2010
		JANUARY 2010		
25 HOLIDAYS	26 AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY 	27 TEACHERS AND STAFF RETURN Clothing Pool Open 9.00 am—12.00	28 Clothing Pool 9.00—10.00 am STUDENTS IN YEARS 1 to 6 RETURN	29 2010 KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS BEGIN Canteen Open
FEBRURARY 1	2	3	4	5