



# Nemingha Public School

## NEWSLINK

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### YOUR PRINCIPAL WRITES:

Welcome back to all students for Term 4. This term will be another busy and exciting time with some major events and programs planned, such as:

- Charity Day;
- Kindergarten Transition;
- Swimming Scheme; Presentation Night; and
- The Year 6 Farewell.

Dates for events are published on the back of each newsletter.

Well done to Matthew Corney, James Smith and Karie Mayman for competing in the Regional Spelling Bee competition at Oxley Vale Public School last term. They are to be commended for their fine efforts and for making it through to the middle rounds in their divisions.

The NAPLAN results for Year 3 and Year 5 students were published late last term. Nemingha Public School achieved great standards. Year 3 students were above state average in Literacy and well above state average in Numeracy. Year 5 students were above state average in Literacy and scored highly in reading. Year 5 students performed above state average in number. The results will be published in the school's Annual Report for 2010 and will be on the 'My School' website.

The school evaluations are underway and this year we are evaluating Literacy, spelling is the focus. As this is the fourth year that we have Smartboards in every classroom, we are evaluating the effectiveness of integrating technology in teaching and learning. Surveys for students and teachers will be conducted next week. The parent surveys have been designed by parents on the evaluation team and School Council. The surveys will be sent home next week and parents will have the option to complete the surveys on line.

The school year ends on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December for students, this is their last day. On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December it will be Staff Development Days for teachers and staff to plan for 2011.

**Aurora Reilly**  
**Principal**

## Charity day

Each year our students conduct a "Charity Day" to raise funds for a chosen charity. This year, our Charity Day will be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November from 1.30—3.00pm. This "mini fete" is a chance for the children to have fun and raise money for worthwhile causes. This year funds raised will be donated to two charities— Cancer Research and Tasmanian Devil Research.

Some of the activities this year will be:

- K & K-1 - Trash 'n Treasure
- Y1-2 & Y2 - Bottle Stall & Lucky Dips
- Y3 - Hoopla
- Y4 - Sunken Treasure
- Y5 - Spiders & Icecreams
- Y6 - Face Painting & Tattoos
- Nail Salon
- Monster Maze
- Gold Rush.

Donations for the stalls would be much appreciated— goods for the trash 'n treasure, jars with lids, lollies, small lucky dip prizes, small prizes to attach to the Hooplas, icecream and fizzy drinks, face paint, tattoos, etc.

Parents and community are also invited to come along and enjoy the day!

**Keep your eye out for the Northern Daily Leader this Saturday. Nemingha Public School will be featured in a 2 page spread!**

# Classroom Corner

## Kindergarten

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great holiday. I look forward to another very busy term with Kindergarten.

This week the children are revising all letters and sounds. An emphasis is on the short vowel sounds as next week we will be blending sounds to spell cvc (consonant-vowel-consonant) words. We will begin with the at words.

Our first COGs unit is titled "Healthy Choices". The children should be able to make informed and positive health choices by learning about nutrition, preventative health strategies and how the sun's energy can affect us.

Assessment of students will continue over the next few weeks in preparation for school reports.

**Denise Barnes**

## K-1

Welcome back to school and Term 4. The children have recounted many stories this week, about their holidays. We all enjoyed hearing about their individual experiences.

For spelling homework, both Kinder and Year 1 are expected to use the Look, Cover, Write, Check method. This involves looking and studying a word, then covering that word with one hand while writing that word with the pencil-holding hand. Lastly you check the spelling of the word in the list and see if your word is correct. Then move on to the next word. Kinder students should be sounding out the CVC words (ie. consonant, vowel, consonant) as well as writing the letters.

Our COGS unit is "Understanding Ourselves" which is all about Celebrations and Festivals. We look at the different cultures, beliefs and traditions of Australians and other nationalities around the world. This week we have begun by looking at posters of many different celebrations in Australia and discussed their title and relevance to our lives.

For News topics students can choose from the following list:

- Birthdays
- Easter
- Christmas
- Australia Day
- New Years Eve
- Anzac Day
- Remembrance Day
- Halloween
- Weddings
- Engagements
- Christenings
- Graduations
- Queen's Birthday
- Grand Final
- Country Music Cavalcade

and any other special time in our lives.

**Kym Dwyer.**

## Year 1-2

Welcome back to term 4. Another busy term is upon us with many exciting experiences planned for this ten week period. Our class welcomes Pilan Fitzpatrick to Year 1/2 from Young Public School and farewells Sophie Wallis-Nowlan.

It was wonderful to hear all the exciting holiday stories on Monday and read lots of journal reports about the comings and goings of our class members. We have been looking at the use of ten frames in maths to improve our addition facts to 20. This, coupled with the daily maths mentals, has helped the class to increase their mathematical skills as well as their computation skills.

This term's COGs unit is titled "Understanding Ourselves." This deals with celebrations around the world and compares these with Australian festivals and celebrations. The talking and listening topics for this term also relate to this topic, please see the list of topics sent home on Monday.

We have a number of students receiving silver awards at next week's assembly. Congratulations to all these students.

**Leanne Kemp.**

## Year 2

Welcome back to another busy term in Year 2!

This term our C.O.G's unit is about 'Powering



On'. It has a science focus and the children will learn about energy. They will find out what energy is, what the sources and types of energy are, as well as devices that use energy. We will also briefly look at how we can save energy and cut down our uses. We will also look closely at solar energy during the term and we will hopefully be successful in making a solar oven. We will also be making and decorating our own paper kites and use the wind to make them move.

During the term (about Week 4) the children will be asked to bring in a toy that uses energy to move, light up or make a noise. For example, a toy with batteries or a toy that can move with a push or pull. If the toy is too precious then it is best left at home. However, the toys will be kept in a special place in the classroom and the utmost care will be taken with them. I will let the children know closer to the time.

A small project about 'Toys' will be sent home next week. It will be a similar format to the Birthday Project so it should not be too difficult to complete. However, hold on to any catalogues that come in the mail from now on – especially those that are advertising toys. They will be a great help for pictures! The children obviously enjoyed the last project because they can't wait to do another one.

The children will be participating in Tabloid Sports activities this term with K – 2. They will be placed in mixed teams and participate as a country. It will involve rotating around a number of activities with the emphasis mainly on accuracy, throwing and movement in a fun environment.

Thank you for continuing to send in lids from Chinese containers. If any one uses the yellow Butter Soft containers they are ideal for holding water when we paint, so if you could remember to send some in it would be greatly appreciated.

**Vanessa Fox**

### ***Year 3***

Welcome back to a busy Term 4! I am looking forward to teaching the Year 3 class this term and I am enjoying getting to know all of the students. Parents are welcome to introduce themselves to me, however, if you would like to discuss your child's education, please contact

the office for an appointment. Thank you to Mrs Young and Miss Gurd for their hard work last term.

Term 4 lessons are set to include many interesting topics. We have already begun to look at the text type 'Exposition', and throughout the term the students will be able to produce a variety of impressive written expositions. Our COGS unit is called 'Understanding Each Other'. The unit focuses on exploring different cultures, customs, viewpoints and types of relationships in order to better understand each other. We will also be investigating our place in the solar system during this unit.

Homework begins this week, and is due back each Friday. Each week, homework consists of spelling, literacy, maths and times table practice. The homework will be explained to the students before being sent home but they may need some minor assistance from you. I strongly encourage students to read at home each day to help develop their reading skills.

Year 3 are also busily preparing their item for next week's assembly and are proud to be performing for the school community. We hope to see you there!

**Susan Polson**

### ***Year 4***

Welcome back to what will be another busy and exciting term! It is hard to believe that it is term 4 already. Where has the year gone? I hope everyone has had a restful and happy holiday. This term will be full of interesting learning experiences for the students in Year 4.

Our main COGS focus this term is 'Understanding Each Other'. The focus of this unit is exploring different cultures, customs, viewpoints and types of relationships to in order to better understand each other. In addition to this, we will be investigating our place in the solar system.

In literacy, the students will be learning how to write persuasive texts. The students will be involved in creating advertisements, debating and writing expositions. During our numeracy sessions, the students will be consolidating and revising concepts learnt during this year and I will be preparing the students for their move into Year 5 next year.

Homework this term will continue as normal until the end of week nine. There are four main components to the homework contract. Each night students will need to revise their spelling list for the week (LSCWC), read to a parent or guardian (*please sign the reading log in the homework contract*), and complete the maths and English exercises. The first maths sheet is for everyone, and the second maths sheet is for those who wish to complete additional homework. Big congratulations go to all the students who have completed their homework every week.

If at any stage you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's progress, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

**Luke Polson**

## ***Year 5***

The last term for 2010 is upon us and it is shaping up to be another busy one. I hope that everyone had a restful holiday and now feels refreshed and ready to begin the terms activities.

This term our COGs unit is 'Symbol Systems'. We will explore how symbols can be personal, cultural and global. We will be discovering that symbols can be used to communicate in many ways including art, product design, media and movement.

This term the students from Year Five and their parents/carers will organise and host the Year Six Farewell. A meeting will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 3.45pm in the Year 5 classroom for all interested parent/carers who are interested in helping with this event. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

The winter season has seen our tissue store depleted and now with the spring hay fever season in full swing we are in urgent need of tissues. Thank you for helping to restock.

**Tracy Gooch**

## ***Year 6***

Welcome back to another very busy term. The Year 6 room is buzzing with excitement as we commence the final term for 2010. The students have returned to the classroom looking well rested and ready for action. Mr Bellis remains on

leave this term and his teaching program and class routines will be closely followed during his absence. Our thoughts are with him at this time and we remain in touch via email while he is away. Mrs Young and Mrs Diss will share the teaching in the Year 6 room this term.

Homework remains on a weekly cycle this term with all maths tasks due for submission each Wednesday. Spelling and literacy tasks are due each Friday. The COGS unit this term is "Symbol Systems". An intensive study of China will form a key component of this unit of study. We are looking forward to testing our culinary skills as the term unfolds with some cooking (....Chinese of course !!!!).

Mrs Young and I have both been thrilled by the mature approach each student has taken to their learning and behaviour this week. What a great way to start the final term of primary school. Congratulations everybody !!!

Finally, we encourage parents to contact us if they have any concerns or questions about class happenings during Mr Bellis' absence.

**Pip Diss and Annie Young**



## **Coles Promotion**

Well done to all the families who have brought in their 'Coles Sports for Schools' vouchers. As a result of everyone's hard work, we have over 3200 vouchers! This will entitle the school to some brand new sporting equipment to be delivered in time for the start of the 2011 school year. We have until October 31<sup>st</sup> to collect as many vouchers as we can. Please encourage friends, family and neighbours to continue collecting vouchers. These can be given to Mr Polson and they will be added to our collection.

**Luke Polson**

## ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS

Expression of Interest forms for this term's Active After Schools program have gone home to each family today. The program will begin in Week 3 and finish in Week 9. If you are interested in your child participating on either or both days, please return the forms promptly so that full permission notes can be sent home and returned in time for the start of the sessions.

## Library News

Welcome to Term 4 with a special thanks to those who returned their books this week. Well done!

### **NB—Library Closed Week 2**

As I will be away in Week 2, children who re-borrow do not need to return their books until Week 3. I look forward to a catch up then when I will be at school from Tuesday to Friday.

*Jill White*

**WORLD FOOD DAY  
SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

Test your skills in English, Maths, Science, Geography, etc, at different levels by logging on to a United Nations site: [www.freerice.com](http://www.freerice.com) and help starving nations. Each correct answer earns you 10 grains of rice to be donated to people in need.

Just login using a false name if under 12 years. NO SURNAME is required.

## NO HAT—NO PLAY

As the weather is warming and children are out in the sun more—it is important that they wear their school hats at all times when outside. If children do not have a hat they will be asked to sit under the COLA in the shade. Please ensure that your child remembers to wear their hat each day.



## Use of Staff Car Park

The car park at the front of the school is designated for **Departmental staff only**.

As there are 17 staff members requiring access to parking and there are only 20 spaces available, it is necessary that parents and/or carers coming to the school for a short term visit, only use the rear car park.

It is against the school's policy for children to leave the quadrangle area and go to the car park or front gate unless they are accompanied by an adult. Therefore it is requested that parents do not wait in vehicles and expect children to go to them unaccompanied.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS



School photos were sent home today. Sporting team proofs will be available to view at the school office from Tuesday 19th October. Payment for team photos must accompany the order. These will then be sent to the photographers and the photos will be returned to the school for distribution.

## MOBILE PHONES

There is no need for children to have mobile phones at school. If there is a special circumstance for children to have them on a particular occasion, then contact must be made, in writing, to the Principal explaining the reason for the need.







## Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive starting soon

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water. But no parent can forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs give wonderful results, and are great fun as well! Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW, including somewhere near you.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

**Prices for nine lessons are \$59 for school-aged children and \$44 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).**

For more information or to make a booking, phone 13 13 02  
or visit [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au)



**Communities**  
Sport & Recreation

**Brochures and application forms are available from the School Office.**



The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register collects information on children living with vision impairment. It is sponsored by the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children. This information is used in research and to provide better services for children.

Families who join the Register are given access to a variety of resources to better understand their child's condition and to find low vision services, including an online parent forum where they can meet one another. There is no charge to families for their involvement.

If you are interested please visit the Register website at:  
<http://www.ridbc.org.au/renwick/research/ozviskids.asp>.

Or call (02) 98720303 for more details.



## **Sign on Day Sharks Swimming Club**

**When: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

**Time: 1pm to 3pm**

**Where: Tamworth City Olympic Pool Club-  
house Kable Avenue, Tamworth**

## **Free Sausage Sizzle**

**Come and find out about the swimming season, see the great new swimwear and have a great time.**

**All new swimmers will be assessed by the coach and graded for training  
Club swimmers will be on display with a sizing kit available for trying on if you wish to order or purchase. Former club swimmers are available for sale at a reduced cost.**

**Please bring a birth certificate for all new members.**

**First Club Grading Night – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 6pm.**



## **Dungowan & District Tennis Club's**



### **Adult Mixed Summer Competition**

**A & B Grades**


**To commence in early November on Tuesday and Wednesday Nights .**

**Time : 7.30 sharp Cost: \$6.00/night plus \$6.00 membership Entries due: 27<sup>th</sup> October**

**Contact Rob Brady 0417694226 or 67694275 or James Haling 0429691636**

**Tennis Competition for children in Years 3—8 is still being finalised  
Details to follow**

# OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2010

| <i>Monday</i>   | <i>Tuesday</i>  | <i>Wednesday</i>   | <i>Thursday</i>   | <i>Friday</i>   |
|---|---|--|---|---|
| <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b><br><br>Clothing Pool<br>3.15—4.00pm<br><br>School Council<br>5.00pm | <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b><br>Clothing Pool<br>9.00—10.00  | <b>22</b><br><br><b>ASSEMBLY</b><br>3.00pm<br>Year 3 item   |
| <b>25</b><br><br><b>Active After<br/>Schools Prog.<br/>Begins</b> | <b>26</b><br><br>Clothing Pool<br>3.15—4.00pm                                 | <b>27</b><br><br><b>Aunty Peach &amp;<br/>the Revolting<br/>Rhymes<br/>Performance</b> | <b>28</b><br>Clothing Pool<br>9.00—10.00<br><br><b>Active After<br/>Schools</b> | <b>29</b>   |
| <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b><br><br>Clothing Pool<br>3.15—4.00pm                                  | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b><br>Clothing Pool<br>9.00—10.00   | <b>5</b><br><br><b>Charity<br/>Day</b><br><br> |
| <b>8</b><br><br><b>Kinder<br/>Orientation<br/>9.30—11.00</b>      | <b>9</b><br><br>Clothing Pool<br>3.15—4.00pm                                  | <b>10</b><br><br><b>Kinder<br/>Orientation<br/>9.30 –11.00</b>                         | <b>11</b><br>Clothing Pool<br>9.00—10.00  | <b>12</b><br><br><b>Kinder<br/>Orientation<br/>9.30—3.30</b>  |