



Nemingha Public School

NEWSLINK

Term 4 , Week 3

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YOUR PRINCIPAL WRITES:

Nemingha Public School evaluation team designed and conducted digital surveys for the spelling and technology evaluations last week. All students Year 3 to Year 6 and teachers completed the surveys on line. It was efficient and up to date and the responses were collated and generated in a short time frame. Students in Kinder to Year 2 filled in a paper survey and next year they will have a go using the computer. There is an improved format for the parent survey which includes provision to respond for each child in the family. Also a digital survey has been designed for parents to complete on line from the school's website.

A note was sent home to all families on Tuesday for parents to please indicate if they would like a paper survey otherwise they can complete the survey on line at the school's website. At this stage, we are very pleased with the input from students and teachers and look forward to the parent input so that we can gather valuable information to set directions for next year.

An audit was conducted at the school last week by the Department of Education and Training for OH&S and Finance. The school performed well and its practices and procedures are in line with mandatory policies and guidelines. Mrs. Moss and Mrs. Kemp recently attended a four day OH&S training program and this knowledge will further ensure that Nemingha stays ahead and is a safe and secure environment.

Last Friday at the school's assembly, Mrs. Kym Dwyer was recognised for her 30 Years service as a teacher. I presented Mrs. Dwyer with a certificate from the Department Education and Training. Congratulations to Mrs. Dwyer for her commitment, dedication and quality teaching to Nemingha students, parents and school community over a large part of her teaching career.

Charity Day is to be held next Friday and students are working very hard organising their stalls. It begins at 1.00 pm and all parents and family members are invited to come along and join in the fun. All funds raised this year will go to Cancer Research and research into Tasmanian Devils.

Aurora Reilly
Principal



NOTELINK

Notelink is a brief description of notes sent home recently. This is an excellent way to check if you have received all notes sent home. Copies of most notes can be found on the school's website in the calendar section.

Please check your child's communication folder daily.

- Active After Schools Program
- Spelling/Technology Survey requests
- Aunty Peach permission note

Classroom Corner

Kindergarten

The children have settled into Term 4 well and are working very hard. During the past couple of weeks we have been blending sounds to spell cvc (consonant-vowel-consonant) words. This week we are looking at the en words. A new sight word list was sent home on Monday.

On Wednesday students enjoyed a visit from 'Aunty Peach' who entertained us with her animated storytelling and wonderful magic tricks. A number of students were lucky enough to be chosen to be part of the show.

Charity Day will be held at the school next Friday. Kinder children are responsible for the Trash 'n' Treasure stall. Thank you to those who have already donated items.

Congratulations to all who received their silver awards at last week's assembly. Well done!

Denise Barnes

K-1

This week in spelling Kinder children have been blending -en words and will follow with -in and -it words in the next two weeks. Year 1 have been learning words that contain an o sound such as oa in boat, o-e in rode and o in goes and also. Next week we will study ar words and then ir words in Week 5.

On Wednesday the whole school enjoyed the Aunty Peach and the Revolting Rhymes show. It was wonderful to see Roald Dahl's words come to life at Nemingha.

Charity Day is next week on Friday. Kinder and K-1 are running the Trash'n'Treasure stall. So we would appreciate each family sending in anything they may not need anymore; toys, books, CDs, DVDs and anything that you think others might use or like to take home. Many years ago my son bought and brought home a framed painting so someone's trash might be another's treasure. Thank you for your anticipated generosity with donations and allowing your child to participate by spending some money at our annual Charity Day. Parents are very welcome to come and assist on our stall, set it up and walk around with their child to

the different stalls.



Below I have listed again the suggested News topics for students to choose from; as most young children find it easier to report on something they have experienced, it would be helpful if parents could remind their child about the christening, wedding, football presentation or Nanna's 50th that the family attended.

News topics for the Celebrations and Festivals theme:

- 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.

A reminder to parents to be vigilant in checking their child's hair as I was recently informed of a child having head lice. Thank you.

Kym Dwyer

Year 1-2

Thank you to everyone who has donated goods for the bottle stall that will be run on Charity Day, next Friday. As well as being a fun afternoon for the school we are raising funds for cancer research and Tasmanian Devil research. The Charity Day will take place from 1:00pm - 3:00pm.

Our class had a great time participating in the performance, Aunty Peach and the Revolting Rhymes, on Wednesday. It certainly created a lot of discussion after the show amongst the children.

A huge thank you to Mrs Fox for organising the Infants sporting program for term 4. Each child has been assigned a country (team) in which

they complete a number of sporting skills and earn points for their teams.

In writing we have been completing procedures. All our class has written a procedure on how to play a game, how to make a banana split and how to make a lion mask. All class members can now correctly identify the necessary parts of a procedure.

In maths the class has been looking at using graphs to identify information, as well as using ordinal numbers in their correct way. Over the next week Year 1/2 will be completing some mathematics assessments for term 4 reporting.

In the next few weeks a small project will be sent home for completion. This will relate to our COGs unit- "Understanding Ourselves." The project will not require a lot of adult help to complete, and will take the place of regular homework over those weeks.

Congratulations to all our award winners from the past fortnight. It has allowed many of the Year 1 students to earn their first gold award, well done!

Leanne Kemp

Year 2

Thank you to those people who have already begun to send in lucky dips and jars full of exciting things for the bottle stall. It is only a short time before Charity Day and we need plenty of jars, so please send some in if you can.

The children had an enjoyable time during our new sports activities where they competed as countries doing a variety of tabloid activities. Some of the Year 2 people made great leaders for their countries which was a great help for the younger children.

At the moment the children are working on their information reports about a toy that moves. The children can start to bring in a moving toy from now on. It is best that they stay at school, if this is possible, to save the children having to remember to bring it in every day. They are kept in a safe place in the classroom. Not every child needs to bring in a toy that moves, so please don't send a precious toy to school.

Next week we are planning to make a solar oven as part of our unit about energy. This has

already created a lot of interest among the children so let's hope the sun is shining next week!

Vanessa Fox

Year 3

Thank you to the parents who were able to watch us perform at last week's assembly. I was proud of the students' performance (even with a slight technical glitch). Well done Year 3! You were able to learn a new song in the Indonesian language and perform using percussion instruments at the same time. What an interesting way to appreciate another culture!

In the classroom, Year 3 students are busily learning as much as we can in preparation for some assessment tasks in the coming weeks. We are learning about the persuasive text 'Expositions' in the forms of letters and advertisements. It has been interesting to hear the students' views and arguments on varying topics. We have begun to learn about Indigenous Dreamtime stories and artworks as part of the unit 'Understanding Each Other', as well as study how schools differ in other countries.

I am pleased with the students' efforts with homework so far this term. Don't forget each complete week's homework earns one star on the class star chart! If students are having difficulty with the activities, I urge them to see me during the week so I can assist them.

Year 3 will be running Hoopla at the annual Nemingha School Charity Day on Friday the 5th of November. We still need small prizes for this game and would appreciate your help in donating these prizes. The students and I are all looking forward to Charity Day.

Susan Polson

Year 4

The term continues to be very busy with students working very hard across all key learning areas. I am very pleased with the effort and application all students have shown. It shows me you are almost ready to move into the senior years of primary school!

We are currently revising and consolidating concepts learnt throughout the year in

preparation for end of year assessments will commence in the next two weeks. Shortly we will also begin rehearsing our end of year performance item for Presentation Night in December. This year we will be joining with Year 3 and Year 5 to present the performance together. I'm sure everyone will really enjoy being part of this performance - it is going to be lots of fun!

In class we are continuing to work with persuasive texts and have looked at how persuasion is used within advertisements. This week, students created Storyboards for advertisements of their own. In our science lessons we have been learning lots of interesting information about the planets and the solar system. The students have had some very interesting lessons in Year 4!

Year 4 will be organising a "sunken treasure" stall for Charity day next Friday. Any donations of small prizes would be most appreciated. These can be brought to school anytime during the next week. Thank you.

As the weather is really starting to warm up, every child must come to school with their hat. The school has a 'no hat no play' policy and students not wearing a hat must be sitting in the shade underneath the COLA. Also, please make sure the students have a water bottle.

Congratulations to all the students who received Silver Awards at last week's assembly.

Luke Polson

Year 5

Thank you to the parents who attended the Year 6 Farewell meeting held last Thursday. It seems there was a hiccup with the online *Newslink* so many of you were unaware that it was being held. Another meeting has been organised for Friday 5th November at 3.35pm. This is Charity Day so hopefully many of you will be in attendance. Your help in organising this event is vital to its success and it is reciprocated for your child when they are in Year 6, by the students and parents of Year 5 next year.

Charity Day is fast approaching and Year 5 students will be making and selling ice-cream spiders and ice-cream cones. Donations of plastic glasses, soft drink, cones, hundreds and

thousands, sprinkles and ice-cream would be greatly appreciated.

This term students are learning about symbol systems and are exploring this theme through literature, poetry, art and drama. As a part of the unit, each student will be making a replica "Dream Catchers" which is a traditional Native American artefact. Students will need a wire ring or hoop (wire coat hanger shaped in a circle is fine) ribbon, beads, coloured cotton, wool, or fishing line and any interesting bits and pieces that student feel represent themselves, that they would like to weave into their "Dream Catcher."

Tracy Gooch

Year 6

Year 6 have settled into Term 4 beautifully and are to be congratulated on the excellent work habits and behaviour on display. It is particularly pleasing to see the increased number of students meeting all homework deadlines. This is fantastic preparation for next year. Well done everyone !

The students from Tamworth High School, who are teaching dance and performance skills to Year 6, had their first session with the class on Thursday of Week 2. It was wonderful to witness the exchange of ideas and the quality leadership on display. They will return each Thursday preparing the class for their Presentation Night performance.

We had a lovely surprise last Friday when Mr Bellis called in for a quick visit. It was great to catch up with him. The class were thrilled to spend time with him, which he spent doing an impromptu long division lesson, as well as catching up on all the news.

On Wednesday, 27/10/10, we attended the wonderful performance of "Aunty Peach and the Revolting Rhymes". Excellent behaviour was on display and Year 6 students thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Charity Day is not far away, Friday Week 4 (5/11/10). Year 6 are involved in the following stalls and activities: Monster Maze; Face Painting/Tattoos; Gold Rush and Nail Salon. Donations for all stalls can be left at the school and are greatly appreciated.

Again, we encourage parents to contact us if

they have any concerns or questions about class happenings during Mr Bellis's absence.

Pip Diss and Annie Young

Canteen News

As Charity Day will be held next Friday, there will be NO CANTEEN that day. Instead we will open on WEDNESDAY 3rd November.

HEAD LICE

Please be aware that lately we have been experiencing an outbreak of head lice. Please check your child's hair each day before school and if head lice are present please treat immediately.

The Tamworth Family Relationship Centre will be presenting a free "Parenting Now" night course in November. "Parenting Now" is a program for parents to gain a better understand of children's behaviour. It discusses the role of communication in behaviour, triggers for challenging behaviour and tips and techniques for changing behaviour patterns.

This program will run over two weeks on Thursday the 4th and 11th of November from 5.30pm to 8.30pm at the Family Relationship Centre Training Rooms on the corner of Bridge and Hercules Streets. For enquiries or bookings phone Rebecca or Jo on 6762 9200.

Red Hot Chicks

Red Hot Chicks Nemingha, is now under new management with "better than ever" new deals.

Open: 7.30 am til 7.00 pm weekdays
9.00 am til 7.00 pm Saturdays

For all orders phone 67609099

FOUND

A heavy silver bracelet with an inscription has been found on the school oval. Please contact the school office if you know to whom it belongs.


Aunty Peach





St George Cricket Club Junior Development Clinic

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TAMWORTH: 20TH - 22ND DECEMBER 2010.



McDonalds
EAST TAMWORTH

St George Cricket Club in association with Impala Cricket, is pleased to announce it's Junior Development Clinic from the 20th to the 22nd of December 2010.

A fabulous opportunity to develop and improve juniors and teenagers cricketing skills, with a host of experienced 1st Class and 1st Grade cricketers with Cricket Australia Coaching Accreditations and co-ordinators of Cricket Clinics in Australia, England and West Indies.



Come and Join us!

Ages: 9-16 years (Boys & Girls)

Where: Riverside Grounds, Tamworth.

When: 20th - 22nd December 2010

Mon 20th: 8.30am* - 3.30pm (*Registration)

Tues 21st & Wed 22nd: 9.00am - 3.30pm.

Cost: \$180 per person. (including coaching, cap, water bottle, vouchers and cricket equipment prizes, a certificate with lunch on day 3.)

Selling fast:

For bookings and further details please contact:

Jeff Cook on (02) 6761 2200 or

email: jeff@struddystamworth.com

IMPALA



Former camp attendee, JOSH HAZELWOOD. Look where he is now!!



FOR SALE BY TENDER

The school has a Canon GP335 Photocopier surplus to it's needs. It is 10 years old but has been well maintained. The copier can be inspected at the school office and tenders should be submitted to the school office in a sealed envelope by 15th November.



An initiative of
Royal Life Saving

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



Communities
Sport & Recreation

Brochures and application forms are available from the School Office.



Keep the bush SPIRIT ALIVE!

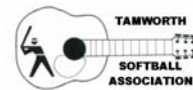
Country Energy is sponsoring a new **CHILDREN'S BUSH POETRY COMPETITION** during the Tamworth Country Music Festival. Are there children in your school who would like to perform, or could be encouraged to perform, in this competition? Bush poetry is part of our culture and this is a way for children to experience the poetry of the old bush poets, or to think about their Australian identity in a modern setting.

The competition will be held on Monday 17 January 2010 from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm at St Edwards Hall, Hillvue Rd, South Tamworth. There will be 2 age groups: Under 11, and 11 to 16 years of age.

Poetry will be performed in 2 sections: ORIGINAL, and TRADITIONAL OR ESTABLISHED WORKS

Entry fee is \$2 per section

For more information phone Jan Morris on 6765 9478 or send for an entry form at janmorris@northnet.com.au or send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to PO Box 3001 West Tamworth 2340.



Come and try Softball

Teeball for 8-10 year old GIRLS and Modified Softball for 11-12 year old GIRLS

Wednesday afternoons at 4.30pm

Learn how to:

Throw — Catch
Run the bases - Hit the ball
Play Games

COST: ONLY \$3/week for first 3 weeks.
INCLUDES: all playing equipment, instruction and an icy pole treat.

DATES: Starts **Wednesday 20 October** for 3 weeks, followed by 6 week round robin competition starting on 10 November and finishing on 15 December. Cost for this competition is **\$35-00**.

WHERE: Carter Street Softball Diamonds

MORE INFO: Paula Murphy, Tamworth Softball on 0438 041 523 or paula@spudmurphy.com.au



Nemingha Public School has strong ties to Tamworth High and works collaboratively on projects to enhance middle schooling and transition programs. As part of the transition program, students from Tamworth High have volunteered their time to work with Nemingha's Year 6 students preparing dance items which will be performed at the End of Year Assembly.

Our Year 6 students are enjoying the interaction and dance moves the girls from Tamworth High have choreographed for them.

NOVEMBER 2010

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
1	2 Clothing Pool 3.15—4.00pm	3 Canteen Open	4 Clothing Pool 9.00—10.00	5 Charity Day 
8 Kinder Orientation 9.30—11.00	9 Clothing Pool 3.15—4.00pm	10 Kinder Orientation 9.30 –11.00 P&C Meeting 7.00pm	11 Clothing Pool 9.00—10.00	12 Kinder Orientation 9.30—3.30
15	16 Kinder Orientation 9.30 –11.00 Clothing Pool 3.15—4.00pm School Council Meeting 5.00pm	17	18 Clothing Pool 9.00—10.00	19 Kinder Orientation 2.00—3.30 ASSEMBLY 3.00pm Year 3 item
22	23 Clothing Pool 3.15—4.00pm	24	25 Clothing Pool 9.00—10.00	26