



Nemingha Public School

NEWSLINK

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YOUR PRINCIPAL WRITES:

It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces at school for Kinder Transition this week. The students have been involved in exciting activities including lessons on the Smartboard. Mrs Denise Barnes, Kinder teacher for 2011, is conducting the program. Thank you to the Year 5 students for helping out as buddies and we look forward to next week.

Congratulations to students and teachers for a successful Charity Day last Friday. The school raised \$1479 for worthwhile causes. Thank you to parents, carers and community for coming along and supporting us.

The intensive swimming scheme starts Monday 22nd November to Friday 3rd December. It is primarily for students from Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety. We have been allocated swimming instructor funding for 19 students at Kootingal pool. Parents need to cover the cost of pool entry and bus travel. A note has been sent out with the details to parents who nominated for their child to attend. If there are available spaces then they will be offered to new students to our school in Year 1-Year 3 and students in higher grades.

Thank you to parents/carers who have returned the spelling and technology surveys and a reminder to others to please send them in. It was great to see the surveys conducted on line and parents/carers are still able to access the survey on the school's website. The information is important and will help to set directions and goals for 2011.

The P&C held its last meeting for the year on Wednesday 10th November. I would like to thank the parents for coming along and supporting the school throughout the year. The P&C is a valued and important part of our school community. We

are very grateful for their commitment and dedication in helping our students to have the best education possible. It is through the hard work and fundraising that we have been able to continually upgrade resources at the school. We have purchased quality reading materials, dictionaries, new seating for the court yard and computers. For the next project the P&C is working on installing a 'shade cover' over the play equipment so that our students will be able to use it in the coming warmer months. I look forward to working in partnership with parents and community to continue to open the doors to opportunities for our students in 2011.

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.

- Parent Survey

Classroom Corner

Kindergarten

Charity Day was a great success. It was wonderful to see so many family members at the school for the occasion.

Thankyou to the parents who contributed to the Kindergarten Orientation morning tea held at the school on Wednesday. It was very much appreciated. Thankyou also to the Year 5 students for their help and support during this time.

This week the children have been blending op words and next week we will look at ub.

As the weather becomes warmer it is important that the children please bring a hat and plenty of water with them to school each day.

Denise Barnes

K-1

A wonderful afternoon was had by all last Friday at our Charity Day. The children really enjoyed being able to shop at school. At our Trash'n'Treasure stall there were so many great trinkets and treasures to buy. We would really like to THANK Mitchell Pinchen and his parents, David and Vicki, for arranging the HUGE donation of toys, magazines, jewellery and stationery from BIG W. Thanks also to the parents of Kindergarten, K-1 and Y1-2 for assisting on the stall and all the families who donated the lovely soft toys, bikes, books, DVDs etc. etc. Thank you to Mrs Jones for assisting as well.

This week we are back to work to complete some assessment tasks for reading and maths. In spelling Kinders are concentrating on – 'it' and – 'is' words, while Year 1 is learning about 'ir' words.

In our COGS unit "Understanding Ourselves" we have started learning about life, traditions and celebrations of Japanese people. We have learnt that Japan is a much smaller country, physically, although it has a much greater population. This week we have been reading about Japanese people, their similarities and differences compared to Australians. We have been learning how our languages are different and how to say hello and goodnight in

Japanese.

K/1 will be making fruit kebabs next Wednesday (17th Nov) as part of writing a procedure. We would love to have a variety of fruits to make and eat the kababs. Could parents please send in some fruit with their child on Wednesday.



Kym Dwyer

Year 1-2

What an exciting day we all had last Friday during Charity Day. Unfortunately the weather was not kind, but it did not stop our caring spirit with nearly \$250 made at just our bottle and lucky dip stall. Thank you all those parents, grandparents and friends who donated goods for the stall.

In COGs we have been looking at different festivals and parades from within Australia and around the world. We will discuss some of the main elements that make up a parade and then design and model a parade in plasticine.

In maths we have been discussing the use of calendars as a method of time keeping. The class has displayed good knowledge on the seasons and have learnt the poem about the days within each month. Please feel free to get your child to recite it to you.

In writing we are completing descriptions about celebrations. This has allowed the children to see the need for adjectives in their writing in order to make their stories more interesting.

The mini project was sent home on Monday. This is not meant to be a burden on your family and should be returned by December 3. Homework during this time has been changed to just spelling while the project is being completed. If your child completes their project before the due date they are more than welcome to bring it to school.

Once again we will see a number of Y1-2 students receiving silver and gold awards at next week's assembly. Congratulations to all, and keep up the good work.

Leanne Kemp.

Year 2

What a great Charity Day – despite the rain!! Thank you for your kind donations of bottles and lucky dips. We sold out in an amazing 45 minutes but the stall made \$255.00 for a great cause.

Our class assembly item takes place next Friday, 19th November. After talking to the children it appears that every girl has a pink shirt and the boys all have a black shirt. If they could bring their shirts in next week it would make things easier. **Please LABEL!** Don't worry if there is some coloured printing on the black shirts as they can wear them inside out. If the girls have a print on their pink shirt it won't matter. **PLEASE** don't buy a new shirt – any shade of pink in any style will be fine. All they need to wear with their shirts, boys or girls, is a pair of shorts or short bike pants (any colour). If you are concerned about the costume please don't hesitate to contact me at school.

We have still been waiting for the weather to clear so that we can cook in our solar ovens. The forecast is predicting very warm weather next week so hopefully we will be able to try the experiment soon.

The children were very interested in looking at the different toys that were brought in as part of our unit 'Powering On'. They were very interested in the way they moved, lit up or made a noise. Thanks for allowing the children to bring their toys in. At the moment they are in the process of writing an information report about a toy that moves.

We are just beginning to trade tens and units when adding and subtracting larger numbers. At the moment we are using concrete materials, but we have also been using some mental strategies to add and subtract larger numbers as well. There will be a few of these strategies appearing in their homework in the next few weeks.

By the way, the project on 'Toys' is due this Friday 12th November.

Vanessa Fox

Year 3

Term 4 has continued to be a busy one in the Year 3 classroom. We have just finished writing

an exposition with the purpose of convincing me to give them a particular classroom job. The class white-board manager is very popular, with many students trying to convince me they are up to the job! We are now focusing on advertisements. In particular, we are learning how advertisements are made to be eye catching and use language which persuades us to purchase the product.

During maths lessons, we have been practising subtraction using trading, measuring our heights and arm spans and interpreting the data we have collected. Year 3 have also begun to study the Solar System and are looking forward to coming lessons which will include phases of the moon.

Year 3 is also busily practising for the end of year performance with our Year 4 and 5 peers. We are looking forward to showing off our talents at the end of year awards night.

Please check to make sure your child has all the resources necessary for school. Even though there is only a few weeks left in the school year, students still require lead pencils, coloured pencils, a rubber and a glue stick.

A big thank you to the Year 3 parents and students for the wonderful prizes they supplied our Hoopla stall at last week's Charity Day, the stall would not have been a success without them. I was impressed with the way the children were able to run the activity themselves. Well done Year 3!

Susan Polson

Year 4

A fantastic day was had by all last Friday at the school's annual Charity Day. Year 4 organised and managed two stalls for the afternoon. The students were responsible for the Sunken Treasure and Guess the Jelly Bean stalls. Both stalls were a huge success with the funds raised being donated to charity. The correct amount of lollies in the jar was 735. Congratulations to Mason Bayliss who was the closest person with 734. I would like to extend a warm thank you to all the families who donated prizes for use on the day. Congratulations to all class members on your mature and sensible approach to running the stalls.

In class we are continuing to work with

persuasive writing. We have been writing expositions on a variety of topics including 'all drive thru fast food must be banned', 'computers should replace teachers' and 'everyone who drives a car should plant a tree'. The variety of student responses and the quality of the student's writing has been very impressive. This week we are working on public speaking and debating and we will use the skills learnt to help us with our talks.

We still have students coming to school without a hat. As the weather has really warmed up this week it is very important that each student has a hat. This is especially important tomorrow as Year 4 will be taking part in a Softball Clinic. Can you please also ensure that your child is still coming to school with the resources needed to complete class work and activities. Each child needs a blue or black pen, red pen, ruler, pencil, sharpener and a rubber labelled inside a pencil case. This is important as it ensures that no learning time is wasted in the classroom chasing up pencils etc.

It is still full steam ahead in our classroom and we are continuing revising concepts learnt throughout the year and learning new things to help us as we move into Year 5. If at any stage you wish to discuss your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Luke Polson

Year 5

Charity Day was a great success and I'd like to thank everyone for their assistance on the day. A special thank you to Mrs Crowell for helping prepare the food items. Thank you also to Mrs Mann, for a quick trip to the shop to purchase more ice cream. All students took in making the spiders and ice cream cones and many hands made light work.

Students have made worry dolls and dream catchers as part of our COGs unit "Symbol Systems". We will now be looking at Chinese traditions and culture. Mrs Batho gave the students an insightful introduction to Chinese traditions, history and celebrations. Students are keen to explore these further.

Our class has been writing information reports and students are researching and writing a report on an Australian invention. These will be

presented as a word document.

The Year 6 farewell organisation is well underway and the next meeting will be Friday 3rd December at 3.35pm in the staffroom. Volunteers will be needed to set up the hall on Sunday 12th December at 9.30am. We will also need parents to help out on the Monday night serving food and clearing tables. Please be aware that the cost of the evening for Year 5 students will be \$15.00. This money needs to be sent to school as soon as possible so that goods can be purchased for the event.

Year 5 will be preparing their Captains Speeches in the next weeks and these will be presented at the school assembly on Friday 3rd December. Voting will take place on Monday 6th December. Parents are welcome to attend the assembly.

Tracy Gooch

Year 6

Term 4 assessments have been completed as we enter the mid-point of the term. All students are working well and meeting classroom deadlines. It's great to see the effort everyone is making to complete their homework. Well done everyone! This is fantastic preparation for next year.

Charity Day was a huge success despite the rainy weather. Year 6 ran Face Painting, Tattoos, Putt-Putt Golf, Gold Rush, Ten Pin Bowling and the Nail Salon. All of the stalls made lots of money and Year 6 had lots of fun. It was great to see the high levels of leadership and maturity on display throughout the day. Thank you to parents and families for their support. Special thanks to Miss Gurd, Mrs Jenny Klepzig, Mrs Jacinta Shumack and Mr Ron Smith for their help on the day – your contribution is greatly appreciated!

As part of our study of China, the Stage 3 classes (Years 5 and 6) had an entertaining and informative session with Mrs Mariko Batho. We thank her for volunteering her time to help us with our learning.

The end of year performance is progressing well. Year 6 look forward to the visit each Thursday afternoon from the Tamworth High School students.

I will be taking the class until the end of the year. Thank you to Mrs Young for her hard work and

dedication during her time with the class.
If you have any concerns or questions about class happenings during Mr Bellis' absence I encourage you to contact me.

Pip Diss

BUILD A COWBOY/COWGIRL PROGRAM

The Australian Bushmen's Campdraft and Rodeo Association (ABCRA) will be conducting a Build a Cowboy/Cowgirl Program where you can learn the basic skills required in the sport of rodeo. This program is part of the National Finals Rodeo (NFR) week.

The training day will be held at the AELEC on Tuesday, 18th January 2011 between 9.00am and 3.00pm.

Please wear long pants, long sleeve shirt and covered in boots.

The day is absolutely FREE and includes a BBQ lunch.

ALL WELCOME!!!! ANY AGE!!!!

For further information contact the ABCRA on 67665863

CHARITY DAY

Once again the Nemingha School community lived up to the school motto of "We Care" by participating in the annual Charity Day last Friday. Although the weather was not kind we were able to raise nearly \$1479.00 for cancer research and Tasmanian Devil care.

Thank you to everyone who was able to donate goods, prizes or cooking to contribute to these worthwhile causes. It was wonderful to see everyone working together; students, teachers and parents.

Everyone at Nemingha Public School looks forward to seeing you again next year at our annual Charity Day celebration.

Leanne Kemp

Library CHANGES

WEEK 7

Library will be held on MONDAY and TUESDAY in Week 7 as I have Jury Duty commitments.

Years K, K-1, 1-2 and Y4 day will be MONDAY and Y2, Y3, Y5 and Y6 will be TUESDAY.

Sorry about this change. Remember children do not need to borrow on these days unless they wish to. Happy Reading.

Jill White

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.



canteen news

Canteen is once again looking for a few more volunteers for Monday and Friday duties. If you are interested in helping out in Term 4, please contact the canteen or the office and a form will be sent home for you to fill in.

Remember:

- volunteer hours are between 9am and 2pm
- Complimentary morning tea, lunch and a drink are provided
- OH&S does not allow for small children to be in the canteen—baby sitters need to be organised
- It is necessary to sign in and get a visitors badge from the school office and, of course, sign out at the end of the day
- If you are not available on the day you are rostered on, it is your responsibility to organise a swap with someone else (aunty, grandma or friend) to do your duty and then notify the canteen convenor as soon as possible
- A courtesy text message will be sent to you as a reminder
- *Canteen can only be run successfully with the help of willing volunteers.*

Thank you to everyone who has helped this term especially during the last few weeks during Brian and Sheryle's absence.

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.

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.

CHARITY DAY





NOVEMBER 2010

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
15	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 Intensive Swimming	23 Clothing Pool 3.15-4.00pm	24	25 Clothing Pool 9.00-10.00am	26 
29 Intensive Swimming	30	1	2 Last Active After School	3  Last day Library Year 6 Farewell Meeting ASSEMBLY Year 5 Captain Speeches
6 Last Active After School	7 Scripture Service 11.30am	8	9 Presentation Night 7.00pm	10