



Nemingha Public School

NEWSLINK

Term 4 , Week 7

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YOUR PRINCIPAL WRITES:

We are continuing our consultation with Tamworth Regional Council and the RTA in regard to obtaining signage indicating an official "Drop Off – Pick Up" zone and 'waiting spaces' to be marked where parents can park for **2 minutes** to drop off and pick up their children. The proposal has been discussed at P&C and School Council. The RTA and Tamworth Council have responded and at this stage we need to comply with RTA policy guidelines. Part of the guidelines is to allocate a suitable area and we are working on this with the Department of Education.

Congratulations to Abby Mortlock, Ashleigh Bridge and Eliza Draper on their selection in the North-West Girls Cricket team. They are competing this week at the annual PSSA State Girls Carnival being held at Terrigal on the Central Coast. Good luck girls!

The Nemingha Public School Council held its last meeting for the year on Tuesday 23rd November. I would like to thank the Council for their invaluable input and support on policy, school management plan and directions. The Council is an important part of our school community and we appreciate the commitment and dedication to our school and public education.

Our girls' cricket team from 2009 has been nominated for an award in the Tamworth Regional Sports Awards event. Congratulations to the team, Mrs. Vanessa Fox and Mrs. Anne Coleman for the nomination. The winners will be announced at the dinner on Thursday 25th November. We wish them all the best!

Planning for 2011 is well under way. In Literacy and Numeracy the programs are in line with the Literacy and Numeracy strategy and there is a focus on improving spelling and measurement. In student wellbeing we will be introducing the 'You Can Do It' program across the school to promote values, social skills, resilience and co-operation. The Discipline and Student Welfare

policies will be updated and linked to the program. In technology we will be upgrading the computers and laptops. There will be a focus on the latest Smartboard teaching/learning programs; connected learning and video conferencing.

Staff development days will be held on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th December. We will be planning for the 'You Can Do It' program and quality teaching integrating technology. Smartboard consultant Melissa Barry will be presenting the latest teaching/learning programs and strategies.

Year 6 students have been preparing for their spectacular item with the help from some Tamworth High students for Presentation Night. The Kinder to Year 5 classes have also been busy for the big night on Thursday 9th December.

Aurora Reilly
Principal

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Our Presentation Night will be held on Thursday 9th December and you are invited to attend our full program of awards and performances to be held in the courtyard under the sails—weather permitting.

We ask you to be seated for a 7.00pm start.
Program

Presentations and Class Awards

Sports Awards

Special Awards

Performance - K—Yr 2

Performance - Yrs 3,4 and 5

Special Performance - Yr 6

Classroom Corner

Kindergarten

In class we are still working very hard even though there are only a few weeks left before the holidays!

A new sight word list was sent home on Monday. This week we are concentrating on am words and next week, we will be looking at ed. The children are enjoying making their booklets for each sound/blend and taking them home to read.

The second COGs unit for this term is titled 'Our Needs'. In this unit, students will learn how and why rules, routines and products are developed to meet our needs.

Congratulations to our silver award winners at last week's assembly.

Denise Barnes

K-1

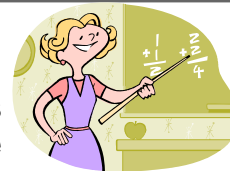
Thank you to all the families who sent some fruit in last week for our making of the fruit kebabs; the quantity was amazing and very generous, from those who sent four or more fruits. The children loved chopping up the fruit and preparing them for the kebab making. Everyone was very careful when using a knife and the sharp end of the skewer. K-1 learnt more about procedures and wrote how to make a fruit kebab. Mrs Reilly will be very happy to know that we all practiced how to spell the word fruit. This week we will practice writing acrostic poems again, as the children enjoyed being poets three weeks ago.

Our spelling this week for Kinders is ; op, og and ox words; next week will be un, us and ut words. Year 1 are looking at; and, end, ind and ond words; next week will be; all, ell and ill words.

In the COGS unit "Understanding Ourselves" we will be looking at Aboriginal culture and beliefs this week. After reading "Dan's Grandpa" we will talk about Aboriginal elders and how they teach young people about the Dreamtime, passing on their knowledge about the bush, living with the land and their beliefs through stories and dance.

Kym Dwyer

Year 1-2



A number of year 1/2 students are currently participating in the 'learn to swim' program being run by the Department of Education at Kootingal pool. These children along with their peers from K/1 to year 4 are once again representing our school with excellent behaviour and manners. Well done to all these students. I am sure all parents will see a marked improvement in their swimming skills by the end of this ten day program. Thank you to Mrs Dwyer and Mrs Fox for working with the other students from year 1/2 while I am at the pool.

We are busy creating our three dimensional models of a celebration or parade to compliment our COGs unit "Understanding Ourselves." On Monday the children planned the model on paper, drawing the required parts and colouring these for future reference. Over the rest of the week they worked diligently on the modelling process and we will share our finished products with our peers over the coming weeks.

In the next week a note will be going home with details of our end of year class parties. There has been a change in the K-2 party format. This year we will celebrate at school with the canteen ladies catering with some hot food for a minimal cost. Further particulars will be in the note.

Congratulations to all the students who received silver awards at last week's assembly. A special mention to Grace Darling and Isabella Cameron for receiving their first gold award.

Leanne Kemp

Year 2

Thanks to you all for sending in costumes for our dance last Friday. The children did a fantastic job and performed really well on the day. We have been asked to perform again at the next assembly, when the Year 5 students will be giving their speeches for captaincy. Our dance will be performed as an intermission during the speeches. Could the children please remember to bring their costumes to school early next week and I will keep them in the classroom until Friday.

Our solar ovens have been constructed and once the temperature reaches the 30 degree

mark we'll be able to try stewing some apples. We will also be making a simple kite in the next few weeks and watch how they move with the energy from the wind.

The children are still working on mental strategies for addition and subtraction. Well done to everyone who used the jump strategy for homework.

Swimming lessons have started this week for a number of our students and we welcome some of Mrs Kemp's children while she is at the pool. Hopefully the weather continues to be fine for them.

The children have done a fantastic job completing their 'Toys' projects. I was very impressed with the presentation of their work. Well done! They have also written some excellent information reports about a toy that moves. These will be sent home shortly.

We have one box of tissues remaining in our classroom, which may not be enough until the end of term. If someone could kindly donate a box it would be a great help.

Vanessa Fox

Year 3

Year 3 have continued to work busily over the last two weeks. We have learnt about the language and layouts used in advertisements and have just created our own magazine advertisements for a toy.

During maths, we have been learning about a number of different concepts including, square numbers, interpreting maps, subtraction and addition using trading, decimals and the square meter. Year 3 have used Tangrams to create artworks.

We are thoroughly enjoying learning about the solar system. We have learnt how the sun sustains life on earth and how day, night and the seasons come about. Some interesting facts we have learnt about the solar system include:

*Pluto has its own moon - **Caitlin Ross***

*Earth is 149 600 000 km from the sun - **Cohen Tait***

*Mars is called the red planet because its surface is made of red iron oxide, the same material that is in rust—**Boedee Thompson***

*Jupiter is covered in poisonous clouds. They make Jupiter appear white, red and brown - **Jasmine Shumack**.*

*The sun is 5500 degrees Celsius—**Daniel Kelly**.
The average temperature of Neptune is -240 degrees Celsius. -**Jessica Kemp***

Year 3 will continue to learn about the solar system for the rest of the term.

Please check to make sure your child has the resources needed for school. This includes lead pencils, a glue stick and a school hat.

Susan Polson

Year 4

The past few weeks have been very busy in the Year 4 classroom. We are continuing to work hard across all key learning areas.

During literacy sessions, we have continued to explore persuasive writing and expositions. The students are currently designing an advertisement persuading their audience to either purchase a space product or a holiday into space. The class has certainly developed some very convincing advertisements!

During numeracy sessions, we studied 3D views of objects and solids and have been revising fractions, decimals and percentages. Each of our maths lessons until the end of the term will include revision on times tables and mental computation skills. The students have really enjoyed the 'hands on' approach to some of our maths lessons.

We are currently rehearsing Our Presentation Night item. It will certainly be very exciting to watch and we look forward to presenting it in conjunction with Years 3 and 5 in a few weeks time. **Students will need to bring a flannelette shirt to school for their performance. Please make sure these are labelled with their name.**

During week 10 Years 3 and 4 will be participating in an activities excursion to the Indoor Sports Centre as our end of year excursion. This will be followed by a pizza party lunch at the centre before students return to school. Notes and further information will be sent out shortly.

Luke Polson

Year 5

This week we welcomed Miss Coutinho and Miss Lewis, two graduate teachers from Sydney. They are visiting rural schools as part of the "Beyond the Line" Program. The aim of the program is to provide opportunities for students in city centres to experience teaching in rural schools. The teachers are having a real country experience staying with me on our farm at Dungowan.

We are continuing work on the COGs unit "Symbol Systems" and are exploring Chinese traditions and cultures. The students found it fascinating that in Chinese medicine the feet are connected to every organ of the body.

Presentation night is fast approaching and we are practising a combined item with Years 3 and 4. Students are asked to please bring a flannelette shirt to school, labelled with their name, to wear as part of the item.

This time of the year is even busier than usual. Preparation is well underway for the Year 6 Farewell and the final meeting to coordinate this event will be held on Friday 3rd December at 3.30pm. This is after the assembly when Year 5 will present their captains speeches. The assembly will start at 2.30pm sharp.

Our end of year outing has been arranged and Years 5 and 6 will be attending Tamworth Ten Pin. A permission note will be sent home this week.

If your child is attending the Year 6 Farewell, could all money be in early next week as items need to be purchased.

Tracy Gooch

Year 6

The term has started to fly by as we approach the end of the year. The Year 6 classroom is filling up with Dream Catchers and creative artworks as our Cogs unit progresses.

Notes have gone home regarding upcoming end of year events. Please ensure you are fully informed as we head into the busiest time of the year for the graduating Year 6 class of 2010.

The Year 6 Presentation Night dance performance is progressing and rehearsals are now two afternoons each week (Tuesday and

Thursday). We are very grateful to the Tamworth High School students who are helping the students with this special event.

Congratulations to Abby Mortlock, Ashleigh Bridge and Eliza Draper on their selection in the North-West Girls Cricket team. They are competing this week at the annual PSSA State Girls Carnival being held at Terrigal on the Central Coast. Good luck girls!

All students are continuing to work diligently to complete homework activities and meet classroom deadlines. Well done everyone! Students have been encouraged to have a final search for Bronze, Silver and Gold awards at home. Next Friday, 03/12/10 (Week 8), is our last assembly for 2010 and the final opportunity for Year 6 students to receive Service Awards.

Again, I encourage parents to contact me if they have any concerns or questions about class happenings during Mr Bellis's absence.

Pip Diss



FUNDRAISING NEWSLETTER

Our next fundraising event will be a Christmas raffle. A note & tickets will be handed out this week. The prizes are as follows:

- 1st Prize: Original framed oil painting by Ken McLean
- 2nd Prize: Instant lottery tree
- 3rd Prize: Pair of outdoor timber chairs

Tickets will be \$1.00 each, with the raffle to be drawn on presentation night. All tickets sold or unsold must be returned to the school by Tuesday 7th December.

Thankyou to the parents & supporters for making this such a successful year in fundraising. We have received quotes to cover the play equipment & with another ball we will have achieved enough funds to do this.

Wherever possible could we please support the following business's, their major sponsorship to our school fundraising has led to a most successful year:

*Country Capital Meats
Nemingha Hotel
Country Auctions
Joblink Plus*

Cheryl Parker
Fundraising Co-ordinator

Red Hot Chicks

Red Hot Chicks Nemingha, is now under new management with "better than ever" new deals with a variety of chicken Take Away meals.

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

For all orders phone 67609099



LIBRARY NEWS

Hi everyone, stocktake time is fast approaching!

The library will be closed from Friday 3rd December.

As school ends on Wednesday, 15th December for the children,

the LAST DAY for BORROWING was TUESDAY, 23rd November.

This will allow all books to be returned over the following fortnight ,

with all OUTSTANDING BOOKS DUE BACK BY 3RD DECEMBER!

HEY KIDS will you get your books in on time???
PRIZES GALORE FOR ALL CHILDREN WHO DO!

We so look forward to major LIBRARY PRIZES on WEDNESDAY, 15th DECEMBER, for our Nemingha Students, as 2010 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

CRICKET TEAMS

As many of our students are involved in after school cricket training we ask the coaches to supply the school with a list of names of the children who are attending the training along with times of the sessions. Please hand this information to the front office.

REMINDER to parents and coaches, children **are not** to play on the playground equipment during training or Saturday morning matches.



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

WHO WILL BE AT NEMINGHA SCHOOL NEXT YEAR?

For organisational purposes, the school needs to know **definite** numbers in each class for 2011.

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: _____

2010 Class: _____

INVITATION

New Residents Network Event

The New Residents Network is free and open to everyone to join. The network provides the opportunity for new residents to meet other new residents in a casual and relaxed environment. New Residents Network events are about providing a vehicle for new residents to make more social and business contacts within the community.



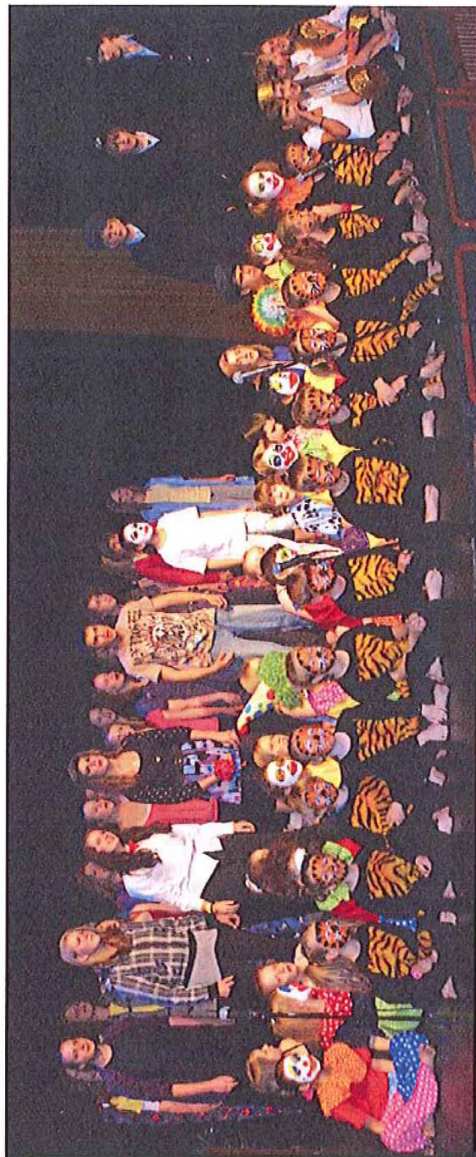
WHAT: Picnic at Captain Cook Park, Nundle. Adults can relax while kids enjoy the new play equipment.
Bus trip, sausage sizzle and soft drink will be provided free of charge!

WHERE: Pick up at Information Centre, Cnr. Peel & Murray Street, Tamworth

WHEN: 10am – 2 pm Saturday 4th December 2010

RSVP: To trdc@tamworthregion.com.au or 6766 2200 by 5pm, 30th November.
Please provide names of attendees and specify if they are adults or children. Numbers are limited so get in quick!

The New Residents Network is an initiative of Tamworth Regional Development Corporation and supported by FM92.9/2TM.



WHEN AND WHERE

10 - 13 January 2011 at the Conservatorium
 "African Vibes" runs 9am-1pm, and
 "Lights, camera, action!" from 2pm-5pm

WORKSHOP FEES

One payment of \$135 (discounts for siblings)
 covers all coaching and materials

WHAT TO DO NEXT

Obtain a registration form from the
 Conservatorium and return with your payment
 by Friday, 3 December 2010.

If you require further information please contact
 the Conservatorium on 6766 6911

C.T.Y.P.

Conservatorium Theatre for Young People

10 - 13 January 2011 at the Conservatorium

"African Vibes"



Students in Kindergarten to Year 6 will have a lot of fun with African short stories, songs and actions! The result will be presented to family and friends at a concert performance in the Chapel on Thursday evening. Take a walk on the **WILD** side!

"Lights, camera, action!"

Designed for students in Years 7-12, participants will learn about camera work and create, produce and film their own scenes! At the end of the week we will view all the clips to analyse and critique.

Each person will take away a copy of their clips on DVD!

November / December 2010

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29 Intensive Swimming	30 Clothing Pool 3.15—4.00pm	1	2 Clothing Pool 9.00—10.00 Last Active After School	3 → Last day Library ASSEMBLY Year 5 Captain Speeches 2.30pm Year 6 Farewell Meeting 3.30pm
6 Last Day Term 4 Active After School	7 Volunteers Morning Tea 10.30am Scripture Service 11.30am Clothing Pool 3.15—4.00pm	8	9 Clothing Pool 9.00—10.00  Presentation Night 7.00pm	10
13 Year 6 Farewell and Dance	14 Party at School K— Year 2 Ten Pin Years 5 and 6 Indoor Sports & Games Excursion Years 3 and 4 Clothing Pool 3.15—4.00pm	15 STUDENTS LAST DAY OF TERM  MUFTI DAY	16 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY No Students	17 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY No Students
20	27th Jan 2011 <div>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</div>			28 Clothing Pool Open 9.00—12.30 Staff Development Day
January / February 2011				
31 Students in Yrs 1—6 Return to school Canteen Open	1 New Kindergarten Students begin school Clothing Pool 3.15—4.00pm	2	3 Clothing Pool 9.00—10.00	4