



Nemingha Public School

NEWSLINK

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YOUR PRINCIPAL WRITES:

Last night, 9th December, the school hall was abuzz with energy and excitement. Once again everyone was there to celebrate the outstanding year for our school. It was a celebration of the growth, learning and development of students. Students have been empowered to think creatively, analytically and logically. This power comes from within and is unleashed by the teachers through the programs, teaching and learning that is provided so uniquely at Nemingha.

This year the staff, parents/carers, helpers and the students have transformed this sense of power into a new form of excellence. Just like the transformer toys some of the children play with. Our students have re-shaped their learning to include an awareness of the environment and the world we live in. Or should I say the world they are going to inherit.

In fact, one of our projects that we designed and developed and has inspired the power of learning is called 'E-POWER'. E is for Energy, the Environment and for Empowerment; empowering our students to make a difference to their world. The school was selected to be part of 'The Clever Climate Energy Savers' regional initiative. We were successful in gaining a grant from the Government for 'Science Week'. We stepped out from the four walls and into the Tamworth Research Centre at Calala where students worked as 'scientists' for the day with the scientists from the centre and also with Dr. Gunning our scientist in schools partner. We forged a partnership with the 'Scientific community' and enhanced our science programs.

In 2010 we implemented the Best Start program for Kindergarten; Values project for middle schooling with Tamworth high School; Music and curriculum linked programs through Curriculum Directorate; Reading Recovery; Science programs 'Science In A Box'; Multi-cultural public speaking; Leadership camp and Peer Mediation program; Visual Arts and Sport programs. Our eyes are always firmly fixed on students

achieving their outcomes and lifting the rate of learning, especially in literacy and numeracy. The students in Year 3 and Year 5 have achieved above state average in the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy.

We have continued to lead in integrating and using technology to learn. The teachers have stayed ahead with modern updated educational approaches to ensure our students are equipped for the future.

There have been a number of achievements. In the Arts, two students received awards in the UNE University and New England Art Gallery competition. Three students art works were selected for 'Operation Art' and were on display in Homebush for many people across the state to see. Three students made it to the New England regional finals for the Spelling Bee. Four students competed in the Multi-cultural public speaking regional finals. Congratulations to the sporting stars for their outstanding results and for competing at district, region and state level in swimming, cross country, athletics, girls cricket, boys cricket, soccer, hockey and netball. All of our students are stars and behind each door that opens, lies a whole new set of opportunities.

Thank you to the members of the community who have worked tirelessly over the year helping the school in many areas. They have helped with class activities, contributed to P&C, School Council and school projects. Thank you for the support and together we provide quality education. Well done Nemingha Public School for an excellent year of academic and sporting success. Next year offers even more challenges especially academically as we lift the bar a little higher knowing that our students are ready to handle it - 'You Can Do It and Achieve!'

We farewell Mr. Luke Polson, who has gained a permanent teaching position at The Armidale School. We wish him all the best and thank him for his great work at Nemingha this year.

I wish you a Happy and Safe Christmas and a Happy New Year 2011.

Classroom Corner

Kindergarten

The Kinder students have had a very busy and exciting week with performances at the Christmas Scripture Service and the School Presentation Night. I am so proud of their wonderful efforts.

A big thankyou is extended to the Year Six buddies and Mrs Diss for providing such an interesting range of activities during the times we have been together this year. The children can hardly wait to take their beautiful Christmas stockings home with them.

Our K-2 party will be held next Tuesday. Children may bring their food in ahead of time if they like. Students may wear mufti next Wednesday seeing as though it is their last day of school.

I would like to thank the fabulous Kinder parents for their help and support this year. I wish everyone a happy Christmas and a safe holiday and look forward to seeing you all next year.

Denise Barnes

K-1

As we are coming to the close of another term and year I would like to express my thanks to all those parents who have supported their child with their education this year, which in turn has supported my efforts at school.

Could I ask that all families try to continue some reading and writing with their children during the holidays? Writing "Thank you" letters to relatives is a possibility. Borrowing and reading books from the town library is always a good option. Mum or Dad could read a chapter each night from a classic or fun storybook eg. Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and then talk about what happened in each chapter. Have a great family holiday!

Next week on Tuesday we are having our end of year party; please remember that your child should bring either some fruit, chips or lollies to share. Some children have already brought in bags of lollies. Thank you!

Tuesday and Wednesday are mufti days. If anyone still has school readers could you please send them back as soon as possible.

Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas, a wonderful New Year and a safe holiday season. See you back at Nemingha Public School in 2011.

Kym Dwyer

Year 1-2



Thank you to all those people who were able to attend presentation night last night. It was wonderful to see everyone dressed up and displaying their best manners during this official occasion.

This time of year certainly is busy with the Year 6 farewell dance on Monday night at 7:30pm and then the class party on Tuesday at school. Thank you to everyone who has sent in their money and party food choices for this day.

The children had a wonderful time presenting their projects to their peers and everyone should be congratulated on the excellent way they presented these. It was wonderful to learn about the different celebrations and events that take place at parties and to research a famous person that was born on the same day as each child's birthday.

The celebration theme has continued with each class member modelling a festival, or parade from plasticine. I have taken photos of these impressive three dimensional models and placed them in the children's portfolio folders. Everyone had a wonderful time displaying these to their peers from other classes on Wednesday.

Thank you once again to everyone for their support during 2010. It has been a wonderful experience watching your children learn new things and develop their own skills. A huge thanks to all the parents, grandparents and friends who have helped Year 1/2 throughout the year, without your support many of our interesting events could not take place.

Finally I would like to wish the Kelly family well in their move to Dunedoo and wish everyone else a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to seeing you all back in 2011.

Leanne Kemp.

Year 2

We had a lovely afternoon making our simple

kites last week and although some more wind would have been beneficial and the kite tails needed to be longer, the children had a lot of fun trying to fly them on the oval. They have certainly enjoyed looking at different sources of energy throughout the term. Thanks must go to the parents who were able to help us make the kites. I understand that a lot of parents work and not everyone can come to school and help out, but the children and I appreciated those parents who could come and cut string, tie knots and tape the plastic to the frame.

Our end of year K-2 party is fast approaching and takes place next Tuesday. Please bring in some party food to share – fruit, chips, lollies, muffins etc...Their hot lunch is provided and we will supply cordial, so they should not need food with them on the day. Unless you are providing fruit which would be best left until the day of the party, you can start bringing in things now.

Homework has concluded for the year. Thank you for your diligence in either assisting or reminding children to bring it back regularly. It certainly creates great working habits for their future school years.

We performed our dance once again between the captain's speeches last Friday. The children were very excited to be able to have the chance to dance once more in front of an audience, as they certainly worked very hard to keep in time and remember all the steps.

I have really enjoyed teaching your children this year and have appreciated your help and support. It has been great getting to know you and I certainly believe that the children are well prepared to move into Year 3 next year.

Have a lovely Christmas and enjoy the holidays.

Vanessa Fox

Year 3

It is difficult to believe we are close to the Christmas holidays, Term 4 has just flown by.

Year 3 students are continuing to work hard in the classroom and are completing their units on expositions, the solar system and are now learning about sun safety (just in time for those hot summer days and visits to the beach).

During mathematics lessons, we are revising

concepts learnt this term and are focused on better understanding addition and subtraction using trading.

Permission notes and money for the Year 3/4 excursion on Tuesday 14th of December were due on Wednesday. Students are not required to wear their uniform on this day but are reminded to dress appropriately as we will be playing sports at the indoor sports centre. Mr Polson and I will both accompany the classes on this excursion and are looking forward to it.

Congratulations to the Year 3 students who have earned bronze, silver, gold and service awards this term. Your hard work has been impressive, well done.

Workbooks and artworks will soon be sent home as we tidy the room. Please take the time to look through your child's work. You will notice that we have done some remarkable things.

I wish everyone a happy and safe break, and thank you for your support this term.

Susan Polson

Year 4

This will be the last Newlink for 2010. I would like to say thank you to all parents who have helped out and supported our class throughout the year. It has been a very busy and productive year and I have really enjoyed working with an enthusiastic and happy group of students.

Congratulations to our class award recipients at last night's Presentation Night. I would also like to congratulate all students for the performance last night. It was a very entertaining way to finish the night and I hope you enjoyed watching it just as much as what we did putting it on for you.

Although the end of the school year is not far away, we will continue normal routine lessons right up until the last day of school. This is important so the students can retain what they have learnt throughout the year. We will be completing some Christmas craft activities between now and the end of the year.

We are all looking forward to our end of year excursion next Tuesday. The students may be out of uniform on this day. I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and thank

you for the support you have given me throughout the year.

Luke Polson

Year 5

Another busy year draws to a close and what a year it has been. As I write this last Newslink for the year, I'm reflecting on the many opportunities that the students have had during the year; cultural, academic and sporting. Our Year 5 class now step up to greater leadership roles as they prepare for Year 6 next year.

The students Captains speeches that were presented last Friday are evidence to the commitment that each and every one of these students has to leadership and their school. For those who were present at the assembly last week, I am sure that you would agree with me that next years, Year 6 are wonderful role models and that each child is a leader. The students should be very proud of the many achievements that they have accomplished during the year.

Monday evening the students will need to be at school at 5:45pm so that the Year 6 Farewell can begin at 6:00 pm sharp.

Tuesday is our excursion to Tamworth Ten Pin and on Wednesday if students would like to bring party food and drink to share for lunch we will have a small class party.

I'd like to thank everyone for the support that you give to your children and the staff. Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas break and I look forward to seeing everyone next year.

Tracy Gooch

Year 6

The end of the term is upon us and we are all wondering where the time has gone.

Excitement is building in the Year 6 room as we prepare for all the end of year activities. Here is a snapshot of some of the things we must cram into the final days of the term.

Tuesday (07/12/10) Wk 9: Helpers morning tea; Scripture service; and the final rehearsal for Year 6 Presentation Night dance performance.

Thursday (09/12/10) Wk 9: Presentation night (7:00pm) including the Year 6 Dance performance.

Monday (13/12/10) Wk 10: Year 6 Farewell.

Tuesday (14/12/10) Wk 10: Ten Pin Bowling excursion.

Wednesday (15/12/10) Wk 10: Last day lunch with Kinder buddies.

We are going to be very busy! Don't forget to return Ten Pin Bowling permission notes and money to the office ASAP.

The printing of the sport shirts is underway and we thank Mrs Gooch for organising this.

Thank you also to Maree Vering, Darcy's mother, for the fabulous "Thank you" cakes she made for the Tamworth High students involved in the Year 6 dance performance.

As this is the last Newslink for 2010 I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their help and support during my time with the class. The smooth running of the classroom would not be possible without it. Thank you also to the students for their hard work. I appreciate the effort and enthusiasm that they brought to school each day – well done!

Finally, thank you to Mr Phil Bellis for his input with Reports and the end of year Awards selection process.

After all of the hectic activity of the final weeks of term, everyone is truly ready for the holiday break! I would like to wish everybody a happy and safe holiday. See you in 2011.

Pip Diss

STOP PRESS

LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to Kindergarten and Y1-2 who were the classes to return all library books. They have already received their prize icypoles!

Well done to those classes.



MERRY CHRISTMAS LIBRARY NEWS



Once again Term 4 has disappeared before our eyes!

The Last Book Club has arrived. We are so grateful for your support throughout the year, as Scholastic offers the school huge book rewards that help to add to our library collection and also provide prizes for our students.

LOTS OF WONDERFUL PRIZES ARE AVAILABLE TO CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN BORROWING DURING THE YEAR AND HAVE RETURNED THEIR BOOKS.

Each child will go into the draw for a **CLASS BOOK PRIZE ... AND**

THEN, into the **CHRISTMAS DRAW** for both INFANTS and PRIMARY to win Beautiful Prizes, as the main WINNERS of the competition!

The draw will be on Wednesday, 15th December, the last day for the children.

SO, EVERYONE, IT'S TIME TO CLEAN OUT THE CUPBOARDS AND RETURN THOSE MISSING BOOKS!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO LOTS OF PEOPLE AS 2010 DRAWS TO A CLOSE.

Firstly, to **the P & C** and **Mrs Riley** for providing the generous budget to cover the purchase of Books and Resources for our library.

This in turn, with the excitement of NEW READING MATERIAL, allows the children to develop a love of literature that will take them through their lives.

Our classrooms are our learning centres ... The library the Resource Centre of the school. We endeavour to do all in our power to keep our resources up to date, to support our learning programs.

Special thanks to the P & C and Mrs Riley once again.

Secondly, as we are only a two day library, our library cannot remain open all week without the support of a Teacher Roster and our wonderful Seniors.

A HUGE THANK YOU to our 2010 LIBRARY MONITORS, who provide a wonderful range of activities to nurture our students. Through their guidance and patience, they have made up competitions and games to make lunchtime library loads of fun!

Well done Year 6! The whole school appreciates the caring way you have entertained the younger children.

We will miss you as you move on to High School,

but wish you every success as you set out on a new pathway. Our best wishes and fond regards go out to you.

Happy Reading Everyone!

REMEMBER, the FIRST CLASS to RETURN ALL their books gets an icy pole!!! THERE'S STILL TIME!

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Safe New Year!

Regards, Jill White & Susan Ryan



ADMINISTRATION MATERS

SCHOOL FEES

It's not too late to finalise any outstanding accounts for 2010! 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. These books will be handed to students as payment is received. The cost will be advised early in Term 1. Students who do not already have a “Wordbank” book will also be issued with one of these at the beginning of the year. The cost of this will be \$4.00 which will also be payable prior to receipt of the book.



FOUND

A single key, which appears to be a car key, has been found on the school grounds. Please contact the school office if you know who it may belong to or for more information.

FUNDRAISING NEWSLETTER

A big thankyou once again to the families & friends of the P & C that have contributed to our fundraising activities for 2010.

Our final fundraiser, the Christmas raffle, has increased our bank balance by approximately \$900.00 Congratulations to the following winners:

- 1st Prize Hendrika Newcombe
- 2nd Prize Isaac May
- 3rd Prize Bill Darling

Special thanks to Mr Mortlock for donating his time & effort in building the outdoor chairs for third prize, & to Mr Singh for framing the oil painting for the 1st Prize.

Cheryl Parker
Fundraising Co-ordinator

TRELOAR PARK HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS

GREAT FUN FOR ALL THE KIDS
HEAPS OF PRIZES TO BE WON
END OF CAMP PARTY
3 CAMPS AVAILABLE

VENUE: Tamworth Tennis Club.

TIME: 9am – 12pm daily.

COST: \$75 full week or \$20 per day

DATES

Camp 1. Mon 20/12/10 - Thu 23/12/10

Camp 2. Tue 4/1/11 - Fri 7/1/11

Camp 3. Mon 10/1/11 – Thu 13/1/11

FAMILY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

Proudly run by Jarrod Campbell certified T.C.A Advanced level 2 Tennis Professional.

For bookings and enquiries call Jarrod on 67669552 or 0421287004



TAMWORTH NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Tamworth Netball Association will be assisting Tamworth Regional Council to operate and collect camping money at the Riverside Sport Fields during the 2011 Country Music Festival. The money that we raise helps us keep our playing fees to a minimum for all our members. We would like parents of children who play netball to become more involved in this fundraising activity as it affects them and benefits them the most.

Duties include operating the boom gate and collection and receipt of camping fees. Your time will be very much appreciated. We are hoping that some Dads may help-we know you are out there somewhere!

Clubs who elect not to help incur an extra \$5.00 per player registration fee.

If you can help please contact your netball Club Secretary or Dorothy Lockwood (6765 7827, dlocky@dodo.com.au) or Lyn O'Brien (6765 6892, tuppy54@hotmail.com).

Thank you for your consideration.

The 2011 Tamworth Rep Team squads will be assisting in the canteen as part of their fundraising activities, with their Coaches and Managers.

Kind regards, Lyn O'Brien
(Secretary)



CENTACARE – SMILES PROGRAM

Centacare Tamworth will be running a Smiles Program during the January school holidays. The Smiles Program is for children aged between 8 and 11 years, and is designed to address the needs of children who are supporting family members with a mental illness. The Smiles Program provides age appropriate information on depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder and schizophrenia; and aims to improve coping skills and resilience. This program will run for three full days on Wednesday the 12th, Thursday the 13th and Friday the 14th of January 2011. For further information or to enrol your child in this program call Sharon on 6762 9270.



Nemingha Public School Service Award Winners for 2010




Citizen of the Year 2010—Amelia Francis



Three very wise little men, some shepherds and dainty angels enjoying taking part in the nativity play at our annual Scripture Service on Tuesday.



2010

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 NO STUDENTS Staff Development Day	17 NO STUDENTS Staff Development Day
20			27th January 2011	28 Clothing Pool Open 9.00—12.30 NO STUDENTS Staff Development Day

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

January / February 2011

31 Students in Yrs 1—6 Return to school Canteen Open	1 Kindergarten Students begin school Clothing Pool 3.15—4.00pm	2	3 Clothing Pool 9.00—10.00	4
7	8 Clothing Pool 3.15—4.00pm	9 P & C Meeting 7.00pm	10 Clothing Pool 9.00—10.00	11