



Nemingha Public School

NEWSLINK

Term 4 Week 5
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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. Vanessa Fox, Kinder teacher for 2012, is conducting the program. Thank you to the Year 5 students for helping out as buddies and we look forward to next week when the students will be presented with certificates at the Friday Assembly.

Thank you to parents/carers and community for purchasing photos and ordering videos of the 'Alice In Wonderland' concert. We have had a positive response and you will be advised when they are ready.

The intensive swimming scheme starts again on Monday 21st November to Friday 2nd 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 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.

A parent/carer survey regarding the school is included with the Newslink to gain information and will help set directions and goals for 2012. Parents/carers are encouraged to complete the survey and please return it to the school by Friday 25th November.

The Minister for Education Adrian Piccoli announced that the Department of Education and Communities would start consultation on empowering local public schools. This will be conducted through 'Local Schools, Local Decisions' program. Consultation is already happening with school Principals and teachers and will include the school communities. Presentations will be conducted this term and

early next year. For information go to <http://det.nsw.edu.au/>

The P&C held its last meeting for the year on Wednesday 9th 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. 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, resources for mathematics and working on funds for a cover for the play equipment and upgrading the cricket pitch. I look forward to working in partnership with parents and community to continue to open the doors to opportunities for our students in 2012.

Aurora Reilly
Principal



WANTED

If anyone has a small electronic keyboard in good working order that they no longer need and would like to donate to the Kindergarten classroom, could you please contact the office or Mrs Vanessa Fox .



Classroom Corner

Kindergarten

We have tasted the delicious carrots from our school vegetable garden. During the next couple of weeks the children will be taking home carrots to have as a snack or with a meal. This activity ties in perfectly with our COGS unit 'Healthy Choices'.

The students have been continuing to blend sounds to spell CVC (consonant vowel consonant) words. We have looked at 'at', 'en', 'ig', 'od' and 'up'. We have some very good spellers in Kindergarten!

It's great to see so many students bringing their water bottles and hats each day. Remember no hat, no play!

Congratulations to our students who received their silver awards at last week's assembly.

Kindergarten children will be performing their item at next week's assembly. We look forward to seeing you there.

Denise Barnes

K-1

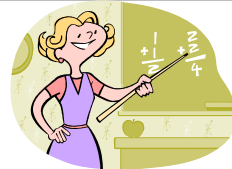
This week we are completing some assessment tasks for reading, spelling, writing and maths. In spelling Kinders are concentrating on '-og' words, while Year 1 is learning about 'er', 'ir' and 'ur' words.

In our COGS unit "Products and Services" we have been learning about honey and how bees make it. The students have made individual bees and a class beehive to display on our wall. K-1 made bread with Mrs Sharkey on Wednesday and enjoyed watching the mixing of the dough in the bread maker as well as eating the bread after it had cooked.

Last Friday some children helped to plant some cucumber and tomato seedlings in the school garden. We will probably not get to see any fruit develop before the school holidays, but it's still fun to watch them grow and see where fresh produce comes from. Thank you to the Kemp Family for their donation of the seedlings.

We have a class tube of sunscreen (30+) for

children to use at school. A permission note for allowing children to use the sunscreen at school is being sent home soon and it will need to be returned as soon as possible if you wish your child to use it when needed.



Kym Dwyer

Year 1-2

Year 1/2 has been busy completing assessments for their final report which will go home later in the term.

The children have completed both literacy and numeracy tests and I have been very pleased with the results thus far. Every child has had the chance to read aloud to an adult as well as to their peers. Thank-you to all our reading helpers - Maryann Murdoch, Carolann Brown, Sue Dunn and Katrina Gentle, the children really enjoy showing you their literacy skills.

Please make sure your child has a school approved hat. The school is now a "Sun Smart" school and we have rules about playing in the sun without appropriate protection. Please read the information about sunscreen at school in this issue of the Newslink. It is very important that your child has a hat for sport and PE activities as well.

In maths the concepts covered over the past fortnight have been 'time' and 'subtraction'. The class is becoming very proficient at telling the time on the hour, half hour and a quarter past the hour. They are also working on the quick recall of subtraction facts as well as looking at the relationship between subtraction and addition.

You can now start sending in lucky dips and jars full of exciting things for the bottle stall. We need plenty of jars, so please send some in if you can. Charity day is in Week 9 and will creep up very quickly.

A large number of our class received gold awards at last Friday's assembly. Remember to keep looking for any silver awards at home as there are only a few assemblies left this term. 'You Can Do It' playground bronzes will go out this week.

Leanne Kemp

Year 2

The term continues to be busy with a lot of different things happening at school. I will be involved in Kindergarten Orientation during weeks 5 and 6, which will involve some changes with teachers for Year 2. The morning session will be the most affected but their routines in the classroom will remain the same.

The children have worked very hard making a list of points about an Australian animal and over the next few weeks they will be writing them as an information report. Hopefully we will also make a class digital reference book as well. Thanks to those who managed to find information at home.

From now until the end of term the children will be learning a special embroidery technique known as huck-a-back. Some of you may even remember doing this at school. We hope to make a small placemat that might become a special treasure for them. I am planning to sew with the children each Wednesday afternoon and I may need some help threading needles and fixing 'mistakes'. So if you had some time and could come in to help I would appreciate it.

Learn to swim lessons will take place in Week 7 and 8, and quite a few of our class will be involved. Please make sure to return your notes as soon as you can.

Once again, a reminder about our Bottle Stall and Lucky Dips for Charity Day. Please start sending in jars as soon as you can because I can store them at school.

Vanessa Fox

Year 3

Well done Year 3 on a great item last Friday.

Our Broad Bean pasta dish on Monday was a huge success. Most of the class had a try. The recipe should be at your house by now.

The hot weather is well and truly upon us. Please remind your children to bring their hat and drink bottle. Our sunscreen has arrived and once children return their permission notes they will be able to apply this before going outside at recess and lunch.

Our independent reading continues to be quite successful. We will all be Australian Animal

walking encyclopaedias by the end of the year.

This week we are doing assessments including an information report about the Emu.

Year 3 has run out of tissues again and we ask that each family provides a box for the classroom. Could you please add a box to your shopping list and send it in.

Congratulations to all those who have been bringing in their news and homework. Your hard work at home is appreciated. Have a great week.

Amanda Price

Year 4

Well done to all the students who received a silver or gold award at the last assembly. It is lovely to see so many students in Year 4 being rewarded for all their hard work this semester.

Thank you to all the students who have consistently brought in their homework this term. Your hard work and dedication at home is certainly appreciated. I am more than happy to help students with their homework before or after school during the week if there are any concepts that they are finding 'tricky'.

In this week's Newslink there is a permission note for your child to receive sunscreen as part of our 'Sun Smart' School program. It is very important that we are aware of the dangers of sunburn. We have a 'No Hat, No Play' rule at Nemingha Public School and most children have been remembering their hats on a daily basis. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly marked on their school hat so that the amount of lost property is limited.

Over the next few weeks we will be preparing for 'Charity Day'. Year 4 will be having their own stall and we are looking forward to planning this together. Please keep an eye on future Newslinks for further details.

Kate Armstrong

Year 5

Last Friday the Year 5 students were visited by our local member of parliament Mr Kevin Anderson. The students realise how privileged they were that Mr Anderson gave up his time to speak to them, as they had researched the role

of a member of parliament and then took on the role of a personal assistant who prepared a schedule of events that the MP would need to attend to in a day. Mr Anderson was very impressed by the knowledge students had of how our country is governed and by the questions asked.

The highlight of our week has been the arrival of next years Kindergarten students for orientation. Year Five have been waiting excitedly for this event so that they could take on the role of BUDDY. Year Five have accepted this role with relish and are exhibiting true leadership qualities.

Students are very excited about our trip to Thalgarrah and the learning activities that will take place there.

Year 5 has run out of tissues again and we ask that each family provides a box for the classroom. Could you please add a box to your shopping list and send it in.

Thank you to the parents who have indicated that they will help out with the Year Six farewell. Please contact Rebecca Gibson as soon as possible if you can contribute in anyway. A meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th at 3.40pm in the school staffroom to finalise any organisational matters. Congratulations to our award recipients.

Tracy Gooch

Year 6

Year 6 has been busy with term assessment in spelling, writing and maths with some pleasing results appearing.

I am sure the group will enjoy their trip to Thalgarrah Environmental Education Centre with the main focus on Aboriginal studies and Streamwatch activities.

The class viewed a number of short videos that explained the transition to high school. These can be viewed on the Department's web site <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/> and look under the SCHOOL GUIDE tab STARTING HIGH SCHOOL. It is a good site for both parents and children to watch together. The site with lots of other information can also be accessed at the school's website under WEBSITES WE USE.

There will be no formal homework activities for

the remainder of the year with the children focused on in class revision and extension work as well as completing their digital portfolio.

Please remind children to have their school hats ready to wear each day at school.

Phil Bellis

Canteen News

We would like to remind all students that the 'LOL' drinks should be drunk using the ring pull. As we do not use butter or margarine on any sandwiches, rolls or burgers, they all have a smear of mayonnaise. If your child does not like mayonnaise please note on their lunch order under the sandwich, roll or burger, "No Mayo Please".

From Week 7 the canteen will start to run out of as much of our stock as possible, before the Christmas break. Could you please be aware that some items may not be available.

Canteen will be open on Wednesday 14th December but only to sell remaining stocks of chips, drinks and ice creams. On Friday 16th December the canteen will be closed.

After spending money on new home readers over the years, the canteen is purchasing new home reader bags for each of the new kindergarten students next year. We feel this is an excellent way to encourage home reading and protect our valuable school resources.

Volunteers for the next fortnight are:

Friday 11th November

Jason Anderson & Nicole Thornton

Monday 17th November

Lyn Darling & Paula Sainsbury

Friday 18th November

Mariko Batho & Rachael Thompson

Monday 21st November

Brian Abra, Olley McCormack & Deanne Lesslie

Mariko Batho

Canteen Co-ordinator

CLOTHING POOL

It was great to see the 2012 Kindergarten children and their parents looking so enthusiastic at the orientation and information day on Wednesday.

A huge thank you to all those parents who have sent in their pre loved uniforms for resale at the clothing pool .

A new price list is now available at both the clothing pool and school office.

Clothing pool opening times are still the same, Monday mornings 9.00-10am and Assembly Fridays 2.00-3.00pm at the back of the old hall.

Karen Darling
Clothing Pool Co-ordinator

Shopping Vouchers

Thank- you to everyone who provided both Coles and Woolworths vouchers to our school. We are still waiting to hear back from Coles before we can start ordering more sporting equipment.

Our Woolworths vouchers have been returned. Thanks to Mrs Price for her diligence in entering all the codes. We have ordered a number of calculators as well as some books for the Year 4 classroom from the points gained. Thanks again for your wonderful support.

Leanne Kemp

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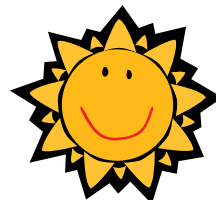
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SUN SMART SCHOOL



You will notice a new sign on the front fence of Nemingha Public School indicating that we are participating in the Cancer Council's Sun Smart program. All children are to wear wide brimmed school approved hats and our policy of "No Hat No Play" will be enforced.

As part of the program, the Cancer Council has given us their 'Everyday' sunscreen SPF 30+, and all children will be asked to apply the sunscreen before going out to play.

Please complete the slip below for permission for your child to have the sunscreen applied.

If the slip is not returned it will be understood that you do not wish your child to have sunscreen applied. We do realise that some children can have reactions to some sunscreens and if this is the case, could you please send in a tube of the sunscreen that your child can specifically use.



SUN SMART

I hereby give permission for my child

In class _____ to have sunscreen

applied by his/her class teacher on a daily basis.

Signature _____

Date _____

Community Garden Info Day!

**FREE KIDS
ACTIVITIES!**

**PLUS FOOD AND STUFF FOR
MUM AND DAD!**

Bring a
novelty vegetable
and win a prize!

FUN!



- Eco-Dyeing—bring your white cotton T-shirt or singlet and make them colourful with things from the garden (Tell mum they won't run!)
- Make a pet moss rock to care for

- Face painting
- Things to grow and things to take home
- Giant bubbles
- Prizes

**Saturday 12th November 11am-3pm
Community Centre, Darling Street**



Wood'n'Wax

Edelweiss Gallery 1745 Nundle Road Dungowan
New Encaustic (wax) Paintings by Liz Priestley
with

Natural Edge Burl Bowls by Mark Bainbridge

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Opening night Friday 11th November 2011 6pm onwards

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November / December 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>14</p> <p>Clothing Pool 9.00-10.00</p> <p>Active After School</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Kinder Orientation 9.30—11am</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Active After School</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Kinder Orient. 2.00-3.00pm</p> <p>Clothing Pool 2.00-3.00pm</p> <p>Assembly 3.00pm Kinder item</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Clothing Pool 9.00-10.00</p> <p>Swimming Scheme starts</p> <p>Active After School</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Newslink</p> <p>Active After School</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Clothing Pool 9.00-10.00</p> <p>Last day Active After School</p>	<p>29</p> <p>School Council Meeting 5.00pm</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Last day Active After School</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Clothing Pool 2.00-3.00pm</p> <p>Swimming Scheme finishes</p> <p>Assembly 2.45pm Captains speeches</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Clothing Pool 9.00-10.00</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Christmas Scripture service</p> <p>Volunteers Morning Tea</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Newslink Presentation night</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Charity Day</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>