



Nemingha Public School

NEWSLINK

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YOUR PRINCIPAL WRITES:

Nemingha Public School crossed into another galaxy, a world where colourful book characters from many countries and stories came alive and paraded on Tuesday 30th August. We celebrated Literacy/Numeracy Week 2011. It was wonderful to see parents/carers, grandparents and community sharing the experience with us.

At Nemingha we enjoy reading and it is evident by our high results across the school, student engagement and the great resources. This is made possible by the fantastic work of Mrs. White, librarian, teachers and staff. Congratulations to everyone for the hard work in preparing the costumes and for making it an outstanding event. For Numeracy, students will be involved in exciting activities on the Department's website.

Congratulations to Jasmine Shumack, Elloise Fuller, Indianna McDowell, Lara Graham, Mitchell Henderson, Cale Bruce, Rorey Rizzi, Cohen Tait and Ryland Sainsbury. for trying their best in the Regional Athletics Carnival on Thursday 25th August.

The concert 'Alice In Wonderland' is coming along well. All classes and characters have been rehearsing their items. Notes have been sent home with all the details, information and requirements.

Tickets are now on sale from Monday 29th August and seats will be allocated when purchasing the tickets. There are three performances to allow enough seating for everyone in the hall (the doors will be closed) and parents are asked to purchase tickets for one performance please so that everyone gets a chance.

Arrangements have been made for parents who are not attending the performances but are bringing their children and wish to wait for them.

The 'old' hall will be set up as an area where parents can wait during the matinee and evening performances. There will be tea/coffee and seating. We are in the process of working out the guidelines for videoing and taking photos and parents will be notified. The concert will be advertised in the Nemingha community. Thank you to parents who are helping with props, costumes and other items.

We are working on our evaluations: Curriculum Mathematics and School Management-Assessment practices. Nigel Brito, New England School Development Officer, conducted the Mathematics evaluation last term and provided findings and recommendations. On Monday 15th August, Nigel worked with the school on a Maths Scope and Sequence plan for teaching Mathematics across Kinder to Year 6. We are also evaluating the Assessment policy, practices, plans and procedures across the subject areas. A team will be formed to design surveys, analyse data and publish findings.

Aurora Reilly
Principal

ALICE IN WONDERLAND



Tickets on sale now

Book early to avoid disappointment



\$5.00 adult / \$2.00 children (under 12)

Matinee

Tuesday 18th October 12.00pm.

Evening Performances

Wednesday 19th October 6.30pm
Thursday 20th October 6.30pm

Classroom Corner

Kindergarten

The Kinder room was filled with many interesting book characters on Tuesday. Thank you to the parents who put in so much effort with their children's costumes. They all looked fantastic. A big thank you also to Mrs. White for yet another wonderful Book Fair and parade.

We have been observing the changes in our vegetable garden each week. With the onset of the warmer weather our silver beet is now ready to pick. If you would like some please let me know.

Last Wednesday afternoon the whole school was entertained by the Aboriginal story teller and dancer Gindaja. We especially enjoyed the boomerang and spear throwing up on the oval.

Mrs Fox and Year 2 will be coming into our classroom to read their "Superstories" to us on Thursday as part of Literacy Week. We are looking forward to hearing their stories.

Denise Barnes

K-1

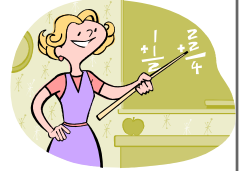
In Week 6 Wednesday's performance by Sean Dewar of Aboriginal culture and dance was wonderful to see; the children enjoyed his story telling, dance and movement, artefacts and didgeridoo playing. They especially liked watching him throw boomerangs and spears on the oval.

This week has been a very exciting one with Book Week being so much fun for children. They have loved going to buy at the Book Fair and then showing the class their purchases. Dressing up for the parade is such a wonderful time and the children loved explaining to the class who they were dressed up as. Thank you to Mrs White for making Book Week so special once again.

In Spelling the Kinders have been listening for middle and final sounds as well as learning some word families such as -at, -an, -ap and this week -et words. The Year 1 students have been learning -ng words for spelling this week and next week it will be -th and th- words.

For News the children need to retell a family story which they have heard from a family member. So each child needs to ask an aunt,

uncle, Nan or Pop, mum or dad to tell them a short memory of their childhood. It is preferable if students do not bring their toys to show and tell about, unless the "toy"/object is connected to the family story. For Literacy and Numeracy Week we have participated in a sharing of stories with Year 2 (Thank you Year 2) and are doing some data collection and graph making about our broccoli which is ready for picking.



Mrs Dwyer

Year 1-2

Another busy time has been had in Year 1-2 over the past fortnight.

Last week everyone had an enjoyable time learning about Aboriginal culture at the Gindaja performance. This performance complements the work we are currently doing in Cogs in our unit "Our Stories."

We have been learning about expositions in writing and have just completed an assessment task on recycling. The children certainly learnt a lot from their excursion and were able to argue that recycling is good for everyone.

For the rest of the term our writing will relate to information reports. This week the use of a writing plan will assist the class with organising their thoughts and ideas when completing this text type.

In maths we have been looking at place value. The children have worked in groups and made two and three digit numbers using concrete materials. They have then used a number of interactive games on the smart board to transfer their newly gained knowledge and finally completed worksheets on this topic.

In sport we have been practising basketball skills. There are a number of sharp-shooters in both Year 2 and our class.

As part of the PE program we have been joining with Year 2 to continue to run through our dance for the Alice in Wonderland Concert. The T-shirts and aprons have been organised and the black pants will need to come into school in week 1 of term 4.

Thank-you to the P & C for assisting the classes

with the purchase of reading and numeracy materials. Our class has a number of new reading books that need to be covered before they can be used. If anyone is available to cover these with contact please let me know.

This is my last Newslink for term 3. Mrs Porter will be teaching Year 1-2 during the last fortnight of this term while I am on Long Service Leave.

I wish everyone a safe and restful holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back and prepared for another exciting term.

Leanne Kemp

Year 2

Year 2 certainly had an enjoyable day on Tuesday when they dressed up for the Book Parade. They have been very excited purchasing items from the Book Fair. Well done to Year 2 for winning the icy poles this term for having no overdue books. Thank you Mrs White!

Just a reminder that there is no library borrowing this week.

The children have been working hard preparing for their dance item for our school musical. I will be asking the children to bring in their black pants at the beginning of next term.

Don't forget that tickets went on sale this week. After our trip to Bunnings we have planted onions and lettuce into our class garden from the seedlings we purchased on our excursion. We will also plant beans and corn as the weather gets warmer.

The children have begun to learn about writing information reports. They will be writing a small project about an Australian animal as part of the unit 'Growing and Changing'. We will first write a class report about the platypus. Once they begin looking for information about the animal they have chosen, they may need to look for information at home.

This week we will be reading our little 'Are you my Mother?' 'Superstories' to Kinder and K-1 as part of Literacy Week. The children will be able to take them home once we have read them at school. They are very excited to show you their books when they take them home. They certainly did a wonderful job preparing them.

Vanessa Fox

Year 3

Year 3 are away on Excursion, Mrs Price will give a full report in the next Newslink.

Year 4

There were lots of excited Year 4 people ready for camp this morning. I have looked over the outline of activities for the camp and I am sure that all attending will have a fantastic time. Thank you for all your preparation and support in the lead up to the camp.

Thank you to all the students who have continued to bring in their homework and prepare for their talking and listening time. Homework is a great opportunity for the students to revise content taught in class.

Next week Year 4 will enjoy some cricket clinics with visiting instructors. This will be a great opportunity to learn some new skills.

We have been working hard on our class item for 'Alice in Wonderland' and there will be a note sent home soon regarding costume.

We have been very busy in class with Literacy and Numeracy Week and Book Week. It was fantastic to see so many children dressed as book characters for the parade. Happy Book Week!

Kate Armstrong

Year 5

The students were very enthusiastic and committed to learning percussion scores so that they could perform at the assembly last week. We will continue to use the instruments this term as we tackle more complicated tunes. Year Five will be rocking the school.

Science Week was a great success. We have a number of budding scientists in our class. The students explored chemical reactions. They investigated and experimented to see what changes occurred when different substances are mixed and heat applied.

Book Week was once again a wonderful opportunity for students to dress up as characters from their favourite books. Thank you to Mrs White who makes this time of the year such an exciting and fun time.

We are practising our items for Alice in Wonderland. You may like to start organising costumes for your child. Girls who are butterflies will need black tights and a black t-shirt. Boys who are soldiers will need long grey pants, black shoes and a white t-shirt. Could these items please come to school labelled with your child's name so that decorations can be applied.

If anyone can volunteer to make red sashes and applique hearts to the t-shirts could you please let me know as soon as possible.

Congratulations to all students who received awards last week.

Tracy Gooch

Year 6

Thank you to our responsible Year 6 students who have assisted in so many ways with the Book Fair and parade activities. As well, their participation and enthusiasm shown towards rehearsing for the concert, Alice in Wonderland, is commendable.

Essays and maths surveys set for the term are starting to come in from the class. The results seen so far are of an exceptional standard.

Recent work in maths has seen the children doing problem solving games. A great site to visit is www.kenken.com

Well done to Karie for reaching the Stage 3 finals in the Zone Premier's Spelling Bee to be held at Oxley Vale Public School on Monday 19th September.

The children are producing a digital portfolio for the end of the year and they are being asked to bring in any photos, awards, certificates or written pieces of work from their primary school days, kinder to year 6. These will be scanned and returned as soon as possible.

Phil Bellis

Worm Tea For Sale

Our recycling program is well underway with waste minimization the key to Recycle, Reuse and Replenish. Worm Tea is the by product of worms after digesting uneaten food scraps at the school. This liquid can be diluted down and used

as a great fertilizer on all types of gardens. See the Year 6 children for further information. \$2 a litre which will make up to 5 litres of Worm Tea.

Sports News

Regional Athletics Carnival

Our team members represented the Tamworth Zone PSSA at the recently held Regional Carnival. This is an exceptional effort for our school with events represented in Junior Boy Relay, Junior Girl Relay, 100m age race, 200m age race and high jump.

Well done Jasmine Shumack, Elloise Fuller, Indianna McDowell, Lara Graham, Mitchell Henderson, Cale Bruce, Rorey Rizzi, Cohen Tait and Ryland Sainsbury. Unfortunately Leticia Corby and Jake Brown could not attend on the day.

Sport Equipment

Children have been asked to leave any sporting equipment at home including soccer balls and footballs. The school has plenty of equipment for children to borrow at lunch times.

There are three areas for children to play soccer on the oval so that our smaller children do not come into contact with the older, larger children. The right side of the oval is for Years 4-6, the left front is for Years 2-4 while the left back is for K - Y 1

Phillip Bellis

Jump Rope for Heart

Keep those skipping ropes turning as we approach our Jump Rope Day at the end of term on Wednesday 21st September. If you have completed a sponsorship form more can be obtained from the front office.

Cricket Clinics

These clinics have been organised for all classes next Wednesday, 7th September. No cost is involved.

Premier's Spelling Bee

Congratulations to James Smith and Sebastian Diss **Stage 2**, and Karie Mayman and Matthew Corney **Stage 3**, who qualified to compete at the Regional finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee to be held at Oxley Vale Public School on Monday the 19th September.

We wish them the best of luck

Canteen News

Thank you to Karen Parker for donating a set of oven mitts.

The **Spring into Spring meal deal** menu will be going home soon. This is due back by Friday 16th September. There will be a small prize for the class with the highest percentage of participants, as a reward ... so all get involved!!!

Volunteers for the next fortnight are:

Friday 2nd September

Jason Anderson & Mary-Anne O'Malley

Monday 5th September

Mariko Batho, Olley McCormack & Robyn Clapham

Friday 9th September

Jason Anderson & Andrew Fogarty

Monday 12th September

Brian Abra, Tennille Painter & Angela Murphy

Mariko Batho

Canteen Co-ordinator

CANTEEN September SPECIAL OFFER

**Cheese and meat and sauce and
onion or any combination**

Toasted or fresh

\$2.50

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will arrive at Nemingha Public School early in Term 4. Samples of the sport photos along with order forms will arrive at the same time. Watch this space for reminders.

CLOTHING POOL

This year is disappearing quickly and next term students will once again be wearing summer uniforms. Be prepared and get your orders in early, we have plenty in stock.

Boys new blue shirts and grey shorts are \$12 and if you purchase from the Clothing Pool you will be helping your school. We also have second hand garments available at affordable costs. Clothing Pool Price Lists are available at the school office.

Come and see us Mondays between 9 and 10.00am and Assembly Fridays between 2 and 3.00pm at the back of the old hall.

Karen Darling

Clothing Pool Coordinator

P&C Fundraising News

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Proudly supporting
Nemingha Public School

Present this voucher for

4c per litre fuel discount

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CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS, PARENTS AND TEACHERS! WHAT AN OUTSTANDING BOOK FAIR

Congratulations to all children for not only making such a fantastic effort to disguise themselves, as super book characters, but for your wonderful behaviour. Special thanks to mums, dads, grans, grandpas, aunts, uncles etc for the wonderful support you have given the children in costuming and supporting the Book Fair!

We have managed to bring in over \$3,300.00 in wonderful Book Sales in just 2 days!!! This entitles us to over \$1,000.00 in commission for our school! **What a fantastic effort!**

Then along came ‘**Geronimo Stilton**’...! **We are so lucky!** Isn't he the most amazing Mouse? We are so lucky to be on his travel plans, as he travels down-under from Mouse Island.

We are so lucky he flew in to see the wonderful prize winners receive their prizes and HAVE THEIR PHOTOS taken with him!! WOW!

Congratulations to the BOOK FAIR

Prize Winners!

LUCKY Voucher Winners were:



\$40 Voucher: Jakob Brown

\$20 Voucher: Tayte Rizzi

\$10 Voucher: Luke Gentle

SPECIAL PRIZES: Lexi May and Campbell Spanswick

LUCKY Class Book Prize and Poster Winners were:

K Brooklyne Rizzi and Abigail McBride

K-1 Harry Peeters and Brandon Burrell

Y1-2 Thomas Gallagher and sol Arranz

Y2 Brianna Elliott and Grace Darling

Y3 Mason Bayliss and Stephanie Smyth

Y4 Izack Fuller and Zac Mansfield

Y5 Emily Gibson and Isaac May

Y6 Caitlin Austin and Brandon Kelly

WOW! YEAR 2 WON THE ICY POSES FOR GETTING ALL THEIR BOOKS RETURNED!! Well done! I wonder who will be the winners of the Christmas Competition??

We are so grateful for the support of the following people who all had a GIGANTIC part to play in supporting this fun event.

Firstly, Year 6 children who have planned this for weeks, making the amazing and the fantastic art work. Slogan banner and Books; World Globe “net” decorations; Flags; Buckingham Palace, complete with Royal Family; the Empire State Building; Pyramid and information 3D books; Posters; Advertising boards and boxes; Arch and balloons, etc hours and hours of work! The Library was transformed! **CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 6!**
A FABULOUS EFFORT!

Special thanks once again to the wonderful Mrs Craven-Sands and Miss Dwyer, for working so hard, putting up the last minute decorations and managing to survive the intense rush of sales; assisted by the wonderful help from Mrs Fox and Mrs Diss. Thanks also to Mrs Gooch, Miss Armstrong and Mrs Kemp for playing a vital role in supporting our sales. A HUGE thanks to Mr Bellis for having the expertise to fix the sound system that we couldn't do without! We are so grateful also, to Mr McCahon for helping supply the necessary soldering kit, assisting with the decorations, sound system and looking after Geronimo for us! The younger children were utterly delighted to see the results of your effort! It made the BOOK FAIR so special!

Jill White, Librarian

The Wonderful Book Parade



September/ October 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>Clothing Pool 9.00—10.00</p> <p>Active After School</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>Active After School</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>Clothing Pool 2.00—3.00</p> <p>Assembly 3.00pm K-1 item</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p>Clothing Pool 9.00—10.00</p> <p>Last day Active After School</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>Dr Gunning visit</p> <p>Yrs 3-4 10.00am– 11.00am</p> <p>Yrs 5-6 11.30am– 1.00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p>P & C Meeting 7.00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p>Newslink</p> <p>Last day Active After School</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>Clothing Pool 9.00—10.00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>School Council Meeting 5.00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p>Jump Rope for Heart “Jump Off”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>Clothing Pool 2.00—3.00</p> <p>Assembly 3.00pm Year 2 item</p> <p>LAST DAY OF TERM</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">26</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>FIRST DAY TERM 4</p> <p>STUDENTS AND STAFF RETURN</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p>