



# Nemingha Public School

## NEWSLINK

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### YOUR PRINCIPAL WRITES:

Nemingha Public School is staying ahead in Science and one area is the 'Scientist In Schools' program, an initiative by the Department of Education & Communities and CSIRO. Last Friday I attended a workshop at the Australian Museum in Sydney with Dr Robin Gunning our Scientist partner. We had an eventful day sharing ideas, meeting other participants and discovering how other CSIRO Education programs can support both 'Scientist In Schools' and the Australian Curriculum. Dr Gunning followed this up with a visit to the school on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September she worked with Years 3 and 4 on insects and conducted a 'bug walk' around the school. We have activities planned for the other classes next term.

Whilst in Sydney, I had the opportunity to attend the official opening of the 'Operation Art' competition at the Armory Gallery, Olympic Park on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September. It was a spectacular event and a huge crowd of people. The Hon. Mr Barry O'Farrell Premier NSW gave a presentation and there was a wonderful display of dancing, music and singing by students from primary and secondary schools. Art works from many schools across the state were on display in the gallery and it was an honour to see three Nemingha Public School artworks amongst 759 entries. Congratulations to Caitlin Ross, Thomas Haling and Isabella Cameron. Thomas's and Isabella's work were selected for 'Operation ArtBank' and their works will be given to regional hospitals and regional offices in NSW. Thomas's art work will be photographed for the Teachers Art Resource CD. This CD has 200 examples of art work to illustrate a wide variety of teaching strategies for schools.

Thank you to the teachers for the quality teaching in Art and especially Mrs Vanessa Fox for co-ordinating the competition. It is a significant promotion for our school with 7 000 people visiting the display.

Year 3 and 4 students, Mr Bellis and Mrs Price came back from their excursion to Lake Keepit on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September very excited and tired. Students are to be commended for their positive behaviour and having a go at all the activities. Thank you to the teachers and parents for their hard work and support.

We are in the final stages of rehearsing for the 'Alice In Wonderland' concert and endeavouring to make this a great production to give the students the experience of performing in a quality and professional show. Thank you to Mr Ken MacLean for giving up his time to design and paint the stage scenery, it really looks like a 'Wonderland'. Thank you also to the parents who are continually helping with costumes, props and items.

**Video and Photographs** – We have a volunteer to take a school video on Wednesday night and we would like someone to video on Thursday night. If you have good experience with videoing, and would like to help out, please contact the school. Videos will then be available for purchase after the concert. We also have a professional photographer coming to take photos at the full dress rehearsal. If you would like to purchase photos of your child, proofs will be on display in the school foyer in the weeks following the concert. Teachers will also be taking photos of students in their costumes and class groups and these photos will be for the students' portfolios. Unfortunately, videoing and taking photos during the performance will be prohibited due to copyright and child protection regulations.

It has been a high powered term. Thank you to staff and students for all the hard work in making this term a success. Thank you to parents/carers and the community for the continued support and partnership. I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and look forward to another excellent term, especially our Concert.

**Aurora Reilly**  
**Principal**

# Classroom Corner

## Kindergarten

Kinder children have been working very hard on our class item for the Alice in Wonderland concert. We, along with K/1 hope to have a pre dress rehearsal next week. Everyone will need to bring in a pair of socks to match their track pants by Monday please.

The students have been revising all their letters and sounds and are now ready to blend sounds to make CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words. Thank you to all the valuable mums who have been coming along each week to listen to the children read and help them become such wonderful readers.

During the past couple of weeks the students have been busy completing assessment tasks for the end of term results. As next week is the last week of term, the only homework that will be sent home are sight word lists for the children to revise. Thank you once again for your support. Have a safe and happy holiday!

**Denise Barnes**

## K-1

In these last few weeks of Term 3, K-1 students have been completing some assessment tasks for maths, writing and reading. They have all tried their very best to concentrate and do their best effort; I have been very pleased with their persistence and concentration.

This week the Kinder students have been learning about -eg words and next week we will look at -ed words. We are continuing to focus on medial sounds (a, e, i, o, u) and blending sounds to spell CVC (consonant- vowel-consonant) words.

Year 1 students have been looking at the a sound which can be written as ai and ay. They have made a snail to remind them of the spelling of these different words. Next week Year 1 will be practicing some High Frequency words which can be a little tricky.

Last Wednesday the students enjoyed the Cricket Clinic. They loved the opportunity to do skills like the big kids and the sample bag was a very welcome surprise for everyone.

As the Alice in Wonderland concert draws nearer we, (Kinder and K-1) would like to have a pre-Dress rehearsal next week (Week 10) so children need to bring their track pants or leggings to school with a pair of socks that match the colour of their pants/leggings. Please make sure these pieces of clothing are labeled with your child's name as we would not want them to be worn by someone else or to be taken accidentally, to the wrong home.



**Kym Dwyer**

## Year 1-2

Hello, my name is Mrs Porter and I will be teaching 1/2 while Mrs Kemp is away.

Throughout the week we have been rehearsing for the 'Alice in Wonderland' concert and the children have been very helpful in helping me learn the routines and where things are in the Year 1/2 classroom.

In English, we have been doing information reports. During this week we will be doing an information report on flying foxes and bull ants. We will also be starting a 'What am I' book which the children will finish next week.

In Maths, we have been looking at the concept of o'clock and half-past. Later in the week we will be doing fractions and next week data.

In COGS, we have been looking at some dreamtime stories and developing ways of telling a story through movement.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday.

**Shelly Porter**

## Year 2

The past few weeks have been a busy time in the Year 2 classroom. Not only have we been practising for the school play, but we have also been doing Term 3 assessments in literacy and numeracy.

As part of our COG's unit, the children are also learning that it is not only animals and plants that grow and change, but also schools and communities. We have discussed what things have changed over the time that they have been at school and drawn pictures of the new hall, chook yard and vegetable garden.

We have also been practising for our assembly performance which is on the last day of the term. The children may be asked to bring in a few things from home over the next few days as part of our item.

Don't forget that as part of Alice in Wonderland your child will need a pair of long black trousers/pants. They will need to be brought in **at the beginning of next term (even the first day back)**. Please don't forget to label them.

This is the last week for homework, but if you are not going away the children can continue to read and use their reading diaries. We hope to begin our information reports on an Australian animal this week. A small amount of research may be required at home.

Congratulations to Isabella Cameron for being selected to have her painting hung in a regional art gallery as part of Operation art.

As this is the last newsletter before the end of term, I hope all families have a happy and safe holiday break.

**Vanessa Fox**

### **Year 3**

Welcome to Week 9. We had a wonderful time at Lake Keepit. The giant swing, low ropes, canoeing just to name a few. The food was great. I would like to congratulate both Years 3 and 4 for their wonderful manners, cooperation and team work. Well Done.

We have been very busy practicing for our part in Alice in Wonderland. We have decided on our costumes and we are going to look fabulous. A note will come home this week about what children will need to bring in if possible.

Dr Robin Gunning visited this week as a follow up to Science Week. We all went on a 'bug walk'. It was amazing the amount of bugs that we found in the playground. A great time was had by all.

Our news topics this term have been enjoyed by all. Thanks to parents for their role in reminding and assisting their children with some great ideas. Hoping you all have a great holiday and looking forward to Term 4.

**Amanda Price**

### **Year 4**

Another action packed term has flown by in the Year 4 classroom! We have been very busy this term with many highlights including our excursion to Lake Keepit, our spelling bee, Alice in Wonderland rehearsals, planting out class garden and Education Week.

We have been working on our class item for Alice in Wonderland daily. As a costume for this item Year 4 will need to bring in a long sleeve black top (without a collar) and black pants or leggings.

Every student will be on stage throughout the course of the play, so if you would like to buy tickets and see your child perform you can do so at the Nemingha Public School Office. Tickets are numbered and selling quickly!

Another piece of exciting news in Year 4 is that we now have a family of *giant burrowing cockroaches* living in a tank in our classroom. These fascinating insects join us thanks to Dr Robyn Gunning who has been visiting Nemingha Public School and conducting bug research with the students. We hope that the cockroaches settle in nicely and continue to excavate interesting tunnels for us to admire.

As the weather is warming up is it important that students remember their hats for outside play. Please ensure that your child's hat has their name on it to avoid it ending up in lost property. A number of items remain in lost property so if your child has lost some items at school please have them check the lost property outside the old hall.

**Kate Armstrong**

### **Year 5**

Our Alice in Wonderland performance practices are going well. All boys who are in the soldier scene will need to have a plain white T shirt (no collar), long grey pants and black shoes.

Prop boys will also need long black pants and a black T shirt, they will need to change into their soldier outfit before their scene.

Girls who are butterflies will need long black tights and a black t-shirt. Could these please come to school as soon as possible for the dress

rehearsals. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Students are preparing a debate which will be held next week the topic is "Australia a lucky country?" There are lots of persuasive arguments being prepared.

NAPLAN results were sent home on Monday. Students did very well in Numeracy and Literacy.

Have an enjoyable and safe break and I look forward to seeing everyone after the holiday.

**Tracy Gooch**

## **Year 6**

Class members are emailing their Wind in the Willows essays which are all due by the end of the week along with their maths survey. Well done to the children who have completed both and handed them in.

All children would have received a note about our Thalgarrah excursion to be held next term. These notes with a deposit need to be returned by the end of next week if you wish your child to attend. Further information about the excursion will be sent home early next term.

The class will be doing a project next term building a scare crow at lunchtimes for the school garden. If any family could donate an old pair of overalls this would be appreciated.

For those children going to Tamworth High School in 2012 there will be an orientation day on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November. Further information for parents will be sent home next term.

**Phillip Bellis**

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## **Jump Rope for Heart**

Parents and children are reminded to return sponsorship forms and any money collected next Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> September. Any unused sponsorship forms will also need to be returned for auditing purposes. Parents are invited to join in with the children at the Jump Rope Day which will be held after lunch from 2.15pm.

## **LAKE KEEPIT EXCURSION**

### **Quotes from Year 3 and 4 students**

I liked the disco, the giant swing and canoeing. **Sophie**

Archery was good. Canoeing is the best. The giant swing was awesome. **Darcy**

My favourite activity was the giant swing. I was going to the top, then I yelled "STOP" I pushed myself and made it to the top. **Lexi**

The giant swing I thought was the best. The rock wall climbing was great. Canoeing was awesome. **Ethan**

The canoeing and archery was fun. The food was good. **Jaydan**

I really liked the canoes, the giant swing and the disco. **Elliose**



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## Worm Tea for Sale

With Spring upon us the school has for sale worm tea which can be used on all plants in your garden to promote healthy plants and vegetables. For sales see Tiarn and Caitlin in Year 6. The cost is \$1 per litre.

We are in need of empty plastic bottles with lids enough to hold 1, 2 or 3 litres of worm tea, if you could drop them off at school they will be greatly appreciated.

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## TECHNOLOGY CORNER

A new website has been put on-line by the Department of Education. The site offers

information on technology and resources on how to keep kids safe online, along with nutritious lunch box recipes and a section on health and wellbeing.

The Federation of Parents and Citizens' Association NSW president, Helen Walton, said: "What I really like about School A to Z is that it supports parents getting involved in their child's education and it gives them tools to do just that." The site can be accessed at this link <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/>

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## ADMINISTRATION AND HEALTH MATTERS

### TELEPHONE NUMBERS

We have been having some difficulty contacting families in cases of emergency. If you have changed your telephone number—especially mobile numbers, please let the school know immediately so that our records can be updated. As you can imagine it is quite distressing to the sick, injured or wet child having to sit in the Sick Bay until home time.

### HEADLICE

Headlice are on the move again, please check your children's hair thoroughly, and treat them with products available from the chemist. Constant scratching of the head is a good indicator that your child might be suffering an infestation.

### CHICKEN POX

We have a confirmed case of chicken pox in the school be aware of indicators; high temperatures, small raised rose pink spots may appear one after the other on the scalp, face, trunk, arms legs and inside the mouth. Spots are followed by small blisters which then form crusts.

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## LOST PROPERTY

Please check and collect lost property before the end of term. Any unnamed and unclaimed uniforms will be returned to Clothing Pool. Items that do not have school logos or are not part of the school uniform will be given to charity.

There are various items which have been left behind from the Year 3 and 4 camp to Lake Keepit. Please check if you are missing anything and enquire at the office before the end of term.

# Canteen News

With so many new volunteers starting in the Canteen, can you please make sure that you put your child's class and teacher name on all recess and lunch orders. This will save any confusion and time spent looking for misplaced orders.

Monday 19th September is our "Spring Into Spring Meal Deal". Please make sure your orders are in. The class with the highest percentage of orders will win a prize. Teachers, your order counts towards your classes orders as well.

First day of Term 4 is a Monday and the canteen will be open.

Term 4 rosters will be sent home soon. Please remember, if you can not make a rostered day, try and organise a swap with someone and let me know.

If you choose to send yoghurt with your child can you please provide them with a spoon or we may have to start charging 20 cents. They are a costly item.

I would like to thank Kim-Louise Paterson & Bronwyn Stewart for their flexibility and ability to come in on short notice for a part day.

## ***Volunteers for the next fortnight are:***

### **Friday 16th September:**

Jason Anderson & Melanie Pennell

### **Monday 19th September:**

Jacinta Schumack, Olley McCormack & Nana Margaret

### **Friday 23rd September:**

Jason Anderson & Paula Sainsbury

## **CANTEEN September / October**

### **SPECIAL OFFER**

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

**Toasted or fresh**

**\$2.50**

# CLOTHING POOL

We are nearly at the end of term so only 2 more Clothing Pool days—Monday 19<sup>th</sup>, 9.00 –10.00 am and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2.00—3.00 pm! Leave me a note at the office if you can't get here.

We have had a small price rise on some uniform items which will affect new stock arriving after September 2011. A new price list will be available next term.

Don't forget to reclaim lost items from lost property before term finishes.

See you all next term in Summer uniforms. I'm sure you'll find some more outsized uniforms for Clothing Pool over the break thanks.

Reminder that plain maroon jumpers (without school emblem) are not part of the school uniform. There are plenty of approved jumpers both new and second hand available at the clothing pool.

***Karen Darling***  
***Clothing Pool Co-Ordinator***

## ALICE IN WONDERLAND



**Tickets on sale now *and*  
selling fast.**

**To secure your seat  
at this quality musical —**

**BOOK NOW**

*\$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

**Don't be late for this  
very important date!**



# P&C Fundraising News

We have been approached to assist in the canteen at the Dungowan Campdraft on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 5pm to 9pm. If you are interested and able to spare some time please phone me on 0418670132 as soon as possible so that rosters can be drawn up by the Dungowan Committee.

**Cheryl Parker**  
**Fundraising Co-ordinator**

## Cut me out and put me on your fridge

The P & C will be running a raffle to help cover some of the costs for **Alice in Wonderland**.

**Tickets will be on sale at the performances.**

The major prize will be a picnic basket full of great things to have your own Mad Hatter's Tea Party.

If you would like to contribute something toward the prize consider buying one extra item the next time you go grocery shopping.

We already have the larger things like the basket, rug and plates. So consider donating something like a bottle of soft drink, a small packet of your favourite lollies, chocolates or sweet or savoury biscuits? Or perhaps even small air-tight containers to store fresh picnic food?

Donations can be left at the front office.  
For details contact Dianne Cameron  
0413085264

## NEMINGHA POST & NEWS

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**Nemingha Public School**

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## TRELOAR PARK HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS

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

**VENUE:** Tamworth Tennis Club.

**TIME:** 9am – 12pm daily.

**COST:** Camp 1 - \$75. Camp 2 - \$75

### DATES

Camp 1. Mon 26/9/11 - Thu 29/9/11

Camp 2. Tue 4/10/11 - Fri 7/10/11

FAMILY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

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

For bookings and enquiries call Jarrod

## **Tamworth Little Athletics**

Registration for the 2011-2012 season will be held on Sunday 18th September between 10.30 am and 12.30pm at the Tamworth Athletics Track Greg Norman Drive. This will be the only registration day. Registration is \$90 for the season or \$95 if registered after 18th September. Proof of birth is required for first time joiners. Any other enquiries please phone;

Jacqui on 0427713847

## **HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

*There are several activities and holiday camps being offered by NIAS and the Tamworth Regional Council for the next school holidays. Check the notice board outside the old hall for more information. Registration forms are available at the school office.*

# SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>19</p> <p>Clothing Pool 9.00-10.00</p>	<p>20</p> <p>School council Meeting 5.00pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Jump Rope for Heart "Jump Off"</p> 	<p>22</p>	<p>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>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
				
<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Clothing Pool 9.00-10.00</p> <p>FIRST DAY TERM 4</p> <p>STUDENTS AND STAFF RETURN</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Newslink</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Clothing Pool 9.00-10.00</p>	<p>18</p> <p>ALICE IN WONDERLAND Matinee 12.00pm</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>ALICE IN WONDERLAND Evening 6.30pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>ALICE IN WONDERLAND Evening 6.30pm</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>Clothing Pool 2.00-3.00</p> <p>Assembly 3.00pm Year 3 item</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Clothing Pool 9.00-10.00</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Loud Shirt Day</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Newslink</p>	<p>28</p>