



Nemingha Public School

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Remembrance Day

The school captains and I went to the Town Hall on Monday to commemorate Remembrance Day and lay a wreath on behalf of the Nemingha Public School community. Thank you to Jenny Klepzig who again organised the wreath. Jenny has been making our school wreath for many years and her support has been greatly appreciated. Congratulations to our captains who looked professional and carried out their duties as if they had been doing so for many years - calm, confident and proud!

All students took part in lessons in their classrooms prior to Remembrance Day and at 11.00am the school community stood for one minute's silence for this important commemoration.

Parking

We have had a complaint from one of the bus companies that cars parking in the no standing areas are preventing them from parking in the bus zones out the front of the school. It is very important that parents use the parent car park to collect students if arriving before 3.20 pm when students are due to be dismissed from under the Canteen COLA. Many things can happen when students exit their classrooms and we cannot always guarantee that we are ready precisely at 3.20. With 200 students to marshal, the time will vary slightly each day. We do our best to be on time.

Use of mobile phones and devices at school Policy

The P&C have unanimously ratified our updated policy on the use of mobile phones and devices (iPods etc) at school. Please find an attached copy of the policy.

Students are not to have mobile phones or iPods etc on their person or in their bags while at school. If it is necessary for students to have a phone or device for contact at bus stops etc, they

are to take their devices to the school office at the beginning of the school day and collect them as they leave in the afternoon.

They are not to be used while students are on school grounds during the school week. Devices are to be clearly labelled. It will be the responsibility of the owners to remember to collect their devices at the end of the day.

All emergency contact during the school day should be made through the school office.

The school does not accept responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones or mobile devices at any time.

Cyber safety and Social Media

All students K-6 have been and will continue to work with classroom teachers on the safe use of social media for the rest of this year. My advice to all parents is to check what your children are messaging on apps such as Instagram, Snap Chat and Kik. I would also advise that you have ongoing access to these apps and talk to your children about what is, and is not, acceptable to post on social media. Be aware that children can upload photos and videos from their devices to Youtube.

The school staff have no access to these forms of social media and have no way of monitoring what is happening unless it is brought to our attention.

Through our classroom lessons, students are being made aware of the dangers of posting photos etc. without the permission of those in the pictures or videos. They are also learning about cyber bullying and how important it is not to post things online that you don't want other people to read. Once something is posted, it becomes part of the digital footprint and cannot really be deleted. In pre-internet days our biggest worry was saying something when we were upset or angry. Although you can never take what is said back, you can always apologise and make amends. Our children are living in a world where

what they text in the heat of the moment can never be deleted. Their words on a screen can be misinterpreted because it is our body language and voice which adds meaning to our words. Without these, it is so easy to misread the intentions of the texter. Of course, the intention is sometimes very clear. Previously a conversation between two people was a private matter. Now others can get involved and add texts with their opinions and experiences. This can inflame a situation or support a friend in need. Social media can be very positive if used carefully and with the feelings of all involved at the forefront. It is our joint responsibility to encourage the positive side of social media.

I would recommend:

<http://www.digitalcitizenship.nsw.edu.au/>

OR

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/home>

as informative websites you can access to educate yourselves on the use of social media. It will always be a challenge for parents and teachers to keep up with the many ways in which children can access and use the internet. I cannot stress strongly enough the importance of supervision at all times.

If you have any concerns or worries please do not hesitate to make an appointment through the school office.

Evacuations and Lockdowns

It is department policy that we hold emergency evacuation drills and lockdown drills each semester. This will happen next week. Students and staff will not know until they happen. This is important so that we get a clear indication of how our procedures will work in a real emergency. We always make amendments to our procedures after a drill to make the evacuations or lockdowns as smooth and safe as possible.

Have a good weekend

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P&C FUNDRAISING

If you wish to attend the Gingerbread House making evening, please be reminded that the money needs to be handed in to the office by Friday 22nd November.



Sport News

Best of luck to Thomas Haling who has been selected to tryout in the **North West Boys Cricket Trials** on Monday 18th, and to Safia Arranz, Lara Graham, Maya Olrich, Isabella Cameron and Brianna Elliott who have been selected to try out in the **North West Cricket Trials** next Friday 22nd November.

David Lewis

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Notes sent home in the past week

- Election School Captains
- P&C Gingerbread house making night
- Class Assembly clothes Kinder.
- Excursion Forum 6 Cinema and ANZAC Park Years 3 & 4
- NW Open Girls Cricket trials
- Years 3 and 4 MILO Blast Cricket day
- K– Y2 End of Year party
- Reminder Tam. Zone Athletics unpaid levy
- Scholastic Book Club

What's Cooking in the Canteen

Our Meal Deal on Monday seemed to be very enjoyable and the ice creams most delicious.

Thank you to the families of Aidan Perkins, Harry Wood and Scott Cronberger for donating some really tasty cakes.

As the year nears its completion, we always reduce our stock levels in our pantry and freezers. I will update you weekly on foods that are still available to save disappointment, however an alternative will always be offered and no students will go hungry. At this stage, we have NO Lasagnas or Potato Bakes left.

Please be mindful that our current price list is available on our school website, the Skoolbag app, or if you prefer you can pick a hard copy up from the office or the canteen on Mondays and Fridays.

Our Volunteers for Monday **Nov 18th**—Olly McCormack. Thank you for your continued support of the canteen.

Marion Woods
Canteen Manager



*Parents and Students in Year 6
You are invited to attend*

Oxley High School Orientation Day

The morning will allow students and parents to prepare themselves for High School and gain an understanding of the requirements for the coming year. Parents will have an opportunity to fill out various paperwork for bus companies.

Representatives from the uniform shops will be present to sort out uniform requirements. Book packs for 2014 will be available for approximately \$25. (TBA)

Students will meet with their Yr11 Peer Buddies!

When: Wednesday 4th December 2013

Time: 9.30-11am (morning tea to follow for parents to meet staff at front of school)

Where: Oxley High School Hall

More Information: contact Duncan Lovelock 67661677

Book packs will be available for \$20 and calculators will also be available for \$20

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
18 Clothing Pool 9.00-10.00am 1.30 pm Music Tuition Students Recital AAS	19 Kindergarten Orientation 9.20am-12.30pm	20	21 SCHOOL CAPTAIN SPEECHES 11.00am AAS	22 Girl's Cricket Trials GDH
25 Clothing Pool 9.00-10.00am AAS	26	27	28 AAS	29 NO CLOTHING POOL NO ASSEMBLY

Swimming Scheme

Schools Spectacular