



Calendar - 2015/16

November

- Friday 20 December **Assembly**
2.40pm start
Presentation of Service Awards, and awards for chess, mathematics and You Can Do It.
- Friday 27 November **Gingerbread House Night**
P&C fundraiser
6.30pm in the school hall

December

- Thursday 3 December **High school orientation days**
- Friday 4 December **Presentation Day**
9.45am in the School Hall
*Guests and all our volunteers are invited to morning tea following the ceremony. Please note the canteen will **not** be open.*
- Tuesday 8 December **End-of-year Scripture Service**
11.30am in the hall - all welcome
Year 6 Farewell
- Wed 9 December **Creative & Performing Arts Concert**
1.30pm in the hall - all welcome
Our talented students will perform
- 10 and 11 December **Years 5 and 6 excursion to Coffs Harbour**
- Wednesday 16 Dec **Mufti Day**
Last day of Term 4

January 2016

- Tuesday 27 January **Staff Development Day**
- Wed 28 January **Start of Term 1, 2016**
Students return to school

February

- Monday 1 February **Start of Term 1 for Kindergarten**

March

- Friday 25 March **Good Friday**
- Monday 28 March **Easter Monday**

April

- Friday 8 April **Last day of Term 1**
- Tuesday 27 April **Staff Development Day**
- Wed 28 April **Start of Term 2, 2016**

Clothing Pool - open each Monday, 9-10am

Charity Day success shows we care

Charity Day on Friday afternoon was yet another example of the school motto - "We Care". We raised over \$1,500 from the donations from each class and had a great time as well.

Every child behaved extremely well during the two-hour celebration and many walked away with a treasure, be it a pre-loved item, pot plants, a decorated face or a container from the bottle stall. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and friends who were able to join with the school community and enjoy our afternoon of fun.





As previously mentioned, half the proceeds from Charity Day will be donated to the Tamworth branch of Ronald McDonald House to support the families of sick and injured children.

The school captains and I will deliver the cheque to Ronald McDonald House on Friday.

School leaders for 2016 announced

I would like to congratulate the 2016 leaders. The election of Evelyn Murdoch and Luke Gentle (School Captains) and Emelyn Haling and Jock Button (Vice Captains) was announced to the school at the Monday morning assembly. I look forward to working with these students in the coming year.

Welcome to Sophie Pennell

We welcomed Sophie Pennell to the kindergarten class this week. Sophie was undertaking work experience and learnt a great deal from Mrs Holcombe and the children in her time at the school.

It is lovely to see past students wishing to return to our wonderful school.



Fun at trivia night

A fantastic night of fun was had by all on Wednesday night at the trivia fundraiser. Thank you to all who were able to attend to support the Schools Spectacular choir. The choir members, Lauren Bowman and Kristine Sharkey worked tirelessly to ensure the night was a success.

Thank you to Kirsty Coombes for providing babysitting during the evening. Mrs Melissa Gallagher was a whiz at fundraising and gathered most of the high-quality raffle items for the night - thank you Melissa.

The money raised from this evening will go towards transport and entertainment for the choir while in Sydney. I am sure we will hear of their wonderful experiences when they return to school on Monday 30 November.



Presentation Day – guests and volunteers welcome

Presentation Day is fast approaching, Friday December 4. This is the first time we have held this special occasion during the day in the past 15 years.

Many people have asked why the change in proceedings. The reason is the students of our wonderful school. We feel it is important for all children to have the chance to attend this ceremony and this is only possible by holding it during school hours. I am looking forward to hearing and seeing the primary and Schools Spectacular choirs perform during the event.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a morning tea will be served for all the special guests and volunteers who have helped our school throughout the year. If you have volunteered in the classrooms, during sporting events, at the canteen, as a scripture teacher, at P&C functions or helped out with excursions we would love you to join us. This is the staff's small way to say thank you.

The morning tea will be held in the library. Notes will be going home soon with further details.

Girls' cricket

The girls' cricket team is currently playing against New Lambton Public School in Newcastle.

We wish them the best of luck and will pass on the result in next week's Newslink.

Final assembly for the year

Please remember the last assembly of the year will be held this Friday. There will not be a performance but a variety of awards from chess, the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics competition, You Can Do It and Service Awards being presented.

Please note the starting time for this assembly is 2.40pm. I hope to see a lot of people there as the children receive a great deal of enjoyment from standing on stage when presented with acknowledgement of their achievements.

Have a lovely weekend,
Leanne Kemp, Relieving Principal

Successful trivia night

Last night eight teams competed against each other in the battle of the brains. Questions ranged from general knowledge to music.

There was lots of food, fun and laughter from the tables throughout the night as they answered some tough questions.

Members of the winning team each received \$40 worth of vouchers and the losing team was not forgotten either, with prizes donated by the P&C. We raised \$1,156, which includes over \$400 from the raffle.

I would like to thank everyone for coming and supporting the students who are attending the Schools Spectacular next week. Thanks also to Mel Gallagher for organising fantastic prizes. Lynette Henderson and Cheryl Parker donated food and drinks for the night and Paula Sainsbury donated book vouchers and chocolates.

I would also like to thank Lauren Bowman and Kylie Dawson for adding up all the scores and Kirsty Coombes for looking after all the little ones.

I am proud of the students who are attending the Schools Spectacular for their dedication and time given to practices and helping set up for the Trivia Night. We have such a wonderful community here at Nemingha and I am very grateful for all the support.

Kristine Sharkey

Trivia night raffle winners:

1st prize	Peter Henderson
2nd prize	Hugh Satori
3rd prize	Lynette Henderson
4th prize	Mel Gallagher
5th prize	Barbara Levick
6th prize	Peter Henderson

Clothing Pool

Open tomorrow (Friday 20 November). This will be the last Friday opening for the year.

Clothing pool will be open on three more Mondays: 23 November, 30 November and 7 December from 9-10am.

Lost property

Please check the lost property rack as there are quite a few articles of clothing that have been found lying about.

If these are not claimed before the end of the year they will be washed and returned to the clothing pool for resale.

Karen Darling,
Clothing Pool Coordinator



SunSmart Snippet

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Unlike sunscreen, clothing can't be wiped or washed off, making it one of the best ways to protect your skin from damaging UV radiation.

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Don't forget!

To ensure the best UV protection from April – September all sun protection measures are needed between 10.00am – 2.00pm

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Good for Kids good for life

Cool & Healthy Summer Snacks

The weather is warming up so here are some healthy snacks to keep you cool this summer:

- Frozen fruit such as berries, orange quarters and fruit kebabs
- Use moulds and low fat yoghurt to make frozen yoghurt shapes
- Make your own icy poles using 99% fruit juice and fresh pieces of fruit
- Make your own 'ice cream' using mashed up bananas (it's deliciously creamy!)
- Use fruit, vegetables and low fat milk or water to make a delicious smoothie and top with plenty of ice. There are heaps of different combinations to try!



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Play the Spelling Bee game

The Spelling Bee is one of the most popular education games available for mobile devices, and now your kids can also play it from the family computer.

Find the game or download the mobile app on the School A to Z web site: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/educational-games/spelling-bee

The Spelling Bee game quizzes your child with a huge list of words from Australia's national dictionary, the Macquarie Dictionary.

With three levels of difficulty, the Spelling Bee is a great learning tool for primary school-aged students and an excellent revision activity for older kids (and parents) too.

Not coming back next year?

We need to know if any of our students will not be back with us next year.

This doesn't include Year 6, of course, who we know will be starting their exciting years at high school.

If you know your circumstances are changing - perhaps you are changing your work or moving out of the district - please send a note in to the school office.

We understand that things don't always go to plan, but an indication of your intentions would be helpful.

This would be of assistance for planning our classes and activities for next year.

Thank you

Learn to Swim classes

Swimming is an important life skill that can help save a life!

Programs are available for all ages and abilities both during school terms and during the school holidays

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Orientation Day Reminder

Tamworth High School Hall

Thursday 3rd Dec 2015 9.30am - 2.45pm