



Calendar - 2015/16

December

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. Students to wear summer uniforms including black shoes.
Tuesday 8 December	End-of-year Scripture Service 11.30am in the hall - all welcome Year 6 Farewell 6.30pm at West Tamworth Leagues Club - Blazes Function Room
Wed 9 December	Creative & Performing Arts Concert 1.30pm in the hall - all welcome Our talented students will perform
Wed 9 December	School Council meeting 6.30pm in the staff room P&C Meeting 7.30pm at Nemingha Tavern
10 and 11 December	Years 5 and 6 excursion to Coffs Harbour
Wed 16 December	Nemingha's Got Talent 11.30am in the hall - all welcome Mufti Day Last day of Term 4

January 2016

Wednesday 27 January	Staff Development Day
Thursday 28 January	Start of Term 1, 2016 Students return to school

February

Monday 1 February	Start of Term 1 for Kindergarten
Friday 12 February	Swimming Carnival 9.30-2.30 at Kootingal pool
Monday 29 February	NRMA Kindergarten Bus Safety Program

March

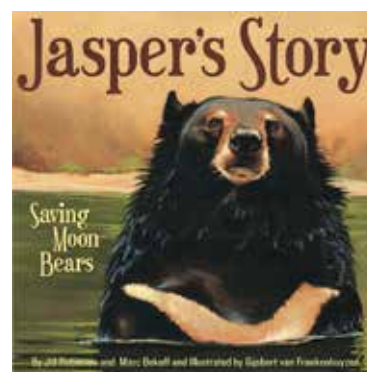
Friday 25 March	Good Friday
Monday 28 March	Easter Monday

April

Friday 8 April	Last day of Term 1
Tuesday 26 April	Staff Development Day
Wed 27 April	Start of Term 2, 2016
Friday 29 April	Lorin Nicholson performance 9.30am in the hall

Moon Bears

Year 2 would like to thank Mrs Sue Dunn for giving up her time to help in our classroom two afternoons a week and for her generous donation of two beautiful books.



One of these books told the story of Jasper, a moon bear who was rescued from a bear farm in China. The moon bears are often illegally captured then kept in horrendous conditions.

Some bears are born in captivity and have never known freedom. They have a metal catheter placed into their stomachs to extract bile used in Chinese medicines. This practice is extremely painful and cruel.

The Year 2 students were inspired by the work of Jill Robinson, who purchases the bears from the farms and then relocates them to a sanctuary. The bears receive medical treatment and are then retrained in an attempt to release them into their natural environment. This training includes teaching the bears how to forage for food, such as honey. Unfortunately some of the bears have been so badly treated that they are unable to live in their natural habitat and must remain in the sanctuary. The bears are provided with honey pots that are hidden in their enclosure. These honey pots stimulate the bears and provide nourishment.

The Year 2 students were so moved by Jasper's story and the work of Jill Robinson that they decided they would like to help the bears by purchasing honey pots. Of their own accord, students donated their pocket money and lunch money. Others raised money by selling cupcakes. So far the students have donated \$220.

I am very proud of the Year 2 students for taking the initiative and showing that they care about our global environment. Well done Year 2 for having a "WE CARE" attitude. The future is in safe hands.

Tracy Gooch

Year ending on many high notes

As the year draws to a close many students from Nemingha are busy undertaking cultural, sporting and academic endeavours.

Cricketers now State Champions

The girls' cricket team are now officially State Champions. I am sure you join with me in congratulating our team, their coach Mr Joe Cameron, team manager Mr Lewis and the parents who have travelled far and wide supporting our fantastic squad.

Wonderful musical experiences

Our Schools Spectacular choir returned from their adventure, weary but very excited about their performances. You will be able to hear their sweet voices when they perform during Presentation Day.

Adam Batho has participated in a band camp and our music students are diligently preparing for the CAPA concert next week. Year 6 students have also been busy attending high school transition days and preparing for the next step in their educational journey.

Presentation Day tomorrow

Presentation Day will commence at 9.45am on Friday 4 December in the hall. Please remember the children are required to wear their summer uniform, including black shiny shoes, for this special occasion. We have many special

guests attending and some new awards, so please ensure you are here early to get a seat for this annual function.

I look forward to joining with our invited guests, parents, classroom helpers and wonderful scripture teachers at our "Thank-You Morning Tea". This is the staff's way of saying thank-you to everyone who has helped throughout the year and enabled us to provide such wide ranging and diverse opportunities for all the students at Nemingha Public School.

Please remember you are able to attend this function at 11.30 in the library on Friday. You will be able to view our new servery and see the kitchen where the students create their culinary masterpieces.

Thanks to School Council and P&C

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of our School Council and P&C who have worked alongside me this year. Your support, decision-making skills and fundraising efforts have not gone unnoticed.

Please join the final meeting of the P&C next Wednesday at the Nemingha Tavern at 7.30pm.

I hope to see you at Presentation Day,
Leanne Kemp, Relieving Principal

Schools Spectacular

Thirteen students, accompanied by two teachers and a parent, travelled by train to Sydney on Tuesday 24 November to perform in Schools Spectacular.

Everyone was excited and wondering what was it going to be like.

The first night the students enjoyed a private night tour of the Sydney Observatory and looking at the stars and planets. Then Wednesday and Thursday were spent with all-day rehearsals until 6pm. This was long and tough, but the students particularly enjoyed meeting in person the students from Summer Hill who they had been rehearsing with via videoconference.

On Wednesday night the students had the opportunity to enjoy the musical Matilda. This was fantastic, and all students thoroughly enjoyed this as they had been learning some of the songs.

On Thursday night the students enjoyed some down time at an arcade, playing computer games and laser tag.

On Friday and Saturday the students performed at Schools Spectacular - again very long days. The students were amazed with the whole experience, the dancing and the solo items.

I would like to thank Mrs Gallagher and Mrs Bowman for all their help over the week, the P&C for their generosity and the parents for their support. Lastly, thanks to all the

Schools Spectacular students for an amazing week of hard work, fun and laughter.

Please don't forget to watch this Saturday, 5 December on Channel 9.

Kristine Sharkey

School Banking



Our last day of banking for this year was on Monday. We will begin again early in Term 1 next year.



Thank you to those children who have opened accounts and been a part of the school banking this year. We hope you continue with your weekly deposits next year.

Well done Adam

Congratulations to Adam Batho on his success with his trumpet playing.

He recently enjoyed three days at Bandlink in Narrabri, developing his trumpet skills further. As a result, he has been asked to take part in the West of the Divide tour run by the Department of Education, which will tour Eastern Europe for two weeks in September-October next year.

He has also played in the band at Tamworth High School for the Year 7 Orientation Day, and was one of two primary students in the CAPERS Regional Band.

MUSIC LESSONS FOR 2016

Please let the office know if your child is interested in music lessons in 2016.

We will be offering tuition in:

- ✓ Drums
- ✓ Piano (with or without AMEB)
- ✓ Guitar
- ✓ Flute
- ✓ Violin cello and double bass
- ✓ Ukelele
- ✓ Trumpet/Trombone

It would be very helpful for our planning to have an idea of the level of interest.



Gingerbread House Night



Our third annual Gingerbread House Night held last Friday night was another success, with 28 houses being artfully decorated with love and care.

Each house was unique and looked fabulous (and delicious!).

Thank you to the 61 participants on the night who provided plenty of laughter and helped the event to flow smoothly.



What's cooking in the Canteen



Most of you know that our wonderful canteen manager Marion has been away over the last few weeks due to illness. A big THANK YOU to all our volunteers who have happily done extra canteen days to ease the burden.

Thank you also to the Nemingha students for your patience and understanding at the canteen during Mrs Woods' absence.

As we get closer to the end of the year some canteen items may be out of stock, we will replace these items with other food on the day where required.

REMINDER - canteen is CLOSED Friday 4 December THAT'S TOMORROW!

Maryann Murdoch

Ronald McDonald House letter

The school has received a lovely thank-you letter from Chris Watson, House Manager at Ronald McDonald House, in Tamworth:

"On behalf of Ronald McDonald House Tamworth and the families who will call our place home, I express my sincere appreciation of your ongoing support and recent donation of \$795.35.

"Your commitment to our charity has resulted in a special relationship with our house, staff and volunteers and we look forward to your visits when you are able to call in.

"Since opening our doors in September 2008 we have been able to assist 1200 families, providing respite to 9500 individuals while their child was receiving medical treatment at Tamworth Hospital.

"We are grateful for your commitment to our charity. Please know that through your generosity we continue as a team to make a real difference to families and children throughout the New England and North West."

Nemingha girls best in State

Nemingha have the best PSSA girls' cricket team in the state after Tuesday's semi- final and final were played in Maitland.

Nemingha were successful in beating South Wagga Wagga in the semi-final and then defeating Newport in the final.

In the semi, Nemingha won the toss and bowled first. We bowled South Wagga out for 41 with all our bowlers taking wickets. Brianna Elliott 1-10, Sophie Corbett 2-11, Deni Baker 3-4, Nellie Palmer 2-7 and Isabella Cameron 2-6. The girls also fielded very well restricting South Wagga to a low score.

Isabella Cameron and Deni Baker then made short work of the total, scoring 1-48 after eight overs. Isabella got 36 not out and hit a massive six during her innings. Deni got 5 and Brianna Elliott helped at the end with 1 not out.

We then played Newport, the team that beat us last year in the final. We won the toss again and batted first. Isabella and Deni got us off to a great start, putting on 59 for the first wicket. Isabella got 37, Deni got 10 and Bree, Sophie and Indy all chipped in with runs. That got us to a competitive total of 83.

In reply Newport came out flying and quickly moved to 31 after five overs before losing their first wicket. From then on there was a steady flow of wickets, with Nellie Palmer and Isabella Cameron both picking up three wickets each. Deni Baker got two wickets and there were two brilliant runouts by Sophie Corbett and Jamine Olrich to win the match. The bowling figures for the final were: Bree 0-6, Sophie 0-9, Deni 2-10, Isabella 3-16 and Nellie 3-10.

The team comprised Isabella Cameron, Deni Baker, Brianna Elliott, Sophie Corbett, Indianna Diss, Finella Palmer, Sienna O'Mally, Jasmine Olrich, Chloe Thompson, Emelyn Haling, Evelyn Murdoch and Abbey Greentree.

The girls were then crowned state champions and took home the Lord Taveners Shield for 2015. Congratulations to all the girls and their hard-working coach Joe Cameron. Thank you also to all the parents who supported the team and provided lunch for the girls on Tuesday. We appreciate all your efforts.



CAROLS UNDER THE GUMS

SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER
FROM 5PM

at LOOMBERAH'S OLD SPORTSGROUND
"GLENWOOD" DURI-DUNGOVAN RD

GAMES FOR THE CHILDREN
SANTA'S ARRIVAL CONCLUDES THE NIGHT AT 8:15PM

*Bring: a large serving of cold meat or salad, or a sweet to share
chairs, torch, glow bands and drinks
item of food to be placed in a hamper for a needy family*

