



Nemingha Public School

# NEWSLINK

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Term 4, Week 7

24 November 2016

## Calendar - 2016

### November

Friday 25 November Library books due for return  
P&C Gingerbread House night

Tuesday 29 November Christmas Scripture Service  
2pm - everyone welcome

### December

Friday 2 December Captains' speeches  
*Year 5 students standing for positions as captains for 2016 will present their cases.  
11.30am in the hall. Parents are welcome to come and listen.*

Tuesday 6 December Creative & Performing Arts concert  
*9.30 start - for students who are learning music to show us what they have learnt.*

Friday 9 December Presentation Day  
*9.45am in the hall - everyone welcome  
Morning tea to follow*

Christmas Lights - save the date  
*P&C fundraiser at 9 Gill Street, Kootingal from 8.30pm - more information later*

Tuesday 13 December Year 6 Farewell  
*For Years 5 and 6 at West Leagues Club, 6.30pm start*

Wed 14 December Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) School Camp  
*Watch out for notes*  
  
P&C and School Council meetings  
*School Council at 6pm in the staff room  
P&C at 7pm at the Nemingha Tavern*

Friday 16 December Nemingha's Got Talent  
Last day of Term 4

19 and 20 December Staff Development Days

## 2017

### January

Friday 27 January Staff Development day  
Clothing Pool open  
*10am-12 noon*

Monday 30 January Start of Term 1  
*For Years 1-6*

### February

Thursday 2 February Start of Term 1  
*For Kindergarten*

Clothing Pool - open each Monday, 9.30-10.30am  
and on assembly days at 1.30pm

## Kinder 2017 ready to start school

Our Kindergarten orientation program culminated last Friday with the new Kindergarten children attending for the whole day.

They had a wonderful day which involved many fun activities such as listening to stories, making puppets, singing songs and doing PE activities with their Year 5 buddies. The buddies supported the children at recess and lunch times as well.

We are looking forward to our new students coming next year.

### The Kindergarten teachers



## Close finish in State debating

Students from the New England region participated in the Primary Schools State Debating Championships held in Collaroy, Sydney, earlier this week.

Ten different regions were represented at the championships, showcasing some of the best debaters in the state. Topics centred around health, liberty, gender, education and crime and punishment.

The team from New England debated in five preliminary rounds resulting in three wins and two losses finishing equal fourth overall. The semis were reserved for the four top-ranked teams. Three teams had finished equal first and another team tied for second with the New England team. The decision on the fourth team to go through came down to the head-to-head challenge in the preliminary rounds. Unfortunately the New England team was beaten by their equally ranked team in the head-to-head and therefore missed a semi-finals place, finishing fifth after a count back. North Sydney went on the win the State final.

The New England team was considered strong competition and should be proud of their achievements - well done.



The team was made up of Noah Peterson (Scone Public School), Billy Russell (Tamworth Public School), Erica Eather (Nundle Public School), Ava Sullivan (Timbumburi Public School) and Abbey Greentree (Nemingha Public School).



## Term 1 planning and preparation

This week teachers from all stages have been working with curriculum adviser David Barbara, planning English units of work for Term 1 2017.

These quality units of work have been written to incorporate higher order thinking processes, and focus on key English concepts such as character, point of view, genre and theme.

Early Stage 1 has completed a unit titled 'Schools of Fish'. Stage 1 has written a unit titled 'Me, We and Us' which focuses on the concept of imagery and symbol. Stage 2 has developed a unit titled 'Out of This World' which has a space and alien theme, and focuses on the concept of genre. Stage 3 are working on a unit based around the novel 'Z for Zachariah'.

Working alongside David Barbara and using the English concepts and processes to guide our planning has been a valuable experience and resulted in engaging quality units from which the children can learn.

If you would like to find out more about the English Concepts visit <http://englishtextualconcepts.nsw.edu.au/>

Joshua McDonald

**Friday 9th December**

**9 Gill Street, Kootingal**

**From 8.30pm**

*Celebrate the magic of Christmas with your family.*

*A local family opens their home to share with you a Christmas Wonderland filled with lights and interactive displays.*





## What's cooking in the Cantina

### November

Tacos are still available, Monday and Friday - \$3 each or two for \$5.

Milkshakes available in Lime and Strawberry flavours. Only \$2.50. Caramel sold out!

Thanks to everyone for their very generous pantry donations recently. We will not require any more goods until next year. These are really appreciated.

Back in stock now are orange juice cups, yummy in this hot weather.

We also have a few water icy poles to sell at lunch times for \$1.20.

Thank you,

**Marion Woods,**  
Canteen Manager, 0414 766 131

## Lake Keepit excursion

**Year 6 students spent a day at Lake Keepit on Wednesday learning about sustainable fishing with staff from the Department of Fisheries.**

Students learnt how to set up rods, tie knots and cast fishing lines. We then went down to the water to try our luck. There were lots of bites but unfortunately no fish were caught.

All students had a great day, especially in the water park.

We would like to thank Katrina and Hugh Gentle for giving up their time to come on the excursion with us.

Holly Austin, Millie Hawes and Luke Gentle won rod and reel packages from the Department of Fisheries.

**David Lewis,** Assistant Principal



## Do mythical creatures really exist?

**Year 2 have been learning about mythical creatures all term and discovering the mysteries behind creatures like dragons and the Loch Ness monster.**



We travelled to Tamworth Art Gallery on Friday, 11 November, to learn about different types of art, techniques and designs. The students were able to design and make a print of a mythical creature as part of the day.

The students' behaviour was outstanding with lots of positive comments from the general public. A special thank you to Mrs Amanda Perkins for accompanying us and taking some lovely photos.

The students have taken these techniques and information learnt about mythical creatures to design and make their own Norgard out of playdough. The students are writing



about Norgard's adventures. All students should watch out for Norgard as it has been seen in many places around the school including classrooms and Ms Haire's office.

There is even a dragon living in Mr Lewis's storeroom!

*Would you like to learn music?*



If your child would like to learn music next term, tuition is available in piano, strings, woodwind, brass, guitar, ukulele or drums.

Please contact the school office for more information.

Lessons will begin in Week 3 (6 February). Costs \$20-\$22 per lesson, payable at the beginning of term.

## SPORT REPORT

# Mini Oztag

Nemingha Mini Oztag team played Tamworth Public yesterday and came away with a comprehensive win.

The players of the week were Colby Unger and Harrison Fittler. The students have made massive improvements since the start of the season with their tagging and ability to score tries.



## State cricket

Charlie Henderson and Oliver Brennan are at state cricket this week. So far the team has had a win and a loss.

David Lewis, Assistant Principal

# Invitation

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped our school this year with reading, gardening, helping in the classroom and in the canteen, and all the many activities which could only happen with your generous help.

You are all invited to join us at the morning tea which will be held in the Library after our Presentation Day ceremony on

Friday, 9 December





## PERFORM WITH POWER

### TENNIS ACADEMY

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINICS**  
**GREAT FUN FOR KIDS, AGES 4+**  
CHRISTMAS CAMP 21<sup>ST</sup>, 22<sup>ND</sup> & 23<sup>RD</sup> DEC  
NEW YEAR CAMP 2<sup>ND</sup>-5<sup>TH</sup> JAN  
 Christmas camp \$60, New Year camp \$80 or \$25 per day  
 8:30 to 11:30 each day

CAMP INCLUDES: Professional coaching, Fitness, Tennis movement, Teamwork, Games, Daily giveaways, End of camp party & presentation  
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**TAMWORTH CITY**



**SWIMMING CLUB**

**What is it?**  
 Each Camp consists of 2 swimming sessions each day. We work on technique as well as dry land training to improve flexibility and strength.

**When is it ?** Camp #1 : Tuesday January 3—Friday January 6th 2017  
 Camp #2: Tuesday January 8—Friday January 13th 2017

**Time:** 9.30am—12.30pm ( A nutritious morning tea is supplied)

**Where?** Tamworth Olympic Pool

**Cost?** \$150.00 per camp per person

**Who ?** Must be able to jump in the deep end of the pool, touch the bottom and swim 25 metres freestyle comfortably  
 7 years of age +

**Staff :** Camps are held under the direction of head Coach Nicolas Monet with Assistant Coaches and Senior Squad Swimmers

**Info &** Nicolas Monet: 0434 805 957—email: [coach@tcsc.org.au](mailto:coach@tcsc.org.au)

**Bookings:** Narelle Burke: 6760 6270—email: [bedeburke@bigpond.com](mailto:bedeburke@bigpond.com)

## 2017 SWIM CAMPS

*Make new friends and improve your swimming*



