



## Calendar

### August

Friday 31 August Zone Athletics Carnival

### September

Monday 3 September Premier's Spelling Bee Regional Final  
Westdale Public School

Friday 7 September Assembly - Year 2 item  
2.40pm in the hall - everyone welcome

Wednesday 12 Sept P&C meeting  
7pm in the staff room

17-20 September Years 5 and 6 excursion to Canberra

Saturday 22 September 80s Night  
P&C fundraiser at Loomberah Hall.

Sunday 23 September Bunnings BBQ  
P&C fundraiser

Tuesday 25 September Lunchtime Concert  
Performances by the orchestra and concert  
band with some individual students. 1.30pm in  
the hall - all welcome.

Friday 28 September End of Term 3

### October

Monday 15 October Start of Term 4  
Students return

Tuesday 23 October Kinder Orientation

Wednesday 31 October Kinder Orientation

### November

Friday 9 November Kinder Orientation  
Assembly

Wednesday 14 Nov P&C meeting  
7pm in the staff room

Tuesday 20 November CAPA Concert

Wed 21 November Captain Speeches

### December

Saturday 1 December Bunnings BBQ  
P&C fundraiser

Friday 7 December Presentation Day  
9.45am - all welcome

Tuesday 11 December Scripture Service

Wednesday 12 Dec P&C meeting  
7pm in the staff room

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

Thank you to The Northern Daily Leader for this article,  
which appeared in the *Leader* on Saturday, 25 August.

## Wiz of a school show

By Carolyn Millet, the Northern Daily Leader

**If ever a wiz of a school there was, Nemingha Public is one because of the wonderful cast, crew and supporters in the school's latest musical, principal Chris Jackson has said.**

The school has just finished staging its production of *The Wizard of Oz* this week, after two matinee and two evening performances.

And with almost all of the 220 students involved, including 90 on stage, everyone showed brains, heart and courage in taking their audiences down the yellow brick road.

Mr Jackson said the whole school community had been "really supportive" – teachers, staff, parents and carers attending rehearsals, sourcing props, making sets, sewing costumes, doing hair and makeup, running backstage, even making the curtains.

And the children had been "just a delight".

"They've been a lovely cohesive team; really supportive of one another," he said.

The *Leader* talked to a few show goers after the final matinee session; Hugh Gentle said it had been "a fabulous performance".



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# Take that extra minute on Father's Day ...

Christopher Jackson, Principal

The other day while travelling to school I heard the Harry Chapin song "Cat's in the cradle" playing on the radio. For those of you who don't know the song it's about a father who is too busy to spend time with his son. Though the son repeatedly asks him to join in childhood activities, the father always responds with little more than vague promises of spending time together in the future, peppered with images from nursery rhymes. While wishing to spend time with his father, the son continues to admire him. The final verse is a reverse of the roles, where the father asks his now grown-up son to visit, but the son responds with his father's line. The father then reflects that they are both alike.

With Father's Day approaching I started to think about the time I spend with my own sons.

Like most parents in this day and age often my time was spent running one child from one place to another while trying to juggle my own routines. While they are all quite grown up now I reflect on whether I managed to spend that all elusive "quality time"?

When I was younger I can remember an older friend once saying "Remember Chris to stop and smell the roses". That thought has stuck with me and I have reflected on it through various stages of my life. When I do this I think of two important things.

Firstly, I want my sons to remember me as a big part of their lives. Not like the father in "Cats in the Cradle" who regrets every day that he never spent any time with his family when they were still young.

The best time to spend with your children is in the first 10-12 years of their lives. As teenagers, I found they begin to distance themselves from you, so I made the most of

it when they were young, when they want to hug, sit on your knee and love every minute of your company. (Some teenagers, are less inclined to participate in these fantastic things!) Secondly, careers can wait. We live in a world of plenty. I endeavoured to live within my means and value time more than anything else, and do you know what? The great job was still be there when I was in my 50s.

I believe we are beginning to get that nowadays, because while people are setting out on their career paths they are also more willing to change direction or put it on hold for a period while their family needs take precedence.

We live in a frenetic society as I hear so often people too busy to take time out. No man on his death-bed said that he should have spent more time at work!

There is so much on in Tamworth this weekend where you can spend time together. The Tamworth Show, the Bicentenary and the Kootingal Country Fair. Enjoy this weekend with your family taking that extra minute for your child. That minute is more important than you will ever know. You have to grab that chance when you have it.

*And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon,  
Little boy blue and the man in the moon.  
"When you coming home, son?" "I don't know  
when,  
But we'll get together then, dad.  
You know we'll have a good time then."*

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"The amount of effort those kids have gone to – along with the people who've done the costumes, the backstage crew ... everyone's done a great job of putting the performance together."

### Show must go on

And the show wasn't without hiccups. Riley Gentle had to step into the role of the wizard when the original actor, Patrick Bracken, became sick.

Handed the script an hour before curtain, he then used palm cards to help him with his lines on stage; "I think I went alright," he said.

Ruby Olrich, who played Dorothy, said being in the show had been "pretty fun".

"Mr Jackson was actually really generous to help us do this, because without him we wouldn't have had the production at all."

Chloe Moss played Glinda the Good Witch of the North and said the highlight had been "being able to work with the Kindergarteners and getting out of class time".



Photos of the show and the performances are available to purchase - please enquire at the school office.



# Year 1 Showcase

**On Friday 17 August Year 1 hosted our assembly. The students enjoyed showing of their dancing skills when they performed the Mexican Hat Dance.**

Thank you to Mrs Peters for helping us make our colourful Mexican Hats. Some of the class presented their persuasive writing inspired by the text 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and the other students presented their Four Seasons artworks.

These artworks were created using water-coloured paints to represent the seasonal changes of a tree. We finished our showcase with the song 'Rain' by Don Spencer. The school and wider community are impacted by the continuing dry conditions and this was our way to show 'We Care'. We sang this song in the hope that it would send the much-needed rain to our region. We showed pictures on the screen of local farms and some comparison photographs from this time last year.

Year 1 has had a very busy term preparing our assembly item and learning the Munchkin routine for the *Wizard of Oz* performance, in addition to our academic subjects.

In Geography this term the students have been learning about the seasons and local weather temperatures, and have



begun a study of Kakadu. This theme has flowed through to our visual arts unit, where we have created artworks using a variety of techniques about the theme seasons. In English, we have been learning about informative texts in our *Extraordinary Eggs* unit. We have discussed and produced life cycles, timelines and character profiles.



## Each Wednesday

Here are a couple of interesting articles about waste:

BTN story on plastic packaging  
<http://www.abc.net.au/btn/story/s4422480.htm>

<https://www.facebook.com/ABCTV/videos/war-on-waste-class-3s/10159485608615543/>

## New web site

**From this evening (Thursday 30 August) our school web site will be transitioning to a new Adobe platform. For a short time some of the information and photo galleries on our current site might be missing.**

Please have a look at the new site and let us know what you would like to see on the school's web site, particularly any information you would find useful.



## On Monday four Nemingha Public School students participated in the ASCA examination in our library.

The Australian Speech Communication Association Inc. is an organisation which promotes and helps the development of oral communication and listening skills in educational, professional and social spheres. ASCA offers

a series of finely graded oral and written examinations which encourage and challenge candidates of all ages and levels.

Pia Fleming (Year 2), Isabel Murray (Year 4), Maddison Train and Alice Murdoch, both in Year 5, had their first taste of an ASCA examination and they came away enthusiastic and eager to participate next year.

"That was fun, and my Mum and Dad got to see me," said Pia after her performance.

Paul March, ASCA Secretary and examiner, was very impressed with the Nemingha talent as it was their first time involved with the association. "I'm amazed at the quality of presentation given some of the children have just finished performing on stage in the school musical".

Reports and certificates will be awarded soon.

If you are interested in your child being involved in ASCA next year, please contact Mr Jackson.



# Visitors from fantasy worlds

**Wow what a wonderful parade yesterday. It was obvious that our students along with their parents have been planning their Book Week costumes for weeks.**

This year's Book Week theme was 'Find your Treasure', and we had not only pirates from every one of the seven seas, but very imaginative book characters as well.

A stream of Nemingha students marched around the audience in the school hall dressed as a wide variety of storybook characters. Where's Wally, Alice in Wonderland, an Egyptian Pharaoh and Harry Potter took some time out from their fantasy worlds to join in the fun, as did parents and teachers.

Our Book Week parade is an opportunity for Nemingha students to plan outfits based on literary characters to celebrate the importance of books to education.

## P&C News Cake Stall reminder

The P&C will be holding a cake stall at the Kootinjal Country Fair, which will be held this Sunday, 2 September.

We are calling all helpers who can either donate goods to be sold or offer some time to set up and staff the stall between 9am and 2pm. Maryann Murdoch is coordinating this event - if you can assist by either baking or offering your time to support our school, please let Maryann know on 0402 309 411.

All donated goods will need to include a list of ingredients - please request a tag that can be typed or written on via the P&C email: [neminghapandc@outlook.com](mailto:neminghapandc@outlook.com).

### **Bunnings BBQ - cooks required**

The P&C has been lucky enough to secure Bunnings BBQ for three more dates in 2018:

- Sunday 23 September
- Saturday 1 December
- Friday 23 December

If you can assist on any of these dates please let Donna Murphy know on 0418667202 or via the P&C email: [neminghapandc@outlook.com](mailto:neminghapandc@outlook.com).

### **80's Dance**

Don't forget to get your tickets to secure a great night out on 22 September 2018.

### **General meetings**

Next general meeting will be held at 7pm on 12 September 2018 in the staff room. All welcome!

Thank you

**Gina Blyton**, Secretary

Our Book Fair wrapped up yesterday and a big thanks must go to Mr McDonald for organising and running the sale.



## What's cooking in the Canteen



### **Monday 3 September**

Bridget and Michelle will be running the canteen next Monday while my son plays in the North West softball team. A huge thank you to these ladies for volunteering their time.

### **Term 4 roster**

Another huge thank you to everyone else that has volunteered on this term's roster. Your help is greatly appreciated.

We have started to fill the Term 4 roster. Please let me know if you are available on a Friday and would like to assist. There is no experience necessary.

Thank you

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