



Calendar

December

Friday 7 December	Presentation Day 9.45am - all welcome
Saturday 8 December	Carols on the Oval Kootingal Oval, 6-9.30pm
Tuesday 11 December	Volunteers and Helpers Morning Tea 11.15am under the hall COLA Scripture Service 11.45am, following the morning tea CAPA Concert featuring students involved in music tuition 12.30pm
Wednesday 12 Dec	P&C meeting 7pm in the staff room
Thursday 13 December	Year 6 Farewell Dinner West Tamworth League Club, 6-8.30pm
Monday 17 December	Moving Up Day Children allocated to classes for 2019 Stage 2 Camp
Tuesday 18 December	Class parties
Wed 19 December	Nemingha's Got Talent End of Term 4
Sunday 23 December	Bunnings BBQ P&C fundraiser

Clothing Pool

The clothing pool will be open on Tuesday 29 January from 10-11am.

Thank you to everyone for their support this year.

Coralie Moss, Clothing Pool Coordinator

Making music ...

This term, Year 4 have been learning about music. Throughout our unit the children have learned about beat and rhythm as well as tone-colour and pitch.

As part of the students' homework they had to create a musical instrument from recycled materials that could make three different sounds. Then the students were put into groups with a variety of instruments and created their own music by each preparing a short beat and then layering them together.

All of the children have had a fantastic time and produced some AMAZING music.



★ Change of plans ★

The canteen will be serving its usual menu on **Presentation Day this Friday** and not holding a barbecue as previously advertised.

Orders are to be placed prior to the presentation, to be ready for the usual lunch time of 1.15pm. The canteen will be open to purchase drinks and snacks at the conclusion of the presentation.



The following notes have been sent home this week:

Year 1, Year 2 and Year 2/3 students

Excursion to Tamworth Art Gallery, Thursday 13 December.

✍ **Permission notes and money due Monday 10 December**

All students

Presentation Day Friday 7 December.

Selected students

Kootingal Carols by Candlelight.

Stage 2 students

Stage 2 school camp packing list

Who here thinks that the school year has flown by?

Mr Jackson's presentation at last Friday's assembly

The thing is the next few weeks will begin to creep along.

I know many teachers this time of year are teaching students who are anxious about the school year ending, with summer just around the corner. Unfortunately, there is a lot of work to be done until the final bell rings in four weeks' time.

I would like to point out several behaviours that tend to creep out in the last four weeks of the year as I have seen many end-of-year school terms, both as a student and as a teacher.

If you think about it, the best way to finish off the school year is to focus on the kind of behaviours you have shown throughout each school day and continue to enjoy every minute of school.

You get tired, fidgety and restless knowing that the end is near. Remember that everyone is looking forward to the holidays - teachers as well.

While our assessments are done and reports are being prepared, we all still have the expectation that we want to be treated with kindness and respect.

I mentioned previously that sometimes with the change of seasons people are less tolerant of others and sometimes wake up on the wrong side of the bed. It is getting warmer outside as summer fast approaches but we need to keep mindful of other people's feelings and be aware that we shouldn't snap at them or say things that are upsetting.

Think twice before you speak if you are feeling grumpy, and remember if you do make a mistake (because we all do), that an apology goes a long way if it's true and sincere.

The end of the school year is fun. We have special events like trips to the movies, class parties and the "funnest" event of the year - "Nemingha's Got Talent". We all look forward to many of these special days and while we aren't doing the normal classroom activities we all expect good behaviour. This is in everything we do here at Nemingha.

I think of the last day of the year as a reward for all the efforts we have put into our schoolwork. You deserve to finish the year on a high note, with lots of fun.

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN

Year ends with three-course lunch!

This week was our last Kitchen Garden class for 2018. This term classes have spent a full day cooking a three-course 'Christmas lunch'.

It has been lovely to have parent helpers this term and students have enjoyed sharing the meal with their class teacher, friends and parents. Once again students experienced many new foods whilst enjoying some favourites.



Many thanks to Quast Turkeys for supporting our SAKG program this term.

Quast Farm Gate Shop open every day in December from 8am to 5pm until Christmas Eve, when the shop will close at noon.



Where do you like your onions?

We had another successful Bunnings barbecue last Saturday with plenty of onion jokes heard.

Thank you to Chris, Karlie, Donna, Josh, Toni, Maryann, Kelly, Sally, and Gina for volunteering their time.

We still need some volunteers for our final Bunnings of the year on Sunday 23 December. We have heard that this is the busiest day of the entire year, so need lots of helpers to cope with the demand.

Please email neminghapandc@outlook.com if you can help for a few hours.

Gingerbread House Night

The Christmas spirit was alive last Friday night in our school hall with our P&C's 6th Annual Gingerbread House Night.

We had a nice mix of first-timers and old hands. Thirty houses were completed, with each one looking fabulous and unique.

Thank you to the people who helped in any way with the setting up and the packing up. It was all appreciated.



Funds raised for "Buy a Bale"



Well done students, who raised \$105 by recycling plastic bottles. The money will be donated to the "Buy a Bale" drought relief organisation.

Thanks also to Mrs Webb for taking the bottles to the recycling station.

A busy and fun year for K1

Well done to K1 for their excellent performance in 'A Very Busy Spider' during assembly last week. Thank you to Mrs Stimson for working with the children during drama in preparation for our puppet play. All the children did a fantastic job!

We have had a busy and fun year learning in K1. Throughout the year, students have participated in literacy units with the themes of magic, dinosaurs, gardens and spiders.

Our Term 4 Spider unit has provided opportunities for us to explore both informative and imaginative texts. This week we have engaged with the story 'Charlotte's Web' to learn about narratives and friendship.

K1 have also been learning all about maps in geography. We have explored our local area and have created our own zoo maps. Thank you to our parent helpers who have come in and read with students at various times during the year. The children always look forward to having visitors and sharing their learning.

ST LUKE'S

Carols

in the garden

Sunday 16th December 2018

5pm until dark

"Midlands" (Donald & Bec Barwicks)

2060 Duri-Dungowan Road

Loomberah

Wet Weather - Hall

Games for Children

Meal

bring a cold meat, or salad or a sweet to share and your own drinks.

Cutlery and plates supplied.

BRING a chair, rug, glow bands, torch and Christmas food item for a hamper to be given to a needy family.

Ask your neighbour and friend to join us at this celebration and the arrival of the Three Wise Men.

ENQUIRIES: JANELLE TONGUE: 0428 421 206

What's cooking in the Canteen

Presentation day

Our canteen will run as normal this Friday. There will no longer be a BBQ available. Lunch orders are to be placed before 9.30am to be ready at the usual 1.15pm lunch time.

The canteen will also be open following the presentation for families to buy snacks and cold drinks.

End of year

With only four more canteen days this year we are limiting the stock of some items so that we don't carry them through the Christmas break. We will still do our best to provide everything on the menu but some flavours may become unavailable.

Due to a high demand, the supplier of the Chill J's have told us that their stock is depleted. Luckily we do have some stock but Orange Passio and Grape will be the first to run out. It would be great if ordering these flavours to put a second option - Watermelon, Raspberry or Blackcurrant.

Baking

Next week we will have some baked goods available at the canteen including banana bread with butter, and blueberry muffins. These are 50c each and available at lunch and recess.

Thank you

Renae Mumford, Canteen Manager,
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Staff thanks to volunteers



So many of our achievements throughout the year have been thanks to the wonderful assistance we receive from our volunteers and helpers.

If you have been a helper or a volunteer at the school during the year, members of Nemingha Public School staff would like to invite you to come to morning tea on Tuesday 11 December at 11.15am under the hall COLA.

This is our way of saying "thank you" for generously giving your time to helping in so many different ways.

Scripture Service

Our annual Christmas Scripture Service will begin at 11.45, immediately following the morning tea.

CAPA Concert

At 12.30pm following the Scripture Service, the students who have been studying music throughout the year will be performing in a concert.



These students are very keen to demonstrate their progress in their chosen field and would welcome an appreciative audience.

The concert will proceed until lunch time, 1.15pm, and if not completed will continue after 2pm.

Music lessons in 2019

We are beginning to make our arrangements for next year's music lessons. If you are interested in your child learning and instrument, could you please contact the school office.

These lessons are conducted during the school day and are delivered by private tutors, who will invoice you direct. The costs of lessons are extremely reasonable. Our tutors teach violin, piano, flute, clarinet, saxophone, guitar and drums.

The school has a limited number of instruments (clarinets, flutes, saxophone, trumpet, violins, cellos and double bass) available for loan. A security deposit of \$100 is required before instruments can be handed out. Provided there has been no damage to the instrument, this will be returned to you at the conclusion of lessons.

Contracts for tuition will be sent home if you are interested in your child joining this program.

School Banking



Our last day of banking for this year will be next Monday, 10 December.

Thank you to all the students who banked with us this year. We look forward to banking with you again next year.

Thank you to Rebecca, Michelle and Karlie, who have volunteered their time to come in and count the money on Tuesday mornings. We couldn't continue the program without your assistance.

A HUGE thank you also to Dominique, who will have her last day of banking next week. Dominique has been our coordinator since banking was introduced to our school in July 2015. She has come in every week to count, record, and bank each deposit that was made in the time since. Her reliability, expertise, and ability to count money at twice the speed of a 'normal' person will be missed.

