



Calendar

2019

February

Friday 15 February	Swimming carnival <i>Kootingal pool</i>
Tuesday 19 February	Welcome Back BBQ
Friday 22 February	Zone swimming carnival

March

Friday 8 March	Assembly - Year 5/6BR item <i>2.40pm in the hall</i>
Monday 11 March	Kinder Bus Safety <i>Kindergarten students will learn the correct behaviour on and around buses.</i>
Wednesday 13 March	P&C AGM followed by General Meeting <i>7pm in the staff room</i>
Thurs-Fri, 21-22 March	Year 5/6 Lake Keepit camp

April

Wednesday 10 April	P&C Meeting <i>7pm in the staff room</i>
Friday 12 April	Term 1 ends
Friday 19 April	Good Friday
Monday 22 April	Easter Monday
Thursday 25 April	ANZAC Day
Monday 29 April	Staff development day
Tuesday 30 April	Students return for Term 2

May

Wednesday 8 May	P&C Meeting <i>7pm in the staff room</i>
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June

Wednesday 12 June	P&C Meeting <i>7pm in the staff room</i>
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July

Friday 5 July	Term 2 ends
Monday 22 July	Staff development day
Tuesday 23 July	Students return for Term 3

August

Wed 14 August	P&C Meeting <i>7pm in the staff room</i>
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Clothing Pool - open each Monday, 9.30-10.30am and on assembly days at 1.30pm

Out-of-this-world learning



Last week, classes 2/3, 3/4 and 4/5 connected via the internet with astrophysicist Professor Stephen Kane in America for an informative talk.

The ex-Tamworth High School student now undertakes projects with NASA and the San Francisco State University, but he gladly took time out to answer questions from students about our solar system and beyond. The students and teachers were blown away by the depth of his knowledge and motivated to learn more in our English space topic. Thank you to Professor Kane for helping Nemingha students learn and to Mrs Sharkey for organising our guest speaker.

"I learnt no-one can land on the sun and larger planets normally have more moons than smaller planets"

Koby Clarke

"Every star has a group of planets around it and there are thousands of planets outside our solar system"

Ailie Gibson

"I learnt that astronauts need to dock their space craft at the International Space Station and pass through an air lock before it is safe"

Blake Austin



Mobile muster

Is your phone going to waste?

If your phone is no longer in use you can recycle it through the mobile muster school program and cut down on e-waste.

Mobile muster aims to eliminate mobile phone waste by recycling old phones and accessories. Once your old phone has been backed up and all data has been removed, you can bring it to the school collection box which will be in the office. The box will be collected throughout the term.

It's important to question

Christopher Jackson, Principal

If you don't know the question, how will you recognise the answer?

Any parent will tell you that one of the most annoying habits young children have is their penchant for the "Why Game".

In this game, the child observes something and demands that the parent explain it. "Why is the sky blue?" is the classic example. But more bizarre questions often pop up, such as "Why doesn't the week start with the weekend?" or, "How does my brain know what my name is?"

These questions are concerning not only because they can be time-consuming, but also because they often show us the limits of what we ourselves know. We don't like being reduced to the answer "just because." Nonetheless, we encourage our children to ask such questions because we realise that they help to develop intelligence and curiosity.

How much time do you remember taking in school to ponder such questions? If you are like most people, your answer will be "not much."

Why? Often it's student-teacher ratios that make it impossible to consider everybody's questions, or perhaps the busy timetable of fitting in all Key Learning areas and extracurricular activities into a diminishing six-hour snapshot is also an impossible task. Yet it was questioning that caused Edison

to ponder which element would create light or Newton to rub his head from a gravity drawn apple and experiment further on what was keeping his feet firmly on the ground.

Questions spark further thought and inquiry and teachers develop strategies to get the best from their students.

"The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing."

- Albert Einstein

welcome back



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An invitation is extended to all parents and carers to attend our annual Welcome back barbecue, which will be held at Nemingha Public School on Tuesday, 19 February, from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

This year we will all be gathering in the hall at 5.30pm for a quick talk from Mr Jackson and a short presentation from Tamworth High (collect a name badge at the door before you enter). Students will be supervised in playground.

Timetable

- 5.50pm Children in the hall for a disco.
K-2 parents meet in KH, KP, Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms with teachers.
3-6 parents talk to staff from Tamworth High School if you wish.
- 6.10pm 3-6 parents meet in 2/3G, 3/4M, 4/5S, 5/6RB and 5/6W classrooms with teachers.
K-2 parents, if they have finished in the classroom, can take their children to the barbecue.
- 6.30pm Sausage sizzle.

Staff will be required to supervise students throughout the evening so we will need to adhere to this timetable. A bell will sound at the end of a session.

Parents who would like to discuss individual students are invited to arrange an interview at mutually convenient times throughout the term.

What's cooking in the Canteen



Swimming carnival

We will have a sausage sizzle at the swimming carnival tomorrow selling Sausage Slings \$2, Chill J \$2 and water \$1.

Welcome barbecue

The canteen will be open during the Welcome Barbecue selling selected items from the drinks and snacks menu.

This is an opportunity for parents to see how our P&C funds have been spent to update the facility recently, and of course to sample some of the delicious food and drink options that we sell each canteen day.

Thank you

Renae Mumford, Canteen Manager,
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The following notes have been sent home this week:

All students

Swimming carnival program.
Scholastic Book Club information.

Year 6 students

Year 6 commemorative shirts.

 **Orders due by Thursday 21 February.**

Year 1 Chick-a-Dees

This week we had two little chicks join our classroom.

They have come to help us learn about Growing and Changing, as part of our Living - Science Unit.

Cheep and Chirp, as they like to be called, will have all their needs met and more.

Although they are a little noisy at times we are all enjoying watching them grow into super little chickens.



We were very fortunate to have two nominations for Parent Representatives for School Council, Jason Crocker and Rebecca McDonald.

This will mean we will hold elections for this position. Polls will open next Tuesday night when parents are at our Welcome Back BBQ and continue through until Friday 1 March. Parents can vote at the front office.

Jason Crocker has two children currently enrolled at Nemingha, a girl in Year 1 and a boy in Yr 3.

I have found Nemingha Public School to be a friendly supportive environment and would enjoy the opportunity to be a part of helping the school move forward.

Jason Crocker

I am Rebecca McDonald, I would love the opportunity to be elected as a parent member for the school council. I have a daughter in Year 1 and two children yet to start Nemingha. I am currently a member of the Nemingha P&C committee and would like to further my involvement with the school on the School Council.

Rebecca McDonald

MEETINGS WITH TEACHERS

Please be aware that it often isn't practical to have a meeting with your child's teacher during busy drop-off and pick-up times at school. Catching them just as they are just about to go to class or at the end of the day does not give the teachers an opportunity to give you quality time. It is best if you make a time when you and your child's teacher can sit down and discuss the issue in detail without other distractions.

Staff are always prepared to talk to you about your child's progress at school at a mutually convenient time. Please call the school office and make a time to talk.

School Banking



School Banking

School Banking is continuing at Nemingha this year. Students participating in School Banking get valuable hands-on money saving practice at a young age.

If you would like your child (younger siblings, cousins, etc are welcome also) to participate, please visit our local Commonwealth Bank and state that you wish to open a Dollarmite account. You will need to take along each child's birth certificate. You will then be handed a welcome pack with their account number, Dollarmites deposit book and deposit wallet. You are then ready to participate in School Banking.

Children are asked to hand their completed deposit wallet in at the canteen before school each Monday. The wallet will then be returned to your child's classroom to go home on Thursday.

If any parents would be available to help for a short time during the day on Thursday to put bank books in class bags, it would be appreciated.



For further information and list of rewards follow the link www.commbank.com.au/banking/school-banking.html.

School Banking Co-ordinators

Good for kids

good for life



Helping Improve Your Child's Health

Consent forms due soon!

Nemingha Public School has been partnering with the Good for Kids, Good for Life program to encourage children's healthy eating and physical activity.

In order to assess the impact of this program and inform future opportunities to improve child health, you are invited to take part in research being conducted within the school.

An information and consent form was sent home last week. If you choose to participate in this research we ask that you complete one consent form per child enrolled at this school by no later than **Monday 18th February 2019.**

You can also provide consent by simply clicking [here](#)

EMAIL: hnelhd-goodforkids@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au



Sports News



Swimming

The swimming Carnival tomorrow is a school day. Activities will be provided for all our students so they enjoy their time in the pool.

What to bring

Please remember to bring money for the lovely P&C sausage sizzle.

Please ensure your child has water, food, sunscreen, hat and a T-shirt.

Helpers

If you are willing to help set up, please arrive at Kootingal Pool by 8am.

Hockey

Last week the PSSA Girls' Hockey trials were held at school.

The students who successfully qualified for the team are: Teagan Smith, Gypsy Cottrell, Ava Gregory, Cloey Kook, Josie Murdoch, Lillian Bracken, Mia Gentle, Elsie Greentree, Isabel Murray, Emily Tongue, Jessie Smith, Macie Thornton, Maddison Train and Alice Murdoch.

Congratulations to Jessie Smith, Macie Thornton, Maddison Train and Alice Murdoch, who will try out for the zone hockey team on Friday 15 March.


Cricket

Boys' cricket trials will be next Monday and Tuesday at school. Please remember to bring your cricket gear to trial. If you do not have any the school will provide you with some.



Tamworth Football Club
REGISTRATION DAYS
Saturday 16 and Saturday 23 February
The Courts@Easts, Cnr Napier and Roderick Sts
Commencing at 9am

For Junior registrations, please go to
www.playfootball.com.au
and look for Tamworth FC

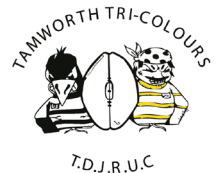


Before the label on your child's red communication folder gets smudged or faded, cover the entire label with clear contact. This keeps it in great condition until the end of the year.

JUNIOR RUGBY SIGN-UP DAYS

Pirates Rugby Club, Kent Street
Thurs 14th & Thurs 21st February @ 4.30pm

- * Register for 2019
- * Under 6s through to U14s
- * Boys & girls welcome
- * Skills and drills sessions
- * Meet some of the coaches
- * Sausage Sizzle
- * Training tees and pre-loved gear available







find us on facebook



For further info please contact the club at:
tamworthtricolours@gmail.com

COME FOR A DAY - STAY FOR THE SEASON

COME JOIN

KOOTINGAL-MOONBI JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL IN 2019

SIGN UP DAY

To be held at Kootingal Pool
Saturday 16th February 2019
10AM-12PM

Entry fee \$3



Junior Rugby League Football CLUB

Fees: 5-15yrs -\$125
16yrs -\$150
(Includes shorts and socks)

- You can also register at www.playnrl.com.au
- You can use your Active Kids Voucher
- Check us out on facebook

****FREE** SAUSAGE SIZZLE for KIDS**

Sausage Sizzle Adults \$2.50

