



## Calendar

### 2019

#### March

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

#### April

Wednesday 10 April	P&C Meeting 7pm in the staff room
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 7pm in the staff room
Friday 10 May	School Cross-Country
Friday 17 May	Assembly - Year 4/5 item 2.40pm in the hall

#### June

Wednesday 12 June	P&C Meeting 7pm in the staff room
26-28 June	Great Aussie Bush Camp Excursion for Years 3 and 4 students Expressions of interest due Friday 15 March

#### July

Friday 5 July	Term 2 ends
Monday 22 July	Students return for Term 3
Monday 29 July	Variety Bash to visit our school

#### August

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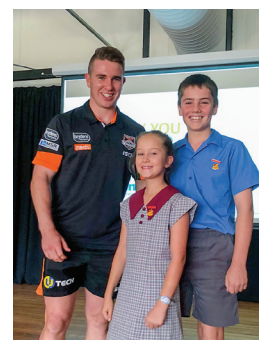
Clothing Pool - open each Monday, 9.30-10.30am  
and on assembly days at 1.30pm

## NRL visit celebrating differences

Nemingha Public School were fortunate enough to host Rugby League West Tigers Player Jock Madden, NRL Development Officer Luke Taylor and his crew.

The students were treated to an excellent talk about inclusion. This talk was interactive with the students gaining knowledge and skills of how to include everyone of varying abilities on the sporting field.

Following the talk students were then able to participate in several different activities from touch games to running and tipping. It was a wonderful experience for the students in Years 3-6 to meet the NRL players and interact with students from neighbouring small schools.



## SRC Challenge

The SRC will be holding a 5 cent fundraising challenge for all classes.

We ask that students bring in as many 5 cent coins as they can to put in the class donation tin. On the last day of Term 1 we will hold the conclusion to the challenge by having each class line up all their 5 cent coins in the hall and the class with the longest line will be declared the winners.

Each member of the winning class will be given a 'Zoooper Dooper' for their super efforts. The proceeds of this challenge will go towards a drought appeal.

## “Testing the edges”

Since the beginning of the school term I have seen many instances where children have been “testing the edges”.

Last Friday in the pool a number of K-1 children “gave it a go” and swam across the big pool. They may not have been swimming the correct stroke, but they had the confidence to “test the edge” so to speak, and do the best they could. It was extremely gratifying to see the praise and congratulations from teachers, fellow students and mums and dads as they stepped out of the pool. Their chests swelled twice their size.

I also saw children throughout this week ask if they could read out loud in front of others. They may not have been the most fluent readers, but they wanted to “give it a go”.

As teachers we need to take a step back and watch our children “test the edge” otherwise they won’t develop and learn from these wonderful experiences. It reminds me of a story I read once about a butterfly having difficulty emerging from its cocoon. I’m sure Mrs Gooch’s 2/3 students will relate to this as they have been studying butterflies emerging from cocoons in their classroom.

A man sat and watched the butterfly for several hours and

it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gone as far as it could and it could not go any further. So the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and opened the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily. But it had a withered body, it was tiny and its wings were shriveled.

***When children have the confidence to try, let them, for while we watch we will see their efforts, and together share their success.***

**Christopher Jackson**

The man continued to watch because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would open, enlarge and expand, able to support the butterfly’s body, and become firm.

Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a withered body and shriveled wings. It never was able to fly.

What the man, in his kindness and his goodwill, did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening, was nature’s way of forcing fluid from the body of butterfly into its wings, so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

## Technology Gurus

Mrs Gooch’s 2/3 class has been learning how to use a variety of different technology to support their learning in spelling.



They have coded BeeBot robots and recorded their spelling using the iPad app ShowMe. This week they began creating their own book based on the week’s spelling words using the iPad app Little Bird Tales.

Everyone has enjoyed experimenting with new learning and using the tools we are lucky enough to have at Nemingha Public School.



**REMINDER** - tomorrow is closing date for votes for Parent Representative for the School Council

## Premier’s Reading Challenge

The NSW Premier’s Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The 2019 challenge will open on 4 March, 2019, however students can keep a record of books they are reading now to include on their 2019 reading records. PRC student reading records will need to be finalised by August 30, 2019. The Premier’s Reading Challenge is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9. You can find more information at [www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au).



## Who's King of the Castle?

Year 1 students have been reading a big book called 'The King's Cake'.

Mr Jackson got to be the King for our shared book. We interviewed Mr Jackson to find out what is his favourite cake and topping was. Chocolate ... with chocolate icing and M&Ms. We all got to decorate a cup cake to share with the class. They were AMAZING!



We all enjoyed having Mr Jackson come and read with us, but most of all we enjoyed eating the cupcakes!



The following notes have been sent home this week:

### Kindergarten students

Best Start interviews.

### Infants - K, 1, 2

Canteen lunch Meal Deal Monday 11 March

✍ **Orders due Friday 8 March**

### Year 1 students

Free dental screening

✍ **Notes due Friday 1 March**

## P&C AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Nemingha Public School P&C Association will be held on Wednesday 13 March, commencing at 7pm in the staff room.

All positions will be declared vacant and nominations will be taken for the positions of:

- President
- Vice President x2
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Canteen Convenor
- Clothing Pool Co-ordinator
- Fundraising Co-ordinator
- We Care Committee Co-ordinator
- School Banking Co-ordinator
- Publicity Officer
- Sports Committee Representatives
- Cultural Committee Representatives

This will be directly followed by general meeting.

Gina Blyton, Secretary

## Welcome Bree



Nemingha Public School would like to welcome Miss Bree Constable.

Miss Constable is in her final year of study at Southern Cross University to become a teacher.

KH have enjoyed having her in our class this week and will look forward to her return during Term 2 for five weeks.

## PERMISSION NOTES AND MONEY

If your child is not intending to participate in an excursion or event, please do not assume that the school is aware of that intention. Please return all notes promptly by the due date whether they are attending the event or not. This will prevent staff ringing parents or reprinting notes.

Please be aware of the due date for the return of permissions and payments remembering that on line payments can take more than one day to transfer. If payments are made after 6pm on a Friday they do not appear in the bank listing until the following Tuesday.

Should you wish to make payments by direct deposit, please indicate the date on which you made the transfer so that a bank transaction check can be done and a receipt can be issued by the school. Please do not indicate that the payment was made on line unless it actually has been done.

Please understand that staff make every effort to send notes home within a reasonable time but occasionally opportunities for excursions are given to us that need prompt action.

## Zone swimming

**Last Friday, 22 February, 27 Nemingha students swam their hearts out at the Tamworth Zone Swimming carnival at Scully Park.**

They competed in many events across the day, scoring points for our school. Their behaviour was outstanding and congratulations must go to the senior students for their encouragement and cheering of their younger team mates.

Nemingha had a successful day, winning the 'B' schools trophy. Porscha Ring took out the Junior Girl Champion. Our school has 17 students moving onto regionals next Monday in Armidale.

A very big thank you to Donna Murphy, who made sure the students knew when their race was on and kept an eye on them in our school area. Thank you to all the parents who came, watched or drove their children to and from the venue.

**Kristine Sharkey**

## Bowling experience

**On Friday 22 February, Stage 3 were lucky enough to be invited to go tenpin bowling at 'Tenpins and More' in Centrepoin Arcade.**

They had lots of fun competing against each other, with some talented bowlers achieving scores over 100 and other seasoned bowlers beating their personal best scores.

It was a wonderful opportunity for all of the students to spend time getting to know each other and was a very social activity.

Lots of the students said they would recommend going bowling with family and friends.



## Boys PSSA Cricket

**Boys who were interested in representing our school at PSSA cricket participated in trials held over two days.**

All of the boys involved showed great commitment and tried their best.

Congratulations to the following boys who were successful in being selected – Jordan Lewington, Harrison Hamilton, Henry Haling, Robert Murphy, Max Gallagher, Walter Greentree, Angus Brennan, Lewis Lesslie, Lachlan Condric, Copper Jones and Nicholas Condric.

The team will play Tamworth Public School at Nemingha on Thursday 7 March. The game is scheduled to start at 9.45.

**Joshua McDonald**



## What's cooking in the Canteen



### Meal Deal

The order forms for our Term 1 Meal Deal were sent home earlier this week. This time we are offering a chicken caesar wrap with a flavoured milk for \$5.

Due to the popularity of our meal deals we are trialling separating the day for Infants and Primary. Infants will be on Monday 11 March (W7) and Primary on Monday 18 March (W8). The order forms and payment will need to be returned to the canteen by the Friday before. Please attach the order form to the front of a brown paper bag. Thanks to the lovely ladies who have agreed to help me on these days.

### Roster

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who have helped fill the Term 1 roster. We are now filling Fridays for Term 2. If you are available and would like to help please get in contact with me. Your time will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you

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