



## Calendar

### March

Thurs-Fri, 21-22 March	Year 5/6 Lake Keepit camp
<b>Saturday 23 March</b>	<b>Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall</b> <i>P&amp;C Fundraiser - volunteers needed</i>
<b>Saturday 30 March</b>	<b>Bunnings BBQ</b> <i>P&amp;C Fundraiser - volunteers needed</i>

### 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

Tuesday 7 May	Come and Try Day <i>for children interested in Kindergarten in 2020</i>
Wednesday 8 May	P&C Meeting <i>7pm in the staff room</i>
Friday 10 May	School Cross-Country
Friday 17 May	Assembly - Year 4/5 item <i>2.40pm in the hall</i>

### June

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

### 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 <i>7pm in the staff room</i>
Monday 19 August	Staff Development Day

### September

Wed 11 September	P&C Meeting
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Clothing Pool - open each Monday, 9.30-10.30am  
and on assembly days at 1.30pm

## Keeping safe travelling to school

Kindergarten students have this week learned about safety on and around the bus, thanks to an initiative from the NRMA and Tamworth Buslines.

Christa from the NRMA and Jo from Tamworth Bus Lines, spoke to the children about the dangers that exist when travelling in a vehicle or crossing a road, helping to increase their confidence to ensure their trip to and from school is always a safe one.

Through the bus safety program the children learned to:

- ✓ always stand two steps back from the kerb when waiting for the bus,
- ✓ never push or shove each other or muck around at the bus stop,
- ✓ wait for the bus to stop completely before getting on or off,
- ✓ wait for the bus to move away from the kerb before you cross the road,
- ✓ tell the driver straight away if they have missed their stop,
- ✓ discuss with Mum and Dad who is a safe adult, and
- ✓ ask Mum or Dad to write their home phone number on the inside of their bag.

All children were very excited to practise these safety skills on a short bus trip.



# When “I don’t know” is not an excuse

*from Mr Jackson’s address at last week’s assembly*

“Tommy that was mean hitting your brother. Why did you do that?”

What do you think Tommy’s response would be?

There would be a number of replies but the most common one is “I don’t know”.

## **Why do you think he said that?**

Maybe he doesn’t know why, but nine times out of ten Tommy definitely knows, but he uses that phrase to try and get out of getting into trouble. By saying “I don’t know” he thinks he’s not responsible and we all know it’s not a satisfactory excuse.

If Tommy knows he did the wrong thing he would use a proper excuse. For example if his brother was annoying him and he retaliated he would probably tell his Dad, hoping his Dad would punish his brother too.

Tommy was probably just being grumpy and felt like giving his little brother a shove for no good reason, and saying “I don’t know” is his response to get out of taking the blame. It doesn’t make it OK.

Tommy needs to own up to the fact that he did something wrong. Own his mistake.

We all make mistakes. I have often use this story to illustrate this precise concept.

## **How did we learn what hot feels like?**

I remember as a young boy touching the hot oven and I certainly knew how it felt. It was a mistake I made and I learnt from that mistake very early in life. We know what hot is because sometime long ago we’ve all made a mistake by touching something hot. From that mistake we now know what “hot” is. We learnt from our mistake.

***“Mistakes have the power to turn you into something better than you were before”***

What I’m saying to everyone this afternoon is to take ownership of what you do, good and bad. Take the good and accept the praise and congratulations as equally as the bad. Everyone makes poor choices in life so you don’t need to hide them when they happen.

Learn from the mistakes, apologise if it’s hurt someone and know what you need to do so the mistake doesn’t happen again. That’s how you learn and earn respect.



## P&C News

## Annual General Meeting

**Our AGM was held last night and the following positions were filled:**

- President – Amanda Perkins
- Vice President – Maryann Murdoch, Donna Murphy
- Secretary – Gina Blyton
- Treasurer – Vacant
- Canteen Convenor – Sally Cronberger
- Canteen Committee – Maryann Murdoch, Coralie Moss, Andrea Smith & Donna Murphy
- Clothing Pool Co-ordinator – Coralie Moss
- Fundraising Co-ordinator – Donna Murphy
- We Care Committee Co-ordinator – Maryann Murdoch
- School Banking Co-ordinator - Rebecca McDonald

If you are interested in the getting involved in the P&C, the Treasurer position for 2019 remains unfilled at this stage.

Anyone interested can email us at [neminghapandc@outlook.com](mailto:neminghapandc@outlook.com).

## Fundraising

**2019 fundraising is up and running and we are calling all helpers!**

On Saturday 23 March we are running a BBQ and cake stall on election day at the school from 8am till 1pm (ish).

Any bakers or helpers please contact Sally Cronberger or Donna Murphy. Baked goods can be dropped off to the Canteen on Friday 22 March 2019 before 1.30pm or on the day from 8am.

## Bunnings BBQ

NPS P&C will be running Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 30 March.

Please contact Donna Murphy or email [neminghapandc@outlook.com](mailto:neminghapandc@outlook.com) if you can help for a few hours.

## We Care committee

The We Care committee helps with providing a food package to families at NPS in difficult times.

A food package does not necessarily mean a home-cooked meal but could be cakes and slices, even a store-bought BBQ chook or a fruit and vege basket.

So if you think you can assist in any way and would like to be added to committee list please email [neminghapandc@outlook.com](mailto:neminghapandc@outlook.com).



### Our Scripture teachers are keen to start a Friday lunchtime SUPA club.

It is hoped to start these sessions next term initially for Years 5 and 6 (with the prospect of opening it up to Years 3 and 4 later).

SUPA clubs are a chance for students to learn more about Christianity through engaging, enjoyable and age-appropriate activities such as games, craft, music and Bible study or talks.

Mrs Tongue and Mrs Worrall, current Anglican Scripture teachers, will be conducting these sessions in the Library. If you are interested please sign the permission note which will be handed out next week and return to school.

For further information please contact the school or the website <http://www.sunsw.org.au/schoolsministry>



Four of our students participated in the Australian Speech and Communication Association competition last year and some are travelling to Sydney this weekend to be awarded certificates.

At our next school assembly on Friday 5 April we will also acknowledge Alice, Isabel, Maddie and Pia with our own special ceremony when Mrs Anne Scott from ASCA will present the girls with certificates.

If you are interested in being a part of ASCA in 2019 please let Mr Jackson know



### Vote at Nemingha Public School

Saturday 23rd March 2019

BBQ & Cake Stall from 8am

Bacon & egg rolls ~ Sausage sizzle

Cold Drinks ~ Tea & Coffee



Fundraising for NPS P&C Association

### STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN

## Hey hay (or straw)!

Students have been enjoying in garden lessons this term.

We have been learning how to set up a garden. Activities have included pH testing, learning about soil and planting seeds and seedlings.

We are in need of straw for our garden to keep our plants well mulched due to the hot weather. If you can help us out please get in contact with the school or Mrs Bowman.

Lauren Bowman



**CAPERS 2019 is another chance for our students to participate in this bi-annual event for public school students in the region.**

After the 2017 performance Mr Jackson asked staff, students, School Council and P&C for

feedback and whether they were keen to participate again. Everyone was keen to be involved and their comments and suggestions were passed on to the organising committee.

Names like Roshani, Robert McDougall, Felicity, Chasing Bailey and many more have performed at CAPERS before they embarked on the next stage of their career. Many vocalists, dancers and musicians are now performing in professional companies across the world.

Notes were handed out last Friday to any students in Years 1 to 6 interested in dance or choir (Years 3-6 can be involved in both). There is a participation cost of \$30 per student however the school will be picking up the costs of costumes and travel to and from the venue for rehearsals. If your child didn't get a permission note and you would like them to be involved in CAPERS, please contact the office. These notes must be returned with the \$30 by 22 March.

CAPERS 2019 will be displaying even more of our talented students. There is something for everyone in this program: a massed choir of 200 voices; massed dances, tap, and ballet, modern and contemporary; a concert band and musical performers of 80 players; individual items of song, dance and drama.



The following notes have been sent home this week:

#### Selected students

CAPERS 2019

*Notes due Friday 22 March*

#### Class 3/4 students

Class 3/4 reading groups

*Notes due Friday 15 March*

## Sport Report

### Soccer trials

Trials for selection into the Nemingha boys and girls soccer teams have been conducted over the last few weeks. The successful students listed below will begin playing their rounds in Term 2 and permission notes and information will be sent home closer to the dates.

#### Girls

Jade Brown, Mia Gentle, Louisa Hawkins, Tegan Murray, Emily Tongue, Chloe Breen, Raeya Mitchell, Elsie Greentree, Alice Murdoch, Andii Ceccato, Isabel Murray, Phoebe Beale, Porsha Ring, Macie Thornton, Amelia Spalding, Clair Mitchell.

#### Boys

Robert Murphy, Jordan Lewington, Harrison Hamilton, Henry Haling, Angus Brennan, Will Nilsson, Rhys Murray, Thomas Petrie, Koby Higgins, Isaac Kelly, Max Sartori, Lewis Lesslie, Leighton Newcombe, Cooper Jones. Shadow reserves – Alex McKenzie, Tamarr Fairweather, Cooper Godden

### Touch trials

Touch trials have been conducted and selection of the following students to play in the Gala Days to be held at the end of this term have been made.

#### Boys

Robert Murphy, Jordan Lewington, Harrison Hamilton, Henry Haling, Angus Brennan, , Thomas Petrie, Max Sartori, Lewis Lesslie, Beau Rossiter, Cooper Jones, Cooper Godden and Walter Greentree

## Regional horse sports

**Blandford Public School hosted the first of the regional Horse Sports days for 2019 with an estimated 130 riders representing their respective schools.**



Teagan Murray and her new horse, Watchirs Domino, had their first outing as a team and represented Nemingha Public School.

A great day was had by all, and a huge thank you to Mrs Kirrily Milton from West Tamworth Public School for supporting Teagan's attendance at this outing.

Dearne Murray

#### Girls

Mia Gentle, Emily Tongue, Elsie Greentree, Alice Murdoch, Isabel Murray, Porscha Ring, Macie Thornton, Sophie Cleal, Cloey Kook and Georgia Scanlon.

Permission notes and information for the Gala Day will be sent home with these students next week.

### Zone trials

#### Girls Cricket – 29 March

Mia Gentle will be attending

#### Boys Cricket – 22 March

Jordan Lewington, Robert Murphy, Henry Haling and Harrison Hamilton

#### Girls Soccer – 18 March

Mia Gentle and Jade Brown

#### Boys Soccer – 18 March

Robert Murphy, Jordan Lewington, Harrison Hamilton, Henry Haling, Angus Brennan, Will Nilsson

## PSSA Boys Cricket

Nemingha's 11 best cricketers battled against Tamworth Public School last Thursday in the first round of the PSSA boys cricket knockout.

Tamworth Public School batted first and set an impressive total of 168. Jordan Lewington, Harrison Hamilton and Walter Greentree all took one wicket each to help slow the run rate. Our boys worked hard in the field with standout performances from Lewis Lesslie, Nicholas Condric and Angus Brennan.

With a large total to chase down we started strong, with Harrison Hamilton top scoring with 31 runs followed by Henry Haling with 16. Unfortunately, we only managed to score 108 in reply and as a result will have to wait until next year to have a crack at being crowned PSSA champions.

Congratulations to all the boys, they represented their school with pride and showed great spirit on and off the field.

Joshua McDonald, Assistant Principal

**RUGBY LEAGUE CAMP**  
SCRIPTURE UNION NEW SOUTH WALES

At SU Rugby League Camp, you'll gain important skills for your game and for life. The camp has a positive, safe, friendly atmosphere in a caring Christian environment.  
Quality coaching from an ex NRL player, Alan Tongue under mod league guidelines and character, leadership and team building as we discover our identity in the world we live in by reading the Bible.  
Accommodation at Farrer, with delicious meals, competent leaders with a range of talent and experience - don't miss out, there is plenty to learn!

<b>WHO</b> For boys in years 5-9 (ages 10-15)	<b>COST</b> \$ 140 Early Bird before Mar 21 \$125
<b>WHEN</b> 15-17 April 2019	<b>WHERE</b> Tamworth -Farrer MAHS

**FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER**  
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