



## Calendar

### March

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

### April

Friday 5 April	Assembly - Year 5/6W item 2.40pm in the hall
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

Tuesday 7 May	Come and Try Day 9.30-11am - for children interested in Kindergarten in 2020
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 ✍️ Final payments due 7 June

### 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
Monday 19 August	Staff Development Day

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

## Arresting visit

Constable Michelle King made a visit to the KP classroom on Monday to talk to the Kindergarten students about safety and trusted adults.

The children learnt that 000 is the number to ring in an emergency and were told that the three zeros stand for the three services who can help - Ambulance, Fire Brigade and Police.

The children had many questions for Michelle about her job and they were even allowed to try her handcuffs. Michelle left each child with a book about being safe and the role of a police officer.

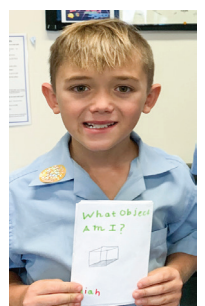


## What object am I?

Three children from 3/4 last week knocked on Mr Jackson's office door with a challenge for him to solve.

Each of them designed a book that had facts about 3D objects that he had to work out what the object was.

Either it was Mr Jackson's clever mind (or the fact the children designed an excellent set of questions!) he was able to work out which object was which.





## Everybody belongs

Christopher Jackson, Principal

Today is Harmony Day and, given recent events, I can't think of a more important day to acknowledge how important it is to build on community harmony by emphasising our traditional values of justice, equality, fairness and friendship. It needs to be clear that there is no place in Australia for racism and intolerance.

Australia is a vibrant and multicultural country - from the oldest continuous culture of our Indigenous Australians to the cultures of our newest arrivals from around the world. Our cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths and is at the heart of who we are. It makes Australia a great place to live.

Today in our classrooms the children spent time discussing what it is to be an Australian and looked at what we knew about our family history. We also looked at some fascinating statistics from the Australian Bureau of Statistics:

- around 45 per cent of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was
- we identify with about 300 ancestries
- since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia

- 85 per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia
- apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Italian, Arabic, Cantonese, Greek, Vietnamese, Tagalog/Filipino, Spanish and Hindi
- more than 60 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it.

Mother Teresa once said "*A smile is the beginning of peace,*" so I am encouraging all our children at Nemingha Public School to take Mother Teresa's advice and smile today on Harmony Day.



**NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy – important skills that each child needs to succeed in school and life. The NAPLAN tests are designed to help us make sure students are on track with their literacy and numeracy development. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in NAPLAN tests for reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.**

Between 14 and 16 May, our school will participate in NAPLAN Online. Students do not need to be computer experts to take the NAPLAN test online. Making sure students have computer skills is part of our school curriculum, and our teachers will ensure your child is familiar with the online format. To see the types of questions and interactive features of NAPLAN Online, visit the [public demonstration site](#).

If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact your child's teacher.

For more info:

[How to support your child during NAPLAN information for parents and carers](#)

[Watch a video that explains NAPLAN Online](#)

[Subscribe to ACARA's monthly parent newsletter, Parent Update](#)

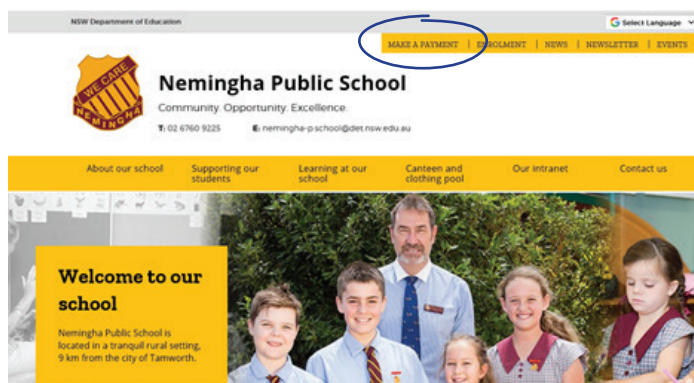
## How to make a payment

**We have had some people trying to make direct payments to our old bank account recently.**

Could you please be aware that all online payments are to be made through the school's website through the "Make A Payment" tab. You are not able to transfer through a bank account and can only use a credit card to make the payment.

Please make sure that you allow enough time so that payments are received via the bank at the school office by due dates as indicated on permission notes.

Parents who do not wish to make online payments, or whose payment is overdue, are always welcome to pay in cash at the school office.





## Art competition

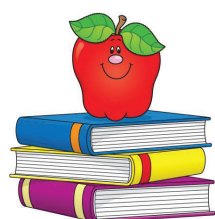
Each month the school holds a themed art competition, where students create art works including sculptures, 3D models, paintings and drawings.

It was an initiative from the Student Council in 2018. Winners' art works are displayed in the office foyer.

This month's theme was "summer" and the winners were:



- ★ Maddie Train (5/6W) - A Summer's Day at the Beach
- ★ Amelia Londero (4/5S) - Sunset in Hawaii
- ★ Hannah Coxhead (2/3G) - At the Beach
- ★ Sebastian Smith (KH) - Summer Time Pool Fun



## Library News

Some exciting things are happening in our library.

We are in the process of sorting through our resources and rearranging them on new shelving in order to make things more user friendly.

Most children have been in the swing of borrowing during lessons and have been great at remembering our rule **NO BAG NO BORROW**. The school office sells waterproof library bags for \$4.60 if you need to replace your child's bag.

Library day is Monday except for Kindergarten classes, who have their library day on Fridays.

### BOOK CLUB

Issue 2 of Book Club was sent out last week. Orders must be submitted online by 5pm on Thursday 28 March to have them back before holidays roll around. If you have any questions about Book Club, or if you need help using the online LOOP ordering system please let me know.

Joanne Jones



Nude Food is a program developed to encourage healthy, rubbish-free eating.

The SRC initiated Nude Food Day at Nemingha every Wednesday, and parents are encouraged to support the initiative and send lunches and snacks to school either unpackaged or in re-usable containers.



This is the rubbish collected after **recess** at yesterday's Nude Food day.

To reduce the amount of rubbish, particularly plastic rubbish, at school, parents could think about ways to send nude food to school every day.



A reminder that notes and money for students' participation in CAPERS is due tomorrow (Friday 22 March).

Interested students in Years 1-6 have been given notes to perform in dance or choir (Years 3-6 can be involved in both). Confirmation of numbers is vital for organisers to progress with this year's production.

The theme for CAPERS 2019 is "Carnivale" and will be full of colour and energetic rhythms.

Stories about Early Tamworth    ☆ **STORIES** ☆    Lookout Treasure Hunt!  
**FROM THE LOOKOUT**  
 World Championship    Quiz with Prizes!  
 Lolly Scramble!    Free Morning Tea!  
 Optional followup to the nearby Long Gully Keeping Place.  
**Oxley Lookout - Wed., April 24 - 10am**  
*This activity, specially designed for schoolkids Years 4-10, is part of the Heritage Week program of events in Tamworth being held during the school holidays. Further information if required on 0481944420. Your own foldup chair would be good.*



## DAYLONG MINDFULNESS RETREAT

by Dr Sharn Rocco, Founder and Facilitator, Mindful Works

will be held at **Nemingha Public School** on **Sunday 7 April**

more information and tickets are available at [Eventbrite](#) or [Evensi](#)

## SPORTS NEWS

## PSSA Netball Team

The following girls have been selected as part of the Nemingha PSSA Netball team:

Mia Gentle, Maddison Train, Macie Thornton, Emily Tongue, Elsie Greentree, Amelia Spalding, Jade Brown, Isabel Murray and Raeya Mitchell. The girls will participate in a gala day in May.

Thank you to all the girls who trialled for the team and gave up their lunchtimes to do this.

## Hockey trials

Congratulations to Jessie Smith, Macie Thornton, Alice Murdoch and Maddison Train for successfully trialling for the girls' zone hockey team.

They will next try out for the regional team on Wednesday 3 April. Good luck!

## LBK Solicitors Cup – rugby union Term 2

An expression of interest note will be sent home shortly for those students who would like to play rugby union on Friday afternoons at 4pm for the whole of Term 2.

This is an excellent opportunity for children to become involved in a great team sport. Training will held every Wednesday afternoon during Term 2. The cost for this competition will be around \$15 per player.

Nemingha has entered a team over the past few years and we've included students from other schools to make up our numbers. Keep an eye out for more information in coming weeks.



The following notes have been sent home this week:

**Years 4-6 students**

Chess team

Notes due Thursday 21 March

Interschool Chess Challenge, 9 April

Notes due by Friday 29 March

Tell Them From Me student survey

Notes opting out due by Friday 29 March

**Year 1 students**

Parent/teacher interviews, 8-12 April

Notes due by Thursday 28 March

**Year 2/3 students**

Parent/teacher interviews, 1-5 April

Notes due by Wednesday 27 March

## Kindy Kids 2019

The Northern Daily Leader's Kindy Kids 2019 will be appearing next Thursday, 28 March, in the paper.

All your local newsagents and outlets where the paper is available will have extra copies available for sale next Thursday, otherwise there will be copies at The Northern Daily Leader office at 27 Bourke Street.

St Luke's  
**LOOMBERAH CHIT CHAT**  
Local Playgroup Fun  
When: 1st Thursday & 3rd Monday of the month  
Time: 9.30am  
Where: Loomberah War Memorial Hall

For further details, please go to the Loomberah Chit Chat facebook page



**COME JOIN**

**KOOTINGAL-MOONBI JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL IN 2019**

**SIGN UP DAY**

To be held at Kootingal Football Grounds

Saturday 23rd March 2019

**12.00noon-2.30pm**

**Free entry**

Stay around & watch our Seniors trial home game:

**Kootingal Moonbi v Gulgong**

**Junior Rugby League Football CLUB**

**Fees: 5-15yrs -\$125**

**16yrs -\$150**

**(Includes shorts and socks)**

- You can also register at [www.playnrl.com.au](http://www.playnrl.com.au)
- You can use your Active kids Voucher
- Check us out on facebook

**BBQ-Bacon & Egg rolls, Sausages & Rissoles**