



Calendar

May

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| 30 April - 3 May | Life Education Van Visit |
| 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 |
| Thursday 9 May | Mothers' Day stall |
| Friday 10 May | School Cross-Country |
| 14-16 May | NAPLAN Years 3 and 5 |
| Friday 17 May | Assembly - Year 4/5 item 2.40pm in the hall |

June

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| Monday 10 June | Queen's Birthday holiday |
| Wednesday 12 June | P&C Meeting 7pm in the staff room |
| Thursday 13 June | Lightning: So Frightening 6.30pm-7.30pm |
| 26-28 June | Great Aussie Bush Camp Excursion for Years 3 and 4 students Final payments due 7 June |

July

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

August

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| 5-9 August | Education Week |
| Wed 14 August | P&C Meeting 7pm in the staff room |
| Monday 19 August | Staff Development Day |
| Tuesday 27 August | School photos |

September

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| Wed 11 September | P&C Meeting 7pm in the staff room |
| Friday 27 September | Term 3 ends |

October

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| Monday 14 October | Term 4 starts |
| Tuesday 29 October | Kinder Orientation |

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

Colourful, creative and lots of fun

On the last day of Term 1 the school held its Easter Hat Parade.



Over 200 children took to the playground to showcase their hand-made Easter hats in the tradition that goes back so far that nobody is sure where it originated.

There were many colourful creations that were amazingly beautiful. Some were so intricate it was difficult to keep them on their heads.



Thanks must go to all the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends who assisted the children with their wonderful Easter hats.

See more photos on the school web site.





Ordinary people - extraordinary things

Christopher Jackson, Principal

Once again I was very proud of all our students who attended the ceremony at Kootingal last week. ANZAC Day marks an important anniversary of military action over the years by Australia and New Zealand. As a nation, we take pride in this day and show our respect for the lives lost. I believe it is important for our children to take pride in our culture and honour our past by commemorating our ANZACs.

On Thursday in the last week of Term 1 we held a short ANZAC ceremony to honour the day with dignity and show collegiality as a school for the soldiers' relentless effort and courage.



In classrooms, children have been learning about sacrifice, determination and respect, understanding that these soldiers gave their lives at Gallipoli, as well as the challenges these young men endured. They uncovered a significant aspect that defines us as a nation – the spirit of mateship that sustains us. Our students discovered that as Australians we are distinctive.

This year I attended the ANZAC Dawn service in ANZAC Park and listening to several speakers throughout the ceremony, I became aware that ordinary people are capable of extraordinary things. This is an important lesson for young people to discover that everyone has the capacity to have a positive impact on society. It is inspirational and humbling for students to remember this.

Students can take this learning directly into their own experiences and it begins discussions of how we can

avoid conflict in the future. We review how we should handle situations and appreciate the need for peace and communication to resolve differences and instil peace in our school community and more broadly as a society.

In a world where conflict and war is becoming uncomfortably frequent and normal, it is important to stop and reflect on those who have lost their lives or have been affected by war, mentally or physically. By considering the past and the present, the sacrifices, fear and suffering endured by all we hope to teach students to act with courage, humility and with peace.





Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) during Week 3 this term.

The assessment schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday 14 May – Writing (Year 3 Paper Assessment, Year 5 Online)
- Wednesday 15 May – Reading and Conventions of Language (Online)
- Thursday 16 May - Numeracy (Online)

All students require a pair of headphones for the online assessments as outlined in a separate note sent home today.

Come and Try Day - Kinder 2020

Our 'Come and Try Day' will be held next Tuesday, 7 May. Prospective 2020 Kindergarten students will spend the morning in our Kindergarten classroom from 9.20 to 11am.

Parents will meet with executive staff in the staffroom for a brief information session and tour of the school. Enrolment packages will be available. The morning will finish with a light morning tea.

Nemingha families who have not already contacted the office regarding enrolment of siblings, or if you are aware of any other Kindergarten students living within our zone who are interested in enrolling, please contact the school office as soon as possible.



SUPA Club will commence for this term on Friday 10 May, with classes held at lunchtime, from 12.45 to 1.15pm.



The following notes have been sent home this week:

Captains and SRC

Grip Leadership Program, Tuesday 7 May

✍ Notes due by Friday 3 May

Years 3 and 5

NAPLAN 2019 - headphones

What's cooking in the Canteen



Winter Menu

Keep an eye out for our winter canteen menu.

Additions to the menu include:

Chicken Caesar Wrap (our Term 1 meal deal wrap)
Spaghetti Bolognese
Nachos

When ordering recess and lunch, please make sure that each meal is written on a separate bag.

Also a reminder to include your child's class and not just their year.

Thank you

Renae Mumford, Canteen Manager,
0417 029 377

5c Coin Fundraiser

Well done to all students who brought in their 5 cents for our Drought Relief fundraiser. The winning class was Y3/4, having raised \$65.75.

The total raised by the school was \$207.40.

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| KP | \$15.95 | Y2 | \$21.65 | Y4/5 | \$3.55 |
| KH | \$31.35 | Y2/3 | \$5.35 | Y5/6 RB | \$32.90 |
| Y1 | \$5.10 | Y3/4 | \$65.75 | Y5/6 W | \$25.80 |

MOTHERS' DAY STALL

If there are any students who have not yet sent their mothers' day money and notes to school, could they please do so by Monday 6 May. No late orders can be accepted.

"act, create, communicate"



2019 DRAMA CLASSES NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR TERM 2

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Ben Mettam - Principal

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School cross country

This year the cross country will be held on Friday 10 May. All of the school will participate.

Students will be assembled at the finish line in house groups for the duration of the event to participate in running and cheering fellow class mates on. Parents are most welcome to attend.



As you can see, the school cross country will "take a different course". So that we don't have to run several laps around the school we will be using the Nemingha Hall paddock next to our playground. This allows more flexibility to run the three different courses in a reduced time. The day will commence at 9.30am on our back oval with the senior students.

| The program is as follows. | Marshal | Start | Event | Laps |
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| | 9.20 | 9.25 | 12/13 boys and girls | 2+ laps |
| | 9.50 | 9.55 | 11 yr boys and girls | 2+ laps |
| | 10.20 | 10.30 | 10 yr boys and girls | 1+ lap |
| Hopefully we will be finished by 11.45. | 10.50 | 10.55 | 8/9 boys and girls | 1+ lap |
| | 11.10 | 11.15 | Minor boys and girls | Round oval |

Kindergarten/Yr2

Run clockwise back to Finish

Total 500m (approx.)

150 + 360 = 510

8yrs – 10yrs

Run anti-clockwise to finish.

Total 2000m (approx.)

1040 + 900 + 60 = 2000

11yrs – 13yrs

Run anti-clockwise to finish.

Total 3000m (approx.)

1040 + 1040 + 900 + 60 = 3000

Witches hats

True Colours

On Friday 5 April Year 5/6W presented an assembly item with a hidden message – that everyone is different and that we should accept others for the way they are.



Our class had been learning about the artworks of Romero Britto, an artist who combines elements of cubism, pop art and graffiti painting in his work. He uses vibrant colours and unique patterns as a visual expression of hope, dreams and happiness.



Our class did three different paintings using his techniques – a love heart, the letter of our first name and an animal or character. Each student presented one of their artworks to the song 'True Colours' accompanied by a slideshow of inspirational quotes about accepting differences that we researched on the internet.

Our final item was the song 'This is Me' which is all about accepting people for who they are. Many of the students sang individual parts and the whole class came together as a team to present a fantastic performance of the song.

We have had an enjoyable start to the year and look forward to the learning that is ahead of us.

Yvonne Webb, Teagan and Amelia

Badge presentation

Next Monday 6 May, the new class captains for Term 2 will be receiving their badges at our morning assembly in the hall, starting at 9.20. Parents and friends are welcome to attend.

The new class captains for Term 2 are:

5/6 W - Paris Edwards and Kalan Perkins
 5/6 BR - Elsie Greentree and Lachlan Condric
 4/5 S - Ava Gregory and Tamarr Fairweather
 3/4 M - Gypsy Cottrell and Alex Mackenzie
 2/3 G - Brock Moxon and Isabella Graham



Each year 1,800 public school children in need come to Stewart House from many parts of the state.

During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced

with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

If you would like to make a donation to help with this work, please place your donation in the envelope provided. To participate in the draw to win a \$4,000 holiday, your envelope must be returned to the school office by **Friday 17 May** to ensure that they are received by Stewart House in time for the draw.