



Calendar

May

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
Tuesday 21 May	Great Aussie Bush Camp information evening At 5.30pm, for parents of Years 3 and 4 students interested in the excursion to Tea Gardens in June.

June

Friday 7 June	Assembly - Year 3/4 item 2.40pm in the hall
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
Monday 24 June	Athletics Carnival at Farrer
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

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

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

October

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

Leaders of the future

by Jordan Lewington and Max Gallagher

On Tuesday, 7 May, the SRC members attended the GRIP Leadership Program at the Tamworth Town Hall.

Many schools attended from the region.

We learnt about

- ✓ developing our skills to lead
- ✓ working as a team member
- ✓ making a difference to our school
- ✓ making a difference to society

The activities included role plays, interaction with other schools, games and information sessions.

All children who attended were involved. It was a great day, full of fun activities and it taught us a lot about being good school leaders in our school.



Life Education

Christopher Jackson, Principal

It's dark, it's quiet and I'm hearing health advice from a person who works with a large yellow giraffe named Harold. Before you think that this is some type of alternative therapy gone mad, let me explain.

Last week our school had a visit from the Life Education Van and the yellow giraffe is Harold, the mascot for Life Education Australia.

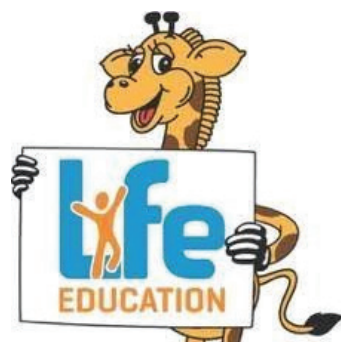
I was lucky enough to sit in on a lesson with our Year 1 class and I was very impressed with the program.

Life Education Australia is a non-profit organisation which works to educate children about healthy lifestyles, the choices they can make and the harmful effects of drugs.

The program was the brainchild of Ted Noffs, a great Australian with a vision that captured the world. His teachings have exploded internationally through Life Education. In 1974 he set up "The Life Education Centre" (LEC) in Australia.

It is estimated that across the state, Life Education utilises the services of over five hundred volunteers yearly, whose contribution is immense.

Government funding accounts for approximately 27% of the total funds required for the successful operation



of the organisation, with the remaining funds being generated by donations, general fundraising activities and corporate sponsorships.

This year we were fortunate to have part funding from the Wests Entertainment Group and, with support from our school budget, it allowed every child in our school attend the van free. I would like to thank West Leagues for their generous support.

The CEO of Life Education has said "At Life Education we believe early intervention has the potential to not only reduce future drug related health issues but also to impact on the quality and enjoyment of life to the benefit of everyone in our society."

"Our programs foster the development of knowledge, skills and attitudes which empower young people to make positive choices about their health".



SRC thank you

A very big thank you to Choices Flooring and their staff Dave Russell, Joanne Russell, Natasha Hazel and Maddison Cameron, for their donation of carpet squares.

The 30 small carpet squares will go under the hall COLA for children to sit on before school on cold mornings and after school.



asca ASCA examinations will be held in mid August this year.

We will start planning at the end of Term 2. If you wish your child to be a part of this program please contact Mr Jackson for a form.

Carpark mishap

At around 9am this morning, a car in the disabled parking space was damaged in the car park.

If it's possible that you inadvertently scraped a car parked alongside you, could you please let the office know. You might have some minor damage that you haven't noticed.

Also could everyone please ensure that you park rear-to-kerb in the carpark. This is now required as it is safer to reverse into a parking space and exit driving forward.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Congratulations Miss Davidson

Last weekend Miss Davidson graduated from Armidale UNE.

She celebrated the day with her Dad Greg, Mum Christine and fiancé Todd.

Welcome Amy into a fine profession.





Test your child's hearing at home

Undetected hearing loss in children can limit their ability to learn and play. Sound Scouts takes the form of a fun, interactive game that encourages the child to solve a mystery using their hearing.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) recommends that all children should have their hearing screened around the time they start school.

Children use their hearing to learn about the world around them and develop communication skills. This in turn affects their relationships with family and friends, their education, and future employment. The impact of hearing loss on a developing child can be significant, so the sooner issues are detected, and treatment or management is provided, the better chance a child has of living a normal life.

Hearing issues can develop at any age, so it's important to be aware of the key signs displayed by a child if they have a hearing problem.

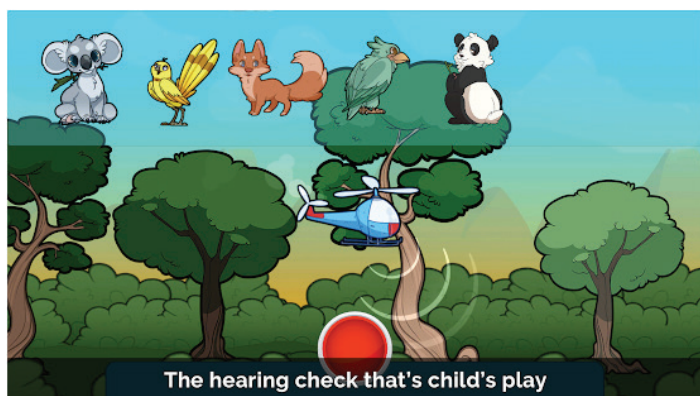
Signs of hearing loss:

- ✓ Does your child speak louder than others?
- ✓ Does your child turn the TV up too loud?
- ✓ Does your child often say 'what' or 'huh'?
- ✓ Does your child have trouble pronouncing words?
- ✓ Does your child struggle at school?
- ✓ Does your child have trouble hearing in noisy places?
- ✓ Does your child lose focus in noisy places?
- ✓ Why use Sound Scouts?

If you selected YES for one or more of these questions, it is recommended that you test your child's hearing. Hearing issues may result from a number of conditions including conductive loss, sensorineural loss or auditory processing disorders. Early detection of hearing issues, followed by the appropriate treatment gives a child the best opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Sound Scouts is pleased to announce that, with the support of the Australian Government, Sound Scouts is now FREE for school aged children living in Australia.

Sound Scouts can be downloaded from iTunes or Google Play Store, or go to www.soundscouts.com.



The hearing check that's child's play

What's cooking in the Canteen

Cross Country Canteen

The school canteen will be open for the duration of the cross country carnival. Items for sale will be the usual snack menu, plus tea and coffee, cold drinks, freshly baked items and soup.

Pop on in and check out what is on offer.

Thank you

Renae Mumford, Canteen Manager,
0417 029 377



Public demonstration site

In advance of taking NAPLAN Online, students and parents are invited to use the public demonstration tests to familiarise themselves with the type of questions and related functionalities available in the NAPLAN Online assessment.

Some of the key features include a range of question types, onscreen tools, timers and interactive navigation. Students are encouraged to try all the tests for their year level to practise the complete range of question formats available in the online assessment.

The demonstration tests will work with many devices and browsers but not all. Before starting, check if your device or browser meets the minimum technical requirements to ensure the tests function and display as intended.

Follow [this link](#) or use this TinyURL:

<https://tinyurl.com/y5wwvval>

It's back!



Earn & Learn

Once again we are participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion. Stickers will be available at all Woolworths between 1 May and 25 June.

For every \$10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a sticker. Collect your stickers on a sticker sheet and return them to the collection box in the office. There is also a collection box at Woolworths Eastpoint.

As a result of effort during 2017's Earn & Learn promotion we were able to buy exciting art and craft supplies, science kits and maths resources.

Nemingha Public School looks forward to your support again this year.



Learning about brass

Yesterday students from Years 2 to 6 were treated to short demonstrations of brass instruments by Mrs Noelene McGrane from the Tamworth Regional Conservatorium of Music.

The children learnt about the trumpet, trombone, French horn and tuba. Mrs McGrane entertained each class with her beautiful playing and explanation about each of the instruments.

We are endeavouring to have Mrs McGrane come to our school to add to our music lessons. If your child has expressed a desire to learn one of the brass instruments, please contact the office. We will have several instruments available for loan so that the cost to you would be minimised.

Come and Try day

Twenty-two excited pre schoolers had the opportunity to try out big school when Nemingha held our 'come and try' day on Tuesday.

They spent time with their future teachers and met each other, participating in a number of activities in the classrooms.

The activities included painting, drawing, completing puzzles, constructing, listening to stories and singing. Crunch and sip time was a popular activity.

Parent FEEDBACK

With your Newslink this week is a "You can help survey" for Term 1.

These surveys help us with evaluation and future planning on projects and events that have occurred

throughout the previous term.

We would appreciate having the form returned by Friday 24 May. Thank you for your valuable input.

TOTEM PRESENTS
skateboarding

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Corner of Macquarie and Peel Street

FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER ONLINE
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The following notes have been sent home this week:

Years 3 and 4 students

Great Aussie Bush Camp information evening.

All students

Scholastic Book Club orders being taken

On-line orders and payments to be submitted by Thursday 16 May

Parent feedback survey

Please return by Friday 24 May

Years 1 and 2 students

Library arrangements

Selected students

PSSA Rugby League Gala Day, Monday 20 May

Notes due by Wednesday 15 May

Girls' Softball Gala Day, Thursday 30 May

Notes due by Friday 17 May

Tamworth Zone PSSA Rugby Union Trials

Notes due by Thursday 9 May

PSSA Stage 3 Girls' Netball Gala Day, Monday 27 May

Notes due by Wednesday 22 May