




Calendar

July

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| Friday 5 July | Term 2 ends Mufti Day - gold coin donation Mufti day theme is "Holidays" |
| Monday 22 July | Students return for Term 3  Please note this is not a staff development day and students will be at school |
| Monday 29 July | Variety Bash to visit our school Lunch and activities - all welcome |

August

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| 5-9 August | Education Week |
| Friday 9 August | Assembly - Year 2/3 item 2.40pm in the hall Science Fair |
| Wed 14 August | P&C Meeting 7pm in the staff room |
| Monday 19 August | Staff Development Day |
| 19-23 August | Book Week |
| Tuesday 27 August | School photos |
| Wed 28 August | "Monsters in My Wardrobe" 9.45am |
| Friday 30 August | Assembly - Year 2 item 2.40pm in the hall |

September

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| Wed 11 September | P&C Meeting 7pm in the staff room |
| Friday 20 September | Assembly - Year 1 item 2.40pm in the hall Movie Night - P&C Event Details to come |
| Friday 27 September | Term 3 ends |

October

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| Monday 14 October | Term 4 starts |
| Tuesday 29 October | Kinder Orientation 9.30am-12.30pm |

November

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| Wed 6 November | Kinder Orientation 9.30am-12.30pm |
| Wed 13 November | P&C Meeting 7pm in the staff room |
| Friday 15 November | Kinder Orientation Day Assembly - Kinder item |

Clothing Pool - open each Monday and the first Friday of each month, 2.30-3.30pm

Fun and adventure (and mud)

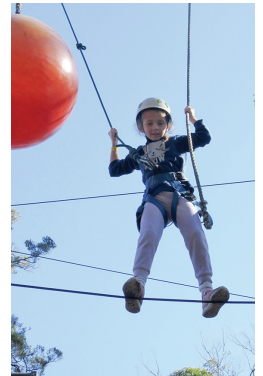
Last week, sixty Year 3 and Year 4 students travelled to Great Aussie Bush Camp for three days of fun, adventure, team building and mud, lots of mud.

The camp provided students numerous opportunities to step outside their comfort zone and try new things with the support of their peers, teachers and their amazing camp instructors.

Highlights from the excursion include learning some very amusing camp songs, soaring through the air on the giant swing and flying foxes and getting very wet and muddy during the night time commando activity.

A favourite for all campers was visiting the sand dunes to learn some Aboriginal history and running, racing, sliding and swimming down the huge sand hills.

[\(Lots more photos on the web site.\)](#)



Every child is an artist

Christopher Jackson, Principal

I was reminded of this quote on Tuesday when I saw some artwork from one of our teachers. She was showing other teachers around the staffroom table some examples of her work and we were amazed at the standard.

Each morning as I walk into my office I see the incredible artworks that adorn the walls of our administration block. Many of these are New England Operation Art paintings from past students.

It is a credit to the staff and students to see such fine examples of artwork being produced by students here at Nemingha. These fine examples are also evident in every classroom. I invite you to look up at the walls next time you pop into your child's classroom at the amazing creations.

In primary school we encourage our students to experiment with art and they do so without issue. It isn't until our adult years that we extinguish that creative fire for fear of ridicule.

We live in a world where increasingly complex problems

require creative solutions. We need to give ourselves permission to innovate and improvise and not restrict our creativity by time constraints and other limitations.

"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up."

Picasso

In every classroom we can see, through Visible Learning, students taking control of their learning.

At Nemingha there is a balance between structure and freedom, and in all cases time is used flexibly with teachers modelling and placing an importance on high expectations.

The P&C currently has plans underway to hold an art show as a major fundraiser. There is an opportunity to exhibit students work as well as local artists. Wouldn't it be wonderful if some of our parents also entered some of their own creations.

Mrs McDonald and the chocolate factory

This week Year 1 had a special lady from Deva Chocolates come and demonstrate the process of making her raw organic dark chocolate.

The students were able to create their own 35g chocolate bar and choose their own flavour. We had chopped nuts, M&Ms, coconut, dried fruit, crushed biscuits and even some popping candy.

Once they were all set, we got to package our little bar of chocolate and we even made our own labels.

We would like to thank Maggie Quirk for all her hard work and supporting us in our Fun with Food science lesson.

Who knew that raw chocolate that is sweetened with honey was so good for you!



New class captains

We would like to congratulate the newly elected class captains for Term 3:

- Y5/6W – Georgia Poore and Jack Broomham
- Y5/6 RB – Andii Ceccato and Koby Higgins
- Y4/5 – Evie Thornton and Josh Hill
- Y3/4 – Ava Genardini and Beau Wiegold
- Y2/3 – Pia Flemming and Bryce Reidsmith

Badges will be presented at the Term 3, Week 2, Monday morning assembly (29 July) commencing at 9.20am. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

Previously the class captains were given their badges with the expectation of them being returned at the end of each term. However, because many of the badges went missing and were not returned to pass onto the next class captain, we are now asking the elected students purchase their own class captain badge at a cost of \$5.00. The badge will then belong to those students and they may keep them as a memento.

So that the badges can be presented at the assembly, the money should be paid to the office prior to the badge presentation ceremony.

Toni Reid (SRC Co-ordinator)



CAPERS update

This week Mrs Miller attended the CAPERS choreography workshop for teachers and has learnt the Stage 1-3 and Indigenous dance routines.

She has also received information about costumes and is looking for volunteers to start sewing simple elements of the costumes ready for rehearsals next term.

Participating Stage 2 students will each require two chiffon fabric ties. The fabric just needs to be cut to length and the edges overlocked. Very simple. The school will provide fabric, thread, dimensions and quantities. She would absolutely love someone to do this over the school holidays so students can dance with them when learning the routine next term.

More specific information about costumes will be provided early next term to parents of participating students.

Please phone the school or email Mrs Miller if you can help vanessa.miller8@det.nsw.edu.au.



The following notes have been sent home this week:

All students

P&C raffle fundraiser.

Sharing history through story



Mr Len Walters visited our Years 1 and 2 students last week to conclude our History unit.

We have been learning about local places and how people can share history through story. Len talked to us about local places and how these places were named. He took us on a 'journey' around the Kamilaroi land explaining how each of the towns are significant in their own way.

Len also talked about NAIDOC week and the importance of Voice. The children asked some fantastic questions to deepen their knowledge of our local area.

Martina Stimson

Spelling finalists



Congratulations to these students for making it to the regional finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee:

Years 3&4 Junior Finalist 1 Blake Austin

Years 3&4 Junior Finalist 2 Beau Wiegold

Years 5&6 Senior Finalist 1 Maddison Train

Years 5&6 Senior Finalist 2 Jade Brown

The Regional Finals will take place across NSW Monday 2 to Friday 13 September 2019.

Music lessons in Term 3

We have vacancies for music tutoring in flute with Mrs Craven-Sands, piano with Mr Weaver and violin, cello and piano with Mr Blaxland.

Next term we are planning to begin brass lessons. We will have a tutor from the Tamworth Regional Conservatorium of Music for trombones and trumpets.

If you're interested in your child learning music, please contact the office as soon as possible so that lessons can be organised.



Fantastic day at athletics carnival

Monday 24 June on a very cold and windy day a sea of colours was seen at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School. Nemingha took over the oval to compete in the annual athletics carnival.



There was a hive of activity all day from running, throwing and jumping. This year the K-1 students participated in fun, round-robin activities organised by Mrs McDonald and the K-1 staff.

It was a fantastic day for all the students with records broken by Lewis Lesslie and Porscha Ring. When the students were not participating in events, they were cheering on their teams and friends. The atmosphere

was wonderful with many of the community helping out.

Winners were:

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| Junior Girl | - | Porscha Ring |
| Junior Boy | - | Walter Greentree |
| 11 years Girl | - | Mia Gentle |
| 11 years Boy | - | Harrison Hamilton |
| Senior Girl | - | Teagan Murray |
| Senior Boy | - | Robert Murphy |
| March past | - | Magpies |
| War cry | - | Wombats |
| Overall winner | - | Kangaroos |



A massive thank you must go to Mr Clint Gallagher, Principal of Farrer, for allowing us to use the school's wonderful facilities and to Mr Chris Train for his help in organising Farrer staff and students to set up and help throughout the day. Thank you to all the teachers and parents for helping make sure the carnival ran smoothly and to the P&C for the BBQ and organisation of the coffee van.

It makes me proud to be a part of such an amazing community where we can all come together and support the students of the school.

Kristine Sharkey (Sports Coordinator)



North West League at State carnival



Robert Murphy not only ran, jumped and threw at the Athletics Carnival, he then travelled to Sydney to compete for North West at the State League Carnival.

Robert spent the next few days running, passing, dodging and enjoying the company of his team. He played well against some tough Sydney teams and learnt a lot from the experience.

Friday night rugby union

Last Friday night Nemingha played in the semi-final against Tamworth Public School.

The team (Robert Murphy, Jordan Lewington, Harrison Hamilton, Cooper Jones, Beau Rossiter, Walter Greentree, Tamarr Fairweather, Emily Tongue, Raeya Mitchell, Lewis Lesslie, Rhys Murray, Josh Hill, Max Sartori) played extremely well and fought hard to the last minute.

Though they lost the game, Mr Murphy and I have been impressed by their attitude, great sportsmanship and improvement throughout the season. Thank you must go to the retiring Year 6 students - Robert Murphy, Jordan Lewington, Rhys Murray and Max Sartori - who I hope to see playing in the future. I wish to personally thank Mr Murphy for helping to coach and train the students, the parents for bringing your children every week and for the team themselves for training hard to improve, giving their all on the field and most importantly having fun.

Kristine Sharkey