



Calendar

August

5-9 August	Education Week
Monday 5 August	Education Week Awards <i>Attendance by invitation</i>
Friday 9 August	Scripture Service <i>11.45pm in the school hall - note change of time</i>
Friday 9 August	Assembly - Year 2/3 item <i>2.40pm in the hall</i>
Monday 12 August	Debating at NPS
Wed 14 August	P&C Meeting <i>7pm in the staff room</i>
Wed 14 August	Science Fair
Monday 19 August	Staff Development Day
19-23 August	Book Week <i>Book Fair from 20 to 23 August</i>
Tuesday 20 August	ASCA Exams
Monday 26 August	Book Parade
Tuesday 27 August	School photos
Wed 28 August	"Monsters in My Wardrobe" <i>9.45am</i>
Friday 30 August	Zone Athletics Kinder-Year 2 excursion to Tamworth Show

September

Friday 6 September	Assembly - Year 2 item <i>2.40pm in the hall</i>
Monday 9 September	Musica Viva "Zeeko"
Wed 11 September	P&C Meeting <i>7pm in the staff room</i>
Friday 13 September	Area Athletics
Friday 20 September	Assembly - Year 1 item <i>2.40pm in the hall</i> Movie Night - P&C Event <i>Details to come</i>
Friday 27 September	Term 3 ends

October

Monday 14 October	Term 4 starts
Tuesday 29 October	Kinder Orientation <i>9.30am-12.30pm</i>

November

Wed 6 November	Kinder Orientation <i>9.30am-12.30pm</i>
Wed 13 November	P&C Meeting

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

Loud and proud!

The 35th Variety Bash arrived on Monday morning at Nemingha Public School for a lunchtime stop. There were a variety of quirky cars, from the Flinstones Holden to a 1965 Chevrolet hearse, that came through our gates to the delight of our students.

The aim of the Variety Bash is to raise money for children with special needs. "Practical solutions for these children is what we raise the money for," said tour organiser Stuart Telfer.

There were over 280 "bashers" in 100 cars, plus one helicopter, who were provided lunch by our wonderful P&C.

Thank you to the catering committee, led by Sally Cronberger, who were supported by parents and family members, ensuring the day was a success.

The children were very excited to meet the drivers, who lavished our school with gifts such as brass musical instruments and playground equipment, including a giant Earth ball.

The drive commenced at Bondi on Sunday morning and will finish at Batt Reef, near Port Douglas in Queensland. During the next 10 days that generosity will continue, with the colourful cavalcade tipped to raise \$75,000 for local schools.

Students enjoyed the various competitions arranged by the Variety Club.



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Making belonging matter

Christopher Jackson, Principal

Student and teachers in schools do not exist in isolation – they are part of a wider community that includes parents, extended family, neighbours and the wider community.

School communities provide an environment where parents and teachers can work together to help children feel safe, secure, welcome and part of a 'family' that allows them to thrive and reach their full potential.

At Nemingha Public School we were fortunate to witness a school community spirit of engagement and encouragement at the recent Variety Bash. Monday wasn't only about fundraising, but it was a fine example of everyone pitching in together to make it a fun-packed, enjoyable day.

Our community is unique. Our parents and community members are active participants in our children's learning, resulting in a true partnership between the school and the family, and it's because of this we are able to provide the best educational opportunities for every student.

"Community is much more than belonging to something; it's about doing something together that makes belonging matter"

Brian Solis

I would like to congratulate the hard working P&C, catering committee, staff, students and parents who all contributed to make this day a success. Congratulations!

"The community spirit within the school really gives you a sense of belonging to a very close-knit group."

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Maddison Train won the "Hippies Peace Prize" for citizenship, which was a \$100 voucher from Booktopia.

The Benz Boys colouring-in competition was won by Jake Elwin (Kindy), Alex McKenzie (Year 3-4) and Amelia Londero (Year 4-5).

Also drawn on the day was the P&C fundraiser raffle. Details will be available in next week's Newslink.



Student Learning Support Officer Katie Brown joined singer John Williamson in a song from his book "My Dad Snores".



Flat batteries?

It was through a class meeting last term that students suggested the idea of recycling batteries.

The idea was taken to our Student Representative Council meeting, shared and we now have a drop-off place in our office foyer to recycle batteries.

If you have any small, flat batteries from toys, clocks, remote controls, torches, scales, etc., please do not throw them in the bin.

When batteries end up in landfill, the metals can leak and contaminate the soil and groundwater.

Instead, drop the batteries off at a free battery recycling service (Battery World or Aldi) or send them in to the school with your child.

Ask your child to place the flat batteries in the supplied container. We hope you will support this initiative in our school.

Vanessa Miller





Ready to sail away

This term Stage 1 is studying the English unit 'Sail Away'.

Last Thursday we were very lucky to have Mr Tim Pearson come and speak the students about his sailing experiences.

Mr Pearson showed the students photos from one of his many sailing trips from Vanuatu to Australia.

The students heard about what it was like living on the sailing boat for eight days and what items he took along with him.

Mr Pearson was kind enough to bring a piece of rope for each of the students. He taught them how to tie two knots he uses while sailing.



Picasso cow

This term students in Years 3-6 Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program will be learning about the dairy industry as part of the Dairy Farmers' 'Discovering Dairy' and 'Picasso Cow' program.



The school recently received a life-size model of a cow for the students to work with.

This three-part project involves naming, designing and painting the cow, inquiry-based learning through student learning journals and debrief, and a digital presentation.

These components will be submitted to the Discovering Dairy organisers at the end of term.

If you would like more information about the program or are willing to assist in a small team to design and paint the cow please contact Mrs Bowman by email (lauren.nay2@det.nsw.edu.au) or the school office.

Lauren Bowman

A BETTER START PROGRAM INITIATIVE



JOIN OUR NDIS FAMILY WORKSHOPS



You are invited to a free workshop for parents run by the Better Start team at Carers NSW

Come to a free information session for all parents and guardians of children with disability aged up to 12 years old. It does not matter whether your child has an NDIS plan or not. You will be able to meet other parents and chat about your experiences

Local speaker representatives include:
 -ECEI partners (0-6 age group NDIS)
 -Local Area Coordinators (7+ age group NDIS)
 -Local Disability Advocacy Agency
 -NSW Dept of Education
 -Ability Links NSW

If you would like to attend but cannot, please let us know.

EVENT INFORMATION:

WHEN: Thursday 22 August 2019
 9:30am - 2:00pm
 (Registration 9:15am)

WHERE: Armidale City Bowling Club
 92-96 Dumaresq Street
 Armidale NSW 2350

RSVP: The Better Start Team
CALL US: 1800 242 636
EMAIL:
betterstart@carersnsw.org.au

COST: Free

Morning tea and light lunch will be provided, tell us if you have any allergies or dietary requirements.

Welcome Ms Fogarty

We welcome Ms Elle Fogarty to our staff on a more permanent basis.



Ms Fogarty has been casual teacher at Nemingha Public School since Term 4, 2018.

Our school has formed a partnership with the University of New England (along with Peel High School) which attracts extra funding from the Department of Education. This has allowed our school to employ Elle on a full-time basis to assist running special programs such as Instructional Rounds and the UNE Hub project.

Welcome Elle.

Debating

The Premier's debating challenge is underway with our senior students.

Last term, each team participated in a training day and debated against each other in round 1. The Year 6 team were successful against a strong team from Walcha Central School last Friday, debating the topic 'Health and Fitness'.

Both teams will travel to Walcha next Friday to debate once again. This will be the Year 5's (Maroon) second debate and the Year 6's (Gold) third debate. The Nemingha Gold team are undefeated in the round-robin matches.

Lauren Bowman



The following notes have been sent home this week:

Selected students

DSS data collection.

Kinder-Year 2 students

Excursion to the Tamworth Show, Friday 30 August

Notes due by Monday 26 August

THE CCN TAMWORTH REGIONAL CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC

FRIEND'S WINTER CONCERTS

Gain performance experience in a friendly and encouraging environment

These concerts provide students undertaking AMEB or HSC exams an opportunity to perform a selection of their program. This is a great opportunity for students to overcome performance nerves in front of their peers before sitting their exams.

Students have been allocated to either the 1:30 pm or 3:30 pm concert. Please see your teacher for more information.

This is always a wonderful afternoon of music, so please bring your family and friends along to enjoy.

SUNDAY, 4 AUGUST | 1:30 & 3:30 pm
CHAPEL THEATRE
 Tamworth Regional Conservatorium of Music
 1 hour 30 mins per concert
 Afternoon tea served for performers and guests at approximately 3 pm

Has your hat had it?

Unfortunately it was noticed by a number of community members at the Variety Bash on Monday that some of our students have very worn hats.

Staff have mentioned this to these students over the past few weeks. Once a hat has become ragged it isn't a part of our school uniform. Notes were sent home on Tuesday asking for these hats to be replaced.

Our P&C have a number of hats available (both new and second hand) for sale Mondays and Fridays at the school canteen and clothing pool.

Science Fair

On Wednesday 14 August the school will be holding a Science Fair.

Staff from UNE, the Central Northern Library and Dept Education, Sydney, will conduct science experiments and workshops with all the students.

Workshops will include Dynamic Bodies, Physics of Sound, Curious Chemicals and BusyBots.

There will be no cost, as the school will be providing financial support.