



Calendar

August

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 <i>9.45-11.15am in the hall - all welcome</i>
Tuesday 27 August	School photos
Wed 28 August	"Monsters in My Wardrobe" <i>9.45am</i>
Thursday 29 August	Father's Day stall <i>In the hall at lunchtime</i>
Friday 30 August	Zone Athletics Kinder-Year 2 excursion to Tamworth Show

September

Sunday 1 September	Kootinjal Fair <i>Choir will sing at 10.30am</i>
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
Sunday 15 September	CAPERS working bee <i>Helpers required to make costumes and props 9am-3pm</i>
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 <i>7pm in the staff room</i>
Friday 15 November	Kinder Orientation Day <i>Assembly - Kinder item</i>

CLOTHING POOL

Due to the School Development Day on Monday, there will be no clothing pool next week

Reaching for the moon

Christopher Jackson, Principal

Destination Moon: more missions, more science is the school theme for National Science Week in 2019.

Science is everywhere. Our students ride to school on a bus, and in that instance alone, there are many examples of technology based on the scientific method. The school bus is a product of many areas of science and technology, including mechanical engineering and innovation. The systems of roads, lights, footpaths and other infrastructure are carefully designed by civil engineers and planners.

Outside the window, trees turn sunlight into stored energy and create the oxygen we need to survive. Whether "natural" or human-derived, every aspect of our students' lives is filled with science — from their own internal biology to the flat-screen TV in our classrooms.

Science was certainly alive and well at Nemingha Public School with our first Science Fair on Wednesday.

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REMINDER: School Development Day

Just a reminder that there will be a School Development Day (pupil-free day) on Monday 19 August.

Please make arrangements for your children on this day as there will be no staff at Nemingha. Our course will be held off site.

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The day consisted of eight groups working through several activities which included robotics, curious chemicals, dynamic bodies and physics of sound. Thanks to Mrs Kemp and Mr McDonald, who organised the six scientists from the UNE Discovery bus, Julian and Amy from the Central Northern Library and our own Department of Education STEM Information and Technology Directorate Leader Kath Lollback to provide the activities. The children certainly had a very informative and "experimental" day.



Nemingha Public School is very fortunate to have a virtual reality STEM kit on loan from the Information and Technology Directorate for all of this term. Mr McDonald has been working with the children in each of

our classrooms to the delight of all our students. They have travelled to Ancient Egypt, swum on the Great Barrier Reef and floated about on the International Space Station. These kits have the potential to unlock new pathways for students.

**P & C News**

At the beginning of Term 2, the P&C applied for a grant being offered by the Primary Health Network (PHN) called 'Empowering our Communities'.

The aim of this grant is to facilitate social events for our school families and the wider community, so that they can engage and connect with one another and forget about the drought for a while.

We are pleased to announce that we were successful in receiving funding for three out of our four proposed events. These events include a movie night, mindfulness workshops to be facilitated by two different mentors, and a 20/20 cricket match for the dads.

With that said we need to get cracking and deliver these events to you. Please keep an eye out for our flyers over the coming weeks.

**LUNCHES – FOOD FOR KIDS**

Please do not send foods to school that require hot water to reconstitute, eg noodles. If your child particularly wishes to have this kind of food, please prepare it beforehand and send in a thermos. Children are asking staff for hot water (which cannot be given – it can only be lukewarm) and the food does not reconstitute satisfactorily in the time allowed for lunch. Also the containers are not stable enough for children to handle safely.

We may have a student become a marine biologist or an astronaut simply because the virtual reality inspired them.

Thanks to Mrs Kemp and Mr McDonald for organising the day, helping us to support our students to develop future skills for work and study.

**Music tuition**

On Tuesday Mrs Craven-Sands farewelled her flute and piano students as she is unable to continue with tuition.

Marisa has been teaching music at Nemingha for five years and it is sad to see her finish her connection to music at Nemingha Public School. Thank you, Marisa, for what you have given our students.

We are currently sourcing a new tutor in flute and will keep you posted.

Plans are underway to form a concert band for any student who would like to join. While you will need to have some experience with your instrument you don't have to be currently having lessons.

Welcome Mrs McGrane, who is teaching two of our students the trumpet each Wednesday afternoon. If there are any other students who would like to learn an instrument please let Mrs Moss know.



Year 2/3 research life in the 1700s

As a part of the history unit **First Contacts Year 2/3** have been learning about the events that lead to the colonisation of Australia by Europeans.



Year 2/3 took last week's assembly audience on a journey back to the past. Way back to England in the 1700s. This was a time when life was difficult, particularly if you were a child.

Students researched jobs done by children and adults in the 1700s that had an impact on children's lives. They then wrote a recount, detailing the job description and effect it had on the worker's life.

Here are some of these recounts -

Hello, my name is Cooper Thomas. I am a coal miner. It is very hard work. I have to dig out coal for the fires. I get coal dust in my throat. I am always coughing because I have coal dust in my lungs. Sometimes I have to do many loads a day and I only get a break at dinner time.

Cooper Thomas Year 2

My name is Pia and my job is a match maker. I make matches. Making matches is the worst job because all the poisonous phosphorus makes my teeth rot and fall out. The cancer that the phosphorus causes is called phossy jaw. My jaw is also rotting and glows green. I have a high chance of dying, so I am lucky to be alive. All I have to eat is 3 spoons of porridge with water. I work every day, except Sunday, when I go to church.

Pia Flemming Year 3

What's cooking in the Canteen

Tuesday 20 August

Our canteen will be open next Tuesday due to the pupil-free day on Monday.



Roster

We still have some Friday dates available on the Term 3 roster. If you are available to volunteer in the canteen this term can you please get in contact with me ASAP. No experience necessary.

Fresh for Kids Canteen Campaign

The **Fresh For Kids – Eat Fresh and Win** Canteen Campaign is up and running.

Stickers are given out to children who purchase fresh fruit or vegetables. Once a child has collected two stickers they will be able to complete an entry form and hand it back to the canteen. In return they will receive a fruit-scented stamper pen and a bonus prize entry card. The children may enter as many times as they like!

Entries will close on Friday 20 September. Our entries will then be sent away and go into the draw to receive some great prizes for our school.

Thank you

Renae Mumford, Canteen Manager,
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Drop off your dead batteries - free of charge!

Our school's battery recycling initiative is charging ahead and the response has been very positive.

Our container where students can drop off their flat batteries has filled up twice in two weeks!

Thank you for your contribution to reducing our impact on the environment. Please continue to send in flat batteries from camping gear, children's toys, electronics, etc.



Parents of students involved in ASCA this year should have received the timetable for the examination set for next Tuesday.

The day starts at 9am and will finish at about 12.30pm, with a recess break at about 11.30. Parents are welcome to watch the sessions, which will be held in the library.

Payments of \$55 for the ASCA program can now be made at the Front Office.

Debaters honing their skills

Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 debating teams, which debated against Walcha Central School last Friday.

While not successful on the day, both teams debated well and showed an improvement.

Thank you to the parents who travelled and transported students.

Year 5 won in their debate against Woolomin Public School on Monday. Mr Jackson reported that all students spoke very well and did a fantastic job. Congratulations team!

Both teams will debate in their final round against Westdale Public School in a few weeks' time.



CAPERS Update

Each CAPERS dance participant has recently received two important notes.

The first note detailed information about costumes and the upcoming CAPERS working bee. It will be held on Sunday 15 September at Nemingha Public School from 9am-3pm and we're asking for help to make costumes and props. Please return the note by Tuesday 20 August indicating if you, your child or maybe someone else is available to help. Numbers are needed to cater for morning tea.

The second note informs parents about the Massed Dance rehearsals.

Participating Stage 1 CAPERS students will be travelling to their rehearsals on Monday 26 August (same day as the Book Week Parade), whereas, Stage 2 and Stage 3 students will not be attending their rehearsals on Tuesday 27 August due to the clash with school photo day. More details are provided on the note.

Please contact Mrs Miller if you have any questions about the CAPERS dances.



The following notes have been sent home this week:

CAPERS dancers

CAPERS rehearsal information

✍ **Stage 1 massed dancers' note due Tuesday 20 August**

All students

Drug Education/Child Protection Course

Selected students

PSSA Zone Athletics

✍ **Note due Tuesday 28 August**



TAMWORTH HIGH SCHOOL



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IMMERSION DAY

The Year 7 2020 Immersion Day is offered to students who are interested in attending Tamworth High School.

This day gives all students the opportunity to familiarise themselves with our teachers and campus by participating in a day of learning at high school.

Thursday 19 September 2019

9.30am - 3.00pm

Tamworth High School Cafeteria

entry via the back gates in Jean Street

For further information please email
Caron Lasscock, Community Liaison Officer,
caron.lasscock2@det.nsw.edu.au or call on 02 6765 7888.

Students are to wear their full primary school uniform and provide their own morning tea/recess.
A BBQ lunch and drink will be provided.



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FARRER EXPERIENCE DAY

**Open to Year 5 boys.
This is your son's opportunity
to Experience Farrer**

**Friday
27th September 2019
9.30am – 2.30pm**

On the Day your son is to:
Wear his school sports uniform.
Bring his hat & water bottle.
Morning tea and lunch provided.

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