



Calendar

2019

September

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| Friday 20 September | Assembly - Year 1 item 2.40pm in the hall |
| Friday 27 September | Term 3 ends |

October

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| Monday 14 October | Students return for Term 4 |
| Monday 21 October | Questacon <i>Note to come</i> |
| Friday 25 October | Assembly - KP item 2.40pm in the hall |
| Tuesday 29 October | Kinder Orientation 9.30am-12.30pm |

November

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| Saturday 2 November | Cricket match and movie night <i>P&C event - details to come</i> |
| Wed 6 November | Kinder Orientation 9.30am-12.30pm |
| 8/9 November | CAPERS TRECC |
| Wed 13 November | P&C Meeting 7pm in the staff room |
| Friday 15 November | Kinder Orientation Day Assembly - KH item |

December

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| Friday 6 December | Presentation Day |
| Wed 11 December | Year 6 Farewell |
| Wed 11 December | P&C Meeting 7pm in the staff room |
| Wednesday 18 Dec | Last day of school for students |
| Friday 20 December | Term 4 ends |

2020

January

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| Tuesday 28 January | Term 1 commences for staff <i>Staff Development Day</i> |
| Wednesday 29 January | Term 1 commences for students <i>Years 1-6</i> |
| Monday 3 February | Kindergarten starts |

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

Wonders for sale



Hawaii, Alaska, Peru and the Torres Strait Islands were just some of the destinations that students in 2/3, 3/4 and 4/5 presented at a travel expo on Wednesday.

Students have been learning how to persuade through their English unit "Wonders of the World" and their skills were certainly showcased as they offered cheap holiday package deals, accommodation recommendations for luxurious resorts, food to tantalise our tastebuds and professionally presented brochures about unique experiences and activities to be enjoyed if we booked a holiday through their travel agency.



Thank you to all of the parents and friends who were able to join students for the expo.

The deals were very tempting, which was a reflection of all of their hard work researching and learning about their chosen city or country.

We might have some adventurers or future travel agents among our talented students!

(More photos in the gallery on our [web site](#).)



Bullying - our children need to feel safe

Christopher Jackson, Principal

Bullies ... you know the type, they push you around, shut you out of conversations, damage your things, or say nasty things about you to your face. They mock to make you feel small.

Bullying behaviour in the schoolyard is not something that needs to happen. While it is not necessarily a problem created at the school, or indeed unique to schools, our schools have a duty of care to every child, and parents have every right to expect that their child is safe while they are at school.

Every school is different and there is no single approach that suits everyone. That is why the Department of Education requires all schools to have in place strategies to address bullying, and it provides a range of resources to assist schools to do that.

At Nemingha Public School we regularly speak to the children to see what type of bullying behaviour occurs and in some cases identify children who are exhibiting bullying behaviours.

There are occasions where incidents escape teachers and so we encourage students to speak up if it becomes a regular occurrence. You see there are instances when it's a peer just feeling out of sorts and they take it out on another. This isn't bullying. It is however bullying if this "one off" becomes regular and routine.

Our Personal Development program encourages good behaviour and builds resilience by encouraging older children to be mentors and role models. Our SRC representatives are great role models and can assist younger students to deal with bullying situations in the playground.

I believe that by putting students' emotional wellbeing on an equal footing to their academic needs they perform better academically because they feel confident and safe.

In our classrooms we aim to make the each child "bully proof" by giving them strategies to deal with bullying.

Like many problems in society, bullying is a reflection of broader issues in the community, not just those inside a school's grounds. At Nemingha our strategy is to equip our students with the skills to counter bullying behaviours. Programs in self-assertiveness, communication and resilience; supervision in particular times or places; class discussions of bullying including underlying issues and possible responses for students, and promoting positive "bystander" behaviour.

Working together with the school is the best way to help your child resolve bullying issues.

NAPLAN

Today students in Year 3 and 5 will have their NAPLAN results in their bags.

All students who participated in the NAPLAN tests receive an individual report of their results. NAPLAN individual student reports provide information about what students know and have achieved in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy.

The reports also provide information on how students have performed against the national average (over one million students participate in NAPLAN tests each year) and the national minimum standards.



Congratulations to these students, who will receive a Gold Award at tomorrow's assembly:

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| AIDAN BLANCH STELLA BRIDGES EMILY CROCKER NICK CROCKER HENRY HALING LOUISA HAWKINS | ELLIE JONES JIAH KELLY JORDAN LEWINGTON EMILY RUSSELL MADDISON TRAIN |
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Sports News

Regional athletics

Porscha Ring, Mia Gentle, Robert Murphy and Jade Brown attended regional athletics in Tamworth last Friday.

They all competed well in their events and Mia and Porscha will be off to State athletics next term.


National athletics

Porscha Ring is attending National athletics this week in Darwin and is competing with students from all over Australia. We wish her the best of luck.

State PSSA softball

Mia Gentle will travel to Curl Curl next week to compete for North West at the State PSSA softball event.

We wish her the best of luck and hope she has fun.



The following notes have been sent home this week:

Year 2 students

Requirements for students' literacy unit.



All hands for CAPERS prep

Preparation for this year's CAPERS production is going well thanks to a large group of volunteers who assisted with costumes and props on Sunday.

The dedicated team worked throughout the day to lend a hand doing jobs from stapling plastic plates onto cardboard boxes for wheels to sewing skirts and pants for the Stage 1 massed dance item.

Thank you to everyone who attended and to those who helped prior to the working bee. Your enthusiasm to assist in any way and commitment to helping make our students shine on stage is most appreciated.

We thank the following people: Debbie Mitchell, Margaret Williams, Stacey Myers, Audrey Barton, Kristie Train, Linda Bridges, Michelle Peters, Jan Betts, Rebekah Wall, Gina Blyton, Sherry Smith, Rebecca Beale, Nicole Moxon, Natalie Flemming, Leesa Mackenzie, Sarah Bradfield, Neroli Graham, Brianna Brooks, Rebecca McDonald, Sonya Atkinson, Andrea Smith, Karli Scott, Nadine Blanch, Martina Stimson and Nicolette Moss.

Vanessa Miller



Nemingha P & C together with the PHN

are pleased to offer the following **FREE**

Anxiety Solutions Workshop

with

Mrs Katie Godden

Wednesday 25th September - Men

*Understanding our thoughts to help take back control of your mind
so that you can support yourself and your mates*

This session will be held at the school and will start at **6:30pm**

Please **RSVP** by Monday 23 September, at
<https://katiegodden.eventbrite.com.au>

Or contact Katie on katiegodden@outlook.com.au



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WANT TO PLAY CRICKET?

**Peel Valley Cricket Club is looking for boys
and girls aged 9-12 for the 2019-20 season**



The link for registrations is - <https://playcricket.com.au/>
(NB: Younger players can also register on this website for the
Junior Blasters or Master Blasters competitions)

- **New players welcome**
- **Registration due by end of this term**

**For enquiries and help with registration
please contact: Sharon Haling**

Ph: 0428 725 415, email: halings@bigpond.com

Laughter is the best medicine

by Joey Scott and Milly Spalding

Last Wednesday our school was very lucky to have a wonderful visit from Camp Quality's puppet show.

The puppet show is a fantastic fund-raising event for children's cancer.

There was also a large group of cyclists riding 1,000 kilometres raising money for the camp. The cyclists all have different coloured shirts to represent different things.

We also saw an amazing Mrs Webb dressed in a green six pack and big glasses. Laughter is the best medicine!



Camp Quality includes a wonderful puppet show for primary schools which answers difficult questions children have about cancer. They also fundraise money to support programs in hospitals to cure kids cancer. A large group of cyclists also visited us who had ridden over one thousand kilometres to raise money. Each cyclist wore different coloured shirts to represent the different organisations that sponsored them.

Often the effects of cancer can be confronting for young kids - when children return to school they often look very different as a result of the side effects from their treatment. This needs to be explained so kids know what the child has been through and why it's important to support them. Importantly the puppets teach students that cancer is not contagious. The show encourages kids to be supportive of their classmate who has a mum, dad, brother or sister impacted by cancer – or who has cancer themselves, and reduces the likelihood of bullying, exclusion, confusion or anxiety.

For more information about Camp Quality, go to:

www.campquality.org.au

Northwest Tennis Academy School Holiday Camps



Join Jarrod Campbell and the team of highly experienced and qualified coaching professionals at the upcoming school holiday camps. Heaps of fun and great activities to keep the kids actively entertained in a fun, safe and educational environment

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Camp 2 | 8/10/19 - 11/10/19 (4 Day Camp) \$90
 or \$25 Per Day! (Eftpos Available)

8.30 am - 11.30 am Daily

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