



Calendar

2019

November

Friday 15 November	Kinder Orientation Day Assembly - KH item <i>2.15pm in the hall - note early start - all welcome</i>
Friday 29 November	Scripture Service <i>10am in the hall - all welcome</i> Helpers' Morning Tea <i>11am under the hall COLA - to thank our wonderful volunteers</i> CAPA Concert <i>11.30am in the hall - music students will perform - all welcome</i> Gingerbread House Night <i>6.30pm in the hall</i>

December

Friday 6 December	Presentation Day
Wed 11 December	Year 6 Farewell
Wed 11 December	P&C Meeting <i>7pm in the staff room</i>
Wednesday 18 Dec	Nemingha's Got Talent Last day of school for students
Friday 20 December	Term 4 ends

2020

January

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

April

Thursday 9 April	Term 1 ends
Friday 10 April	Good Friday
Monday 13 April	Easter Monday

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

Lest We Forget

Our School Captains represented the school with great pride at the Tamworth Remembrance Day service at the Tamworth Town Hall on Monday.

Along with other school representatives and members of the public, Max Gallagher, Alice Murdoch, Max Sartori and Macie Thornton represented our school beautifully, displaying pride and excellent manners throughout the morning.

The four student leaders laid a wreath on behalf of the students and staff of Nemingha and were able to hear from other students and adults about the meaning of this day and why we changed the name of this ceremony from Armistice Day to Remembrance Day.



Thanks from the P&C

Thank you to all of the people who helped at Bunnings on 26 October.

Sally Croberger, Rikki-lee Alwell, Gina Blyton, Nicole Thornton, Mr Smith, Amy Crocker, Nathan Peters, Josh McDonald, Kristine Sharkey, Nadia Scanlon, Leesa McKenzie, Deanne Leslie, Maryann Murdoch.

Many hands make light work.

Donna Murphy, Fund Co-Ordinator



Dealing with emergencies

Christopher Jackson, Principal

On Tuesday our school had to deal with a potential emergency with the local fire situation. Luckily it wasn't as dire as reported, however it allowed us the chance to respond to the situation and reflect on how effective we were.

While we hope that a natural disaster or other serious incident never occurs, our goal is to be prepared for any potential emergency. Each and every day, our first priority is to protect all students, staff and guests from harm.

The Department of Education has policies and procedures that we follow in case of imminent threat. Obviously in the recent event we took advice from the Rural Fire Service through the Tamworth DOE office. On Tuesday a nearby school was deemed non-operational due to a threat. Fortunately the fire spread in the opposite direction. We were made aware of the situation and monitored the RFS app.

On two occasions on Tuesday we became aware of reports of fires close to our school which, upon investigation, were false. It didn't help when local media and social media also relayed this false information. As soon as we became aware that there was no threat to the school we posted on Skoolbag and Class Dojo. I recommend everyone have both or either of these apps on their phones.

In future should the school need to cease operations we will notify parents via the two apps "SkoolBag" and "Class Dojo" to collect their children if possible. However we will immediately put into place our procedures for evacuation to Tamworth High School. This has been employed before, I believe, during floods.

In order for our Emergency and Evacuation plan to be effective, we depend on the cooperation and assistance of many people, such as the Police, Fire (RFS), and other local

agencies. We also depend on you, as parents, to support our response efforts. Your cooperation is vital in helping us protect the safety and welfare of all students and school employees.

Therefore, we ask parent to observe the following procedures:

1. Make sure we have emergency contact information for each of your children at all times. We must be able to contact you or your designated representative in the event of an emergency.
2. Watch for notifications on the SkoolBag and Class Dojo apps.
3. Collection of your children from school is possible in a short window. However, should we need to evacuate, children will be transported to Tamworth High School for collection.
4. Talk to your children and emphasise how important it is for them to follow instructions from their teachers during an emergency. Please emphasise the purpose and importance of appropriate behaviour during practice drills.
5. Carefully read all information you receive from our school. You may receive updates about our school safety procedures from time to time.

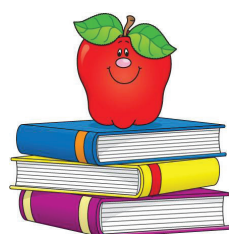
We are proud that our school is a safe school, and we are doing everything possible to keep it that way. We appreciate your cooperation and support.

Books for library

You may remember in a previous Newslink a story on Jane Simmonds, Executive Director School Services, who visited the school earlier in year with her team to talk to the staff and community members about the effects of the drought on our rural students.

They had an opportunity to see our desolate school grounds and talk to school staff, parents and School Council.

As a result, the Strathfield office staff have run a book drive to donate the books for students of Nemingha, and the resources arrived last week.



With the recent bushfires which burnt down the New England school of Wyaliba the staff felt it most beneficial that we in turn donate these books to Wyaliba Public School.

Library shelves installed

Our new shelves arrived last week and Mrs Jones has been busy arranging our fiction books into their new home.

Thanks to Mrs Delaney, who has been helping Mrs Jones with this.

Feel free to pop in and see our "new look" library.



CAPERS 2019

Nemingha students took to the stage on Friday and Saturday for the 2019 CAPERS spectacular.

Held every two years, the musical extravaganza gives school students in the north-west an opportunity to showcase their talents.

Our very own Kalan Perkins and Lillian Stass were among the featured artists.

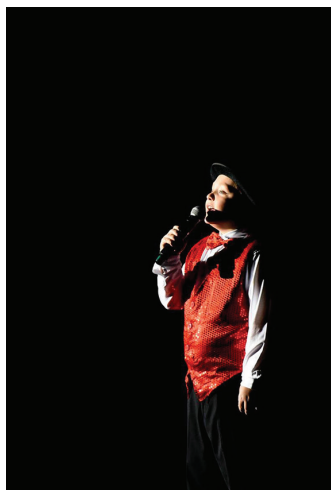
Di Hall, CAPERS Co-ordinator, congratulated students and staff on their "participation and encouragement, which resulted in an exciting and positive education experience, creating positive lifetime memories".

Nemingha students were involved in a variety of items from stage dance ensembles to the massed choir. It was the culmination of many months of rehearsals at our school and in a number of sites in the Tamworth area.

A big thank you to Mrs Vanessa Miller Nemingha CAPERS co-ordinator and staff who trained, transported, assisted and supervised the children over the past two terms. Thanks also must go to the contingent of parents and grandparents who showed their creative skills themselves making costumes and props for our dance ensembles.

"I am thrilled at the standard of the showcase of public education that was CAPERS 2019 and thank you all for your support and participation," Mrs Hall said

There will be a feedback survey sent out to all parents wishing to provide the school with ideas and suggestions for future CAPERS events.



NSW Junior Chess League

Thirty-nine teams from nine schools came to Nemingha on 31 October to compete in a chess competition.

Nemingha had seven teams competing in the round-robin event. Calrossy Anglican School were the overall victors of the day.

Four Nemingha teams were successful in gaining a place in the top 10. Three teams came fifth overall. The students from those teams were Max Gallagher, Edward Blyton, Lewis Lesslie, Thomas Petrie, Harrison Hamilton, Robert Murphy and Jordan Lewington, Cooper Jones and Henry Haling.



A special thank you must go to Mrs Mumford for opening the canteen for the day and Kalan Perkins for stepping in to help another school make up their team.

Kristine Sharkey



***Nemingha P&C's 7th Annual
Gingerbread House Night***

Friday 29th November 2019 at 6:30pm in the School Hall

\$35 per house
original, chocolate, or gluten free available
Take home kits are available for \$30 (no lollies included).


Friends and relatives are all welcome.

The gingerbread house kit includes everything you need for complete construction and will be gift-wrapped upon completion.

All gingerbread is egg-free, dairy-free, nut-free, and palm oil-free.

Orders are due in **by Thursday 14th November 2019**
Late orders cannot be accommodated.

Please email neminghapandc@outlook.com to book.



Tomorrow's assembly will be the last one for 2019.

Congratulations to these students, who will receive a Gold Award, in addition to those listed last week:

MADDISON TRAIN
RORY WIEGOLD
BEAU WIEGOLD
RYAN TONGUE
CAITLIN BEALE
CHLOE MYERS



**YEAR 7 2020
ORIENTATION DAY**

Year 7 2020 Students and their Parents/Carers are invited to attend Orientation Day at Tamworth High School.

Tuesday 3 December 2019
9.30am - 12.30pm
Registration from 9.00am in the
Tamworth High School Concert Hall

If you need more information please contact
Caron Lasscock, Community Liaison Officer,
caron.lasscock2@det.nsw.edu.au or call on 02 6765 7888.

Students who are not accompanied for the duration of Orientation Day by a parent or carer will need to be collected from Tamworth High School at 12.30pm.



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SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER
BICENTENNIAL PARK 6:30PM

LOCAL MUSICIANS FOOD AND DRINK STALLS FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES FIREWORKS