



## Calendar

### December

Friday 4 December	Presentation Day
Thursday 10 December	Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday 16 Dec	Term 4 ends
17/18 December	School Development Day
Friday 25 December	Christmas Day
Monday 28 December	Additional day holiday

### 2021

#### January

27/28 January	Staff Development Days
Friday 29 January	Term 1 commences for students in Years 1-6

#### February

Monday 1 February	Term 1 commences for Kindergarten students
Friday 5 February	<b>Swimming Carnival</b> To be confirmed Years 2-6

#### April

Thursday 1 April	Term 1 ends
Friday 2 April	Good Friday
Monday 5 April	Easter Monday
Monday 19 April	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 20 April	Students return for Term 2
Sunday 25 April	ANZAC Day

#### June

Monday 14 June	Queen's Birthday holiday
Friday 25 June	Term 2 ends

#### July

Monday 12 July	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 13 July	Students return for Term 3



The following notes have been sent home this week:

#### All students

Final arrangements for Presentation Day

## Action-packed day for Year 6

by Emily Russell, Year 6

**Last Friday Year 6 participated in Laser Tag and the Escape Rooms for an excursion.**



Everyone had loads of fun, even though it was really hot. We had a barbecue lunch at Laser Tag after doing several different courses.

At the Escape Rooms, we heard loads of screaming

which I think meant loads of fun. Even though I walked out with a headache, nothing could have made the day better!



Laser tag is a recreational shooting sport where participants use infrared-emitting light guns to tag their targets. The infrared light is completely harmless and there is nothing to hit and hurt the players. It's physically demanding and challenging.

At the Escape Rooms, students were immersed in a movie-like scenario with just 60 minutes to crack the codes, solve the riddles and 'escape'.



# 2021 - our year of hope, prosperity, kindness and love

Christopher Jackson, Principal

The year 2020 hasn't exactly gone how we'd planned, right? Let's just say if we'd known about the challenges the year would bring our way, I very much doubt we'd have stayed up past midnight to welcome in the new year.

But despite its devastations and disappointments, the year has presented some valuable opportunities for learning and growth, and these takeaways shouldn't be forgotten as 2020 rolls into 2021.

Nemingha Public School is a place where children and staff are all pleased to be. It's a place where we all learn, where we are all recognised and involved. This ethos certainly continued throughout 2020. We try to provide learning opportunities for all students, leaving nothing to chance, and we know that we can call on support from each other, the Department of Education, parents and the wider community.

We are advocates for every child. "Kids come first". Decisions made may not be the ones that everyone agrees with, however we look at the bigger picture because we have high but realistic expectations for all our students. We want every child to have a chance.

This year we continued with our quest to encourage student voice. Our SRC has been operating successfully since 2018 and our Think Team has been formed ready for the implementation of our Learning Dispositions in 2021. These provide a number of platforms where our students can be an instrumental voice, leading significant change at Nemingha.

In Term 1 it became clear that we needed to upgrade our online teaching services so we encouraged every parent to sign up to SkoolBag and Class Dojo. With these apps

lessons can be shared and communication links with home are strengthened.

We work as a team having a shared vision for our school. An example of this was the situational analysis of our 2018-2020 School Plan. Executive, staff, students, and parents all had an opportunity to look at where we have been and what plans we want for the next four years.

There has been a considerable number of projects that we have been able to achieve even through COVID-19. The P&C constructed a volleyball court; the school has purchased LEGO technology with support from Rotary, we have updated computer hardware, purchased two sound devices for the Kindergarten classes, outdoor and indoor sound systems for the COLA and hall, and we will finish the year with the construction of our extracurricular room, which will be built onto the 5/6R classroom.

This year we have been taught to look at things differently. While there may be an urge to press the reset button, our recovery will be filled with hope. To have hope is to believe an outcome is possible that makes our lives better in some way. It not only can help make a tough present situation more bearable but also can eventually improve our lives because envisioning a better future motivates us to take the steps to make it happen.

Let 2021 be our year of hope, prosperity, kindness and love and let's do it together.

## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

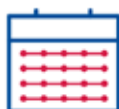
they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

**1** day per fortnight  


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**4** weeks



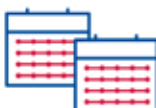
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Over **1** year missed

**1** day per week  


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**8** weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed





**What do you want to be when you grow up? Have you ever been asked that question before? What was your answer?**

Today we saw a wide range of occupations when our students had the opportunity to come to school dressed up as what they want to be when they grow up, and the diversity of jobs was amazing.

There were a number of children who wanted to follow in Mum and Dad's footsteps and others who wanted to become astrophysicists or famous TV personalities.

It's wonderful to see that our students have dreams and aspirations far beyond our adult ideas because the world truly is their oyster!

*See more photos in the gallery on the web site.*







SunSmart Snippet

## The simplest way

... to be SunSmart this summer.

Consider UV levels when planning your summer activities.

When UV is 3 or above you need to **PROTECT** your skin in 5 ways:

- **Slip** on sun-protective clothing
- **Slop** on SPF 30 sunscreen or higher
- **Slap** on a broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hat
- **Seek** shade
- **Slide** on some wrap-around sunglasses



Download the free SunSmart app to know what the UV levels are in your location to help plan your summer fun.

**SunSmart App is available on the App Store and Google Play**

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to [www.sunsmartnsw.com.au](http://www.sunsmartnsw.com.au)

## Nutrition Snippet

### SILLY SEASON SNACKS.

Healthy party food doesn't have to be boring!



Try these healthy ideas:

- [Christmas tree pizzas](#)
- [Banana pikelet reindeer](#)
- [Tzatziki snowman vegetable platter](#)

Find more healthy party snack ideas at [healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)

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**Cancer Council**  
Healthy Lunch Box

## Silver and Gold awards

The SRC have put forward an idea to reduce the size of our silver and gold award in keeping with preserving the environment. This will take effect in 2021.



We will also be changing the way that awards are redeemed, with students taking responsibility for maintaining their awards and submitting them when they have enough for the next level.

The school will honour all silver and gold awards given to students this year which might not be in the student's possession.

A suggestion to attach them with a magnet to the front of the fridge or in a plastic sleeve in a safe place are two excellent ideas.

Gold awards and service awards are announced in Newslink and presented at one of our assemblies.



## Library books due

All library books are to be returned by tomorrow, Friday 4 December.

A prize is offered for the first class to have all books returned!

