



Calendar

May

Thursday 27 May Zone Cross Country

June

Friday 4 June Assembly
4F Item
2.40pm in the school hall

Wednesday 9 June P&C General Meeting
7pm in the staff room

Friday 11 June Staff Development Day

Monday 14 June Queen's Birthday holiday

16-18 June Years 3 and 4 Aussie Bush Camp excursion

Friday 25 June Term 2 ends

July

Monday 12 July Staff Development Day

Wednesday 14 July P&C General Meeting
7pm in the staff room

Tuesday 13 July Students return for Term 3

Friday 23 July Assembly
2D Item
2.40pm in the school hall

Monday 26 July Teach Your Dinosaur Science

August

Tuesday 10 August School Photos

Wednesday 11 August P&C General Meeting
7pm in the staff room

Friday 20 August Assembly
3W Item
2.40pm in the school hall

September

Wednesday 8 Sept P&C General Meeting
7pm in the staff room

13-17 September New England Dance Festival
TRECC

Friday 17 September Assembly
1/2M Item
2.40pm in the school hall

October

Friday 17 September Term 3 ends

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

Determined cross country runners

The annual school cross country was run last Friday, 14 May, with students challenging themselves to run the required long distance.



The day started with primary students running around the paddock adjoining our playground and ended with the infants running around the oval to everyone's cheers.

Congratulations to all Nemingha students on their participation and exemplary behaviour during the event.



Congratulations to the Magpie house who won best war cry.

Thank you to all the parents, family and friends who came to watch. A special thank you to Mr Baldwin for organising our track, the McDonald family for moving their cattle and John Hayes for the use of the paddock.

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Excursions provide many benefits

Leanne Kemp, Relieving Principal

School excursions and special educational days are viewed at Nemingha Public School as powerful, positive teaching tools that help enhance the social, personal and emotional development of all learners.

These activities give children a welcome break in routine and our students look forward to and prepare for these activities for several days or weeks before through lessons in the classroom.

They get to spend days in a different learning environment and can complete a lesson on the topic covered after the excursion is over. Learning in assorted ways can appeal to varied learning styles, helping children to succeed in a variety of ways.

On a cold Monday morning Mr McDonald, Mrs Barrett and 30 eager Year 6 students arrived at school full of anticipation and a little apprehension about their next four days. The Year 6 students were lucky enough to be able to travel to Canberra and experience many things our nation's capital has to offer this year, as their excursion was postponed in 2020 due to COVID-19. We are extremely lucky to be able to provide this event to all our students and thank both Mrs Barrett and Mr McDonald for giving up their time with their families to provide this opportunity for the students.

In Week 9 Mr McDonald will do this all over again when he joins the Stage 2 teachers and students as they travel to Tea Gardens and participate in The Great Aussie Bush Camp. This excursion, while only two nights away, is preparation for the longer Stage 3 excursion to Canberra. It provides

the students with outdoor recreation-based teaching and learning outcomes that are fun, challenging, diverse, relevant and memorable.

Not to be left out, our Stage 1 classes spent Tuesday afternoon visiting the Power Station Museum. This excursion complements their history unit - Past and Present Family Life. Mrs Blanch, Mrs Whitfeld, Mrs Brown and Miss Wilkinson supported the children to learn about life in the olden days and view some of the technology that was used to help families complete their chores.

No matter how much students learn during an excursion, their favourite memories may be based on their enjoyment of the day. Think back to your own trips away at school; they are often the strongest memory you have of your school life. Getting away from school for a day or even half a day is always exciting for students. Students will have fun with their friends and they also may return to the classroom with a renewed focus on their schoolwork.

Please take the time to look at the photos shared on Class Dojo and thank the staff involved in providing these experiences for your children. Some of the memories gained from excursions will stay with your child their whole life. Who knows, we might have inspired a budding politician or scientist by exposing them to these experiences.

Out of this world!

On Wednesday, students were treated to a story that was truly out of this world.

As part of the National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS), students around the country were entertained by a reading direct from the International Space Station. The story was ***Give Me Some Space***, written and illustrated by Philip Bunting.



Read by NASA astronaut [Shannon Walker](#), the book is about a girl who dreams of a life in Space. Will she complete her mission to discover life in Space? And did she remember to feed Neil the goldfish?

NSS is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

Now in its 21st successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum.

Joanne Jones, Teacher/Librarian



Our City of Light

The students of 2D are enjoying learning about our local history.

We had previously visited the old Nemingha Public School site, and this week we went to the Power Station Museum in Peel Street to learn that Tamworth was the first place in the Southern Hemisphere to receive electric street lights.

We jumped on the bus and ate lunch together on the grass in between the Community Centre and Power Station Museum. Then the fun really began! We went through the museum in small groups, guided by a volunteer who shared all their knowledge about Tamworth's history with electricity. Did you know that massive steam engines would help power the town's electricity supply? We got to see these big machines that have been restored. One is even still operational today!



As we walked through the museum, we learned about many cool things, from lightbulbs to telegraphs. But the most exciting thing we learned about was a big historical event, the turning on of the streetlights when they changed from gas to electricity. A tiny little key was given to the Mayoress in 1888, who had the honour of turning on the lights. That is how Tamworth became known as the City of Light.



We had such a fun excursion that deepened our knowledge of our local history.

Amy Davidson

Dancers hopeful for festival

Our school dance groups are now hard at work learning a routine to audition for the New England Dance Festival, to be held in September at TRECC.

Congratulations to the students who have been successful in gaining a place in the Stage 1 and Stage 2 dance groups.

The Stage 1 Dance Group includes Ava Beaton, Pippa Shields, Belle Shields, Pippa McDonald, Phoebe Coxhead, Emma Rowbottom, Ellieana Kelly, Summer Myers, Chloe Kenyon, Tillie Keir, Brandee Young, Addison Goodman, Holly Gunnip, Abbie Milton and Elle Wiegold.

The Stage 2 Dance Group includes Samantha Barton, Evie Barton, Ellie Jones, Lucy Jordan, Lillian Stass, Charlotte Preston, Molly Crawley, Stella Bridges, Indie Straney, Maeve Graham, Anna Pittman, Khloe Betts, Zoe Gentle, Rose Lewington and Georgie Mackenzie.

Vanessa Miller

Art competition entries closing soon

Only a few entries have been received so far for our school's art competition.

We are looking forward to receiving many more about the theme 'Australia'.

Please refer to Week 2's Newslink article online or on the Skoolbag App for further details about the competition. Entries close on Friday 28 May.

Vanessa Miller



The following notes have been sent home this week:

Selected students

Zone Cross Country carnival

Notes due Wednesday 19 May

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Congratulations to the following students, who were first in their age groups:

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| Seniors - Boys | Max Ryan | Girls | Josie Murdoch |
| 11yrs - Boys | Walter Greentree | Girls | Summar Barnett |
| 10yrs - Boys | Isaac Ryan | Girls | Indie Straney |
| 8/9 yrs - Boys | Teo Starr | Girls | Zoe Gentle |
| 7 yrs - Boys | Leo Bridges | Girls | Elle Wiegold |
| 5/6 yrs - Boys | Finn Cooper | Girls | Tilly Simmons |

Thirty-two students have been successful in gaining a place to run in the Zone Cross Country next Thursday, 27 May, in Nundle. Please look for more photos in the image gallery on the school website.

Karyn Barrett and Vanessa Miller
Cross Country Coordinators



Piallamore Recreation Reserve Committee
presents the 7th Annual

Piallamore PICKERS MARKET

**Sunday
4 July '21
9am-2pm**

Only 15 minutes from Tamworth On the Nundle Road

Over 50 stalls

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Wheelchair Sports Come and Try's

Starting May 19th, every Wednesday 5pm - 6pm at Tamworth Indoor Sportsdome.

Try a range of fun Wheelchair Sports, including Wheelchair Basketball and Wheelchair Aussie Rules.

For more information, contact Catherine at: tamworthwheelchairports@gmail.com




Register now
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(wheelchair-bound or not)

The Come and Try days will run for 6 weeks, hoping to commence regular competition in July or August.