



## Calendar

### June

Friday 11 June	Staff Development Day <b>NO STUDENTS</b>
Monday 14 June	Queen's Birthday holiday
16-18 June	Years 3 and 4 Aussie Bush Camp excursion
Wednesday 23 June	Mufti Day <i>Crazy hair and socks</i> <i>Gold coin to fundraising for the Year 6 gift to the school</i>
Friday 25 June	School Athletics Carnival TRAC Term 2 ends

### July

Monday 12 July	Staff Development Day <b>NO STUDENTS</b>
Wednesday 14 July	P&C General Meeting <i>7pm in the staff room</i>
Tuesday 13 July	Students return for Term 3
Friday 23 July	Assembly <i>2D Item</i> <i>2.40pm in the school hall</i>
Monday 26 July	Teach Your Dinosaur Science

### August

Tuesday 10 August	School Photos
Wednesday 11 August	P&C General Meeting <i>7pm in the staff room</i>
Friday 20 August	Assembly <i>3W Item</i> <i>2.40pm in the school hall</i>

### September

Wednesday 8 Sept	P&C General Meeting <i>7pm in the staff room</i>
13-17 September	New England Dance Festival TRECC
Friday 17 September	Assembly <i>1/2M Item</i> <i>2.40pm in the school hall</i>

### October

Friday 17 September	Term 3 ends
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Clothing Pool - open each Monday, 2.30-3.30pm  
and on the first Friday of each month, 2.30-3.30pm

## Outstanding eisteddfod results

On Tuesday 8 June K-6 students were involved in performing in the Tamworth Eisteddfod in the verse speaking choir sections.

The first classes to perform, 3W and 4F, recited "Mum's Lost It" by an unknown author and "The Bush Animals' Band" by Noel Stallard. This was led by Miss Pennell, who is assisting with 4F this term, and received first place with 88 marks. Adjudicator Jane Bolton commented on how she could tell students 'were really enjoying their performance'. This group won the perpetual trophy for overall Years 3-6 performance of the day out of all the primary school groups.



Next to perform were 4/5S, 5/6B and 5/6M recited "A Tribute to ANZAC Day" by Ken Bunker and "Monday Blues" by Robin Klein. This was led by Mrs Miller and Mrs Barrett and



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## Be challenged ... have a go!

Leanne Kemp, Relieving Principal

**As I look at the calendar for the week ahead I see many and varied opportunities for our students to “have a go.”**

The whole school participated with eagerness at the Tamworth Eisteddfod on Tuesday. It is very daunting to stand in front of others and deliver a polished performance. The teachers and I are very proud of all their efforts.

Not only did our students look the part with their fresh faces, crisp uniforms and shiny shoes, but they consolidated the hard work they have been producing during daily practices.

Thank you to our wonderful teachers who have provided this chance for our students and given up their class time to ensure they are well prepared.

On Thursday the learning disposition of ‘Challenged’ was rolled out across the school. Mr McDonald and his think team worked with mixed groups to complete a technology-based challenge and celebrate being great learners.

It was wonderful to see all the children working together as a team to achieve the end goal. As challenged learners the students demonstrated the following: thinking being stretched, preparedness for tricky situations and the need to step out of their comfort zone. Please use these terms when asking your child about their day at school; for example: “How was your thinking stretched today in maths?”

The teachers will have their thinking challenged during our Staff Development Day on Friday. Together with Oxley Vale Public School we will be focussing our efforts on high-impact strategies to maximise student learning. A huge thank you to our P&C for catering this event.

I wish everyone a restful long weekend and hope that if families are travelling way they do so in a safe manner. The staff and I are looking forward to seeing all our students return on Tuesday 15 June, refreshed and ready to be challenged.

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the group was awarded first place with 86 marks. Ms Bolton commented on the students' clear diction and the coordination of the large group.

Then 1/2M and 2D performed *“Being Brave at Night”*, by Edgar Guest, and *“Eggs”*, by an anonymous author, and were led by Miss Davidson.

Although they came a close second, the group scored the highest out of all our school groups with 90 marks and received praise for their ‘cohesive, impressive and enjoyable performance’.

Lastly, KH and K/1R were led by Mrs Holcombe and recited *“Be Glad Your Nose is on Your Face”* by Jack Prelutsky and *“I Opened a Book”* by Julia Donaldson. This group were



also awarded first prize with 86 marks and impressed Ms Bolton with their ‘excellent confidence and expression – especially for such a young group!’

Well done to Mrs Sharkey for convening the Choral Speech section.

Thank you to all the family members who attended the event and

supported our students. The day was a spectacular showcase of the talent that exists here at Nemingha Public School.

**Vanessa Miller**





## SOUND OF THE WEEK

Row the boat – /oa/, /oa/, /oa/

Week 9 nine will see us investigating the different ways the /oa/ sound is made. Some examples of the different ways we can make the /oa/ sound include; 'oa' in *boat*, 'o' in *comb* and 'ow' in *window*. This week we have included the extended sound box to show some of the less common ways to make the /oa/ sound.

### TIPS FOR KIDS

- ★ /oa/ is a long, moving sound.
- ★ This is a vowel sound, so nothing gets in the way of the air coming out.



oa	boat	ew	sew
o_e	rose	eau	chateau
ow	window	oo	brooch
o	comb	au	chauffeur
oe	toe	ol	yolk
ough	though	ou	boulder

### ACTIVITIES AT HOME

All the students at Nemingha have access to online activities for each sound unit. You can access them at [www.soundwaveskids.com.au](http://www.soundwaveskids.com.au) using your child's class code. Week 9 is Unit 19.

## Superheroes in 4F

**This term, 4F has been investigating heroic characters and how they are represented and developed throughout a text.**

We identified our own unique strengths and how they make us super. Together as a class we have discovered how we can use our own super powers to help to work together and to be great learners. Surprisingly, some of our superpowers are our learning dispositions!

In our assembly item, we were able to show you a few ways that we can use our super strengths to be heroes in our school because we care!

Students enjoyed performing for their peers, teachers and parents. They made sure they showed how we can have fun in all the activities we complete at Nemingha Public School.

**Miss Pennell, Miss Fogarty and 4F students**



## Premier's Debating Challenge

**On Wednesday 2 June Nemingha Public School hosted the second round of the Years 5 and 6 Premier's Debating Challenge.**



Our team participated in two very thrilling and close debates against Walcha Central School and Uralla Central School.

Mrs Robyn Christmas, our adjudicator for the day, was able to share her wisdom on debating with students who haven't competed in an in-person debate before. Last year's challenge was held online.

The first debate saw Walcha on the affirmative and Nemingha on the negative, debating the topic "should technology be used in schools". The result was very close, with Walcha declared winner.

The second debate saw Uralla on the affirmative and Nemingha on the negative, debating whether Years 5 and 6 students should watch the news for 20 minutes a day. This was an intense debate, but the win was awarded to Nemingha.

Our two teams worked very hard and should be extremely proud of their efforts. Our next debate will be held in Armidale, and we are looking forward to continuing to develop our debating skills.

**Amy Davidson**



The following notes have been sent home this week:

#### Years 3 and 4 students

Great Aussie Bush Camp final reminders

#### Kindergarten and Year 1 students

Infants Athletics Carnival

#### Years 2-6 students

Athletics Carnival

#### Years 3-6 students

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition

# Huge effort from hockey players

Last week the school's hockey teams competed in the PSSA Knockout Competition Gala Day.

On Thursday 3 June, the girls' team defeated Moonbi Public School 6-1, but then unfortunately were knocked out by Tamworth Public School 8-0. They then finished with some wins against Moree Public School 13-1 and Timbumburi 6-0 in non-competitive games. The girls demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship, which included some members of our team playing for other schools that were short players. They also showed great determination and teamwork, especially considering the wet and cold conditions.

The boys' team played two games on Friday 4 June defeating Moonbi Public School 1-0 but then were beaten by Tamworth Public School 14-1. The Moonbi Public School game was a



nail-biter with extra time and player drop-offs required until our team finally scored the winning goal.

A special mention to the students who hadn't previously played hockey but bravely tried something new to represent our school and gained new skills in the process.



All team members should be very proud of their efforts. They were amazing!

Thank you to Mrs Andrea Smith, Mrs Donna Murphy and Mrs Maryann Murdoch for assisting with training the teams.

**Vanessa Miller**

## RAFFLE TICKETS

### YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** A trailer load of firewood.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** A gourmet food hamper.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** 2 x bags of Wayback Working Dog Biscuits – Donated by Pursehouse Rural.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize:** A \$25 Voucher at Nemingha Butchery.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Prize:** A hand-woven dreamcatcher – Donated by A. Gregory.

TICKETS  
\$2 EACH

All proceeds will go towards purchasing a gift for the school. The draw will take place at the school's Athletics Carnival on Friday 25 June 2021.



## Premier's Spelling Bee

The 2021 Premier's Spelling Bee is fast approaching.

During Week 1 of Term 3, each class will conduct their class Spelling Bee with two students advancing to the school final, held on Friday 16 July. The top two students from each stage will advance to the regional finals.

Please see the Class Dojo notice for the Spelling Bee website link and password to access the word lists. Get practising!

**Matilda Shumack**

Our school has recently been inspected by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) as a polling site for the next federal election.

Community members are welcome to express interest in working for the AEC on polling day or before and after polling day. If you would like more information on working for the AEC, have a look at the [AEC website](#).