



Calendar

Subject to change with ongoing COVID restrictions

September

Friday 3 Sept Closing date for Pie Drive orders

Wednesday 8 Sept P&C General Meeting
7pm via Zoom

Thursday 9 Sept Pie Drive collection day

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

Friday 17 September Term 3 ends

October

Monday 4 October Labour Day

Tuesday 5 October Term 4 commences
Students return

Wednesday 13 Oct P&C General Meeting
7pm possibly via Zoom

18-22 October Book Week
'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'
Book fair and parade

Friday 29 October Assembly
K/1R Item
2.40pm in the hall

November

Tuesday 2 November Kinder Orientation
9.30am-12 noon

13-17 November New England Dance Festival
TRECC

Wednesday 10 Nov Kinder Orientation
9.30am-12 noon

Wednesday 10 Nov P&C General Meeting
7pm in the staff room

Friday 19 November Kinder Orientation
Assembly
K/H Item
2.20pm in the school hall

December

Friday 3 December Presentation Day

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

Thursday 16 December Last day of term for students

Friday 17 December Staff Development Day

4/5S can survive anything

It has been a very busy term despite being in lockdown for half of it.

Year 4/5 started the term learning about the theme **survival**. They explored different kinds of survival from the challenges of schoolwork, sport, accidents or being lost in the bush, to learning about Hiroshima and the anniversary of the first atomic bomb.

In particular, the students learnt the true story of Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes. They have been so moved by her story of survival and what the Japanese people went through that, along with 5/6B and 5/6M, are making 1,000 paper cranes to send to Japan to be laid at the Monument in Peace Park Hiroshima.



With the very apt title of *survival*, the students have taken to home learning in an exceptional way. Whether at school, home, via Zoom, paper or online, the students and parents have stayed connected. Sending messages of encouragement and support to each other through Google Classroom, weekly Zoom meetings or Class Dojo.

As a teacher, staying in contact with students and keeping them motivated to engage in lessons can be difficult. The support from school, staff and especially parents has been amazing, and we are very fortunate to have such a wonderful community.

The students have worked hard across all aspects of learning, and I have shared a few of their poems and photos on page 3.

Kristine Sharkey

A different Father's Day

Leanne Kemp, Relieving Principal

Many Australians observe Father's Day on the first Sunday of September. It is a day for people to honour father figures and paternal bonds, as well as the influence of fathers in society. Father figures may include stepfathers, fathers-in-law, guardians (e.g. foster parents), and family friends.

Today many dads are celebrated for being sensitive, caring and more involved. A growing body of research is transforming our understanding of how they can shape their children's lives from the start, challenging conventional ideas of parenthood and gender.

Thank you to the P&C for organizing the annual Father's Day stall, under very trying circumstances. By thinking outside the box, the fundraising committee has been able to coordinate the purchase and collection of gifts using Quickcliq and using a "lucky dip" system. This a wonderful testament to the P&C's foresight and planning to enable our students be able to participate in this event.

Thank you also to Jo Jones for preparing the Father's Day PowerPoint. Please keep an eye out for her masterpiece on Class Dojo. Jo is becoming a professional at this, as this her second year completing a presentation for our school due to Covid restrictions.

When picking up booklets or Father's Day gifts on Friday there will be a colouring-in page for collection as well. We would like the students to colour this in and return it to school by Wednesday 15 September. There will be a small prize for each Stage group and the completed entries will be displayed on the front fence for all to see during the holidays.

Parent-Teacher interviews

Interviews will still occur but have been changed until Week 1 and 2 of Term 4 due to current stay-at-home restrictions.

Obviously, due to the uncertainty of our return to school and restrictions on visitors, we will need to conduct these via the phone.

Please keep an eye out on your child's Class Dojo messages for dates and times. Teachers will be calling to discuss your child's progress, and call will be limited to 10 minutes.

If you would also like to connect with our school counsellor, Mrs Deb Lambert, please discuss this with your child's teacher and we can put you in touch with her. Deb has been contacting parents on Tuesdays while we have been under stay-at-home orders, but if you require crucial contact she is also available on other days.

Take care and stay safe.

SOUND OF THE WEEK

Two, new boots – /oo/, /oo/, /oo/

During Week 9 we will investigate the different ways the /oo/ sound is made. The /oo/ sound box shows some of the ways these sounds are made such as 'oo' in boot and 'ew' in screw. Have a look at the extended sound box online for more examples.

TIPS FOR KIDS

- ★ /oo/ (boot) is a long sound
- ★ This is a vowel sound, so nothing gets in the way of the air coming out

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 using your child's class code. Week 9's unit is Unit 29.



Sports shirts

We have completed a stock take of our Nemingha representative sports shirts and noticed that some are missing.

While under stay-at-home orders could you please take the time to look through your cupboards and see if these rugby league jerseys and soccer shirts may have accidentally been placed with your clothing items?

If you happen to find a shirt could you please return it to the front office when we return to school. Thank for helping locate our lost uniforms.

Our "He Is" poems

He is ... A wonderful man who is
A helpful husband
A funny father
A hard worker

He is ... A good bike rider
A great rugby player
Very good at rock climbing
A great ice skater and skier

He is a trainer and teaches people to be
safe near powerlines,
a volunteer at the SES,
A dance dad who always cheers when I
dance,
And a wonderful hamburger cook.

He is ... Funny telling dad jokes
Caring when I am sad
Likes a good laugh with friends
Answers my questions about random stuff

He is ... Honest and gives things back if
he finds them
Helps people even if he doesn't know
them



Friendly to strangers
and talks to old
people
Generous and shares
his food

He is the best dad in
the world!

by **Stella B**

He is ... a MARVELOUS man who
became
A Husband
A Father

To the world you are one person
But to me you are the world"

He is ... an AMAZING oz tag player
A HORRIBLE HOPELESS at gymnastics
He loves to go motorbike riding with me
And plays footy with me in the backyard

He is ... A HARD worker
For Northwest Locksmiths
He can do anything he puts his mind too
A man who makes the best cuppa teas
for me
And his family are the most important

He likes to play golf with me
He is ... funny
He teaches me how to play footy
I love it when he teaches me how to fix
cars
and to make rockets
I love it when we use our fire pit
I love going craw bobbing with him



But he always likes to come for a push
bike ride and
Watches me play footy and swim
He is... a great golfer (even tho i beat
him)

I think its funny when he lets us paint his
nails
And put makeup on him
HE can do anything if he has music

HE IS ... DAD

And that's why I Love Him "You're the
BEST DAD!!!"

by **Jiah**

He is ...
The BEST dad
A husband
And he will SOON be a grandpa ...

He is ... A GREAT tennis player,
An alright runner,
He is AMAZING at swimming,
he is also very good at riding scooters

My dad ...

builds truck and car bodies,
My dad tries to be the best dad in the
whole world
no matter what is in his way (he always
completes it)

He is very good at tickling me and my
brother, he always makes me laugh

He barely cooks! The best thing he can
cook is spaghetti but it's the BEST
When he tickles me and I get my revenge
he tickles even harder and it kind of
hurts!

He is...
thoughtful,
Caring,
Smart,
And the Family Clown

BUT THE BIGGEST AND BEST BIT IS ...
HE IS MY DAD

by **Valley**

He is my dad
He is so special because he works for us
He is brave and strong for when we are
down
He is very, very good at sleeping
He is awesome because he knows how to
make us laugh
Even when it doesn't make sense,
He is good at thinking he is a better cook
than mum
He is the best at telling jokes
I think my dad is the funniest person on
the planet

by **Laura**

He is ... a boy who how became a man
Then a husband and a father
He used to play tackle football but
Now those dreams are over
He's not a bad runner
Or a swimmer maybe he's a good
Singer too

He's a man who always knows how to do
his best

No matter how hard it is and tries
To do the best for his family

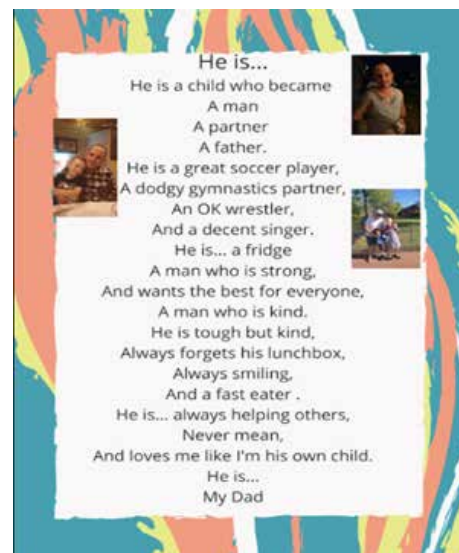
And he also helps when people
Need it most

He is a man not afraid to say what he
thinks
But always tries to make it nice no matter
how
Hard it is he's kind, sweet, handsome,
loving, honest ,and hard working

And of course, I love him, and he loves
me too but i don't love his snoring

HE'S MY DAD

by **Imogen**





Pet Day

Wednesday this week was Pet Day. We asked everyone to share a picture of their pet or favourite toy.

This was a great opportunity to brighten our day with some furry friends.

Even Quilly and some of our teachers got in on the Pet Day action.



Working From Home as a Parent and/or Caregiver Toolkit

COVID-19

COVID-19 is creating unique challenges to the way we live and work. Many parents and caregivers are working from home with kids also at home right now. This may cause feelings of guilt due to being at home, yet not being able to give our kids our full attention. We might also feel a sense of anxiety and stress as our caring duties increase, while expectations to perform at work stay the same.

This toolkit will provide useful tips to help balance work and family, while also offering interesting and creative activities to do with the kids.

Here are some helpful tips for you

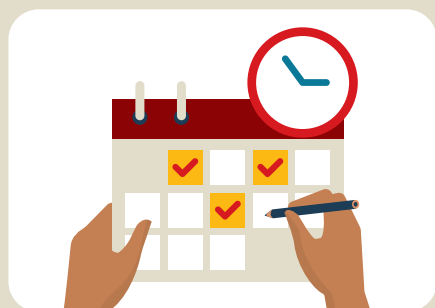
- Plan a realistic schedule for your workday. Write down key tasks you want to complete each day.
- Try working on these tasks early in the day. Completing tasks earlier on will keep you motivated throughout the rest of the day.
- Every day is going to be different, and sometimes things don't go to plan. When this happens, be kind to yourself. Accept that challenges may arise and discuss with your boss how you can troubleshoot in future.
- Just because you're at home doesn't mean you need to clean throughout the day. Remember, if you normally cleaned the place when you got home from work or on the weekend, stick to that routine.
- Make sure that you are still doing things that you would normally do on a regular work day. Try to keep to a routine as much as possible; this will make the transition of returning to work easier.
- At times you may need to make allowances to get through the working day. This may be a little more screen time for the kids. As a backup, try finding other activities or toys that keep the little ones occupied.



- Try to spend at least 10 minutes of every hour with your kids. It's ok if that's not possible some days.
- Have a conversation with your manager about flexible working arrangements. The possibility of starting earlier, then finishing earlier gives you more time with the kids in the afternoon.
- Our work and living routines have dramatically changed during COVID-19, these changes may continue to be in place for some time. Have a conversation with your organisation to find out how you can work through this together.
- Share the load – you don't have to do it all. Ask your partner, or family to help as well. E.g. share cooking responsibilities or ask someone to help put the kids to bed, this will provide time to wrap up some work items.



- Change your scenery every now and then to break up the day. Work outside or sit on your lounge. This situation is temporary, don't stress.
- Stay connected and keep in touch with your work colleagues. Link in via Microsoft Teams, Skype, Zoom, or have a chat over the phone.



Let's keep our community safe, strong and healthy.

Please visit health.nsw.gov.au for the latest information on COVID-19.

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SLOW THE
SPREAD

