



Calendar

Subject to change with ongoing COVID restrictions

December

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| Thursday 9 December | Year 6 Farewell |
| Wednesday 15 Dec | Class parties |
| Thursday 16 December | Nemingha's Got Talent Last day of term for students Canteen open |
| Friday 17 December | Staff Development Day |

2022

January

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| Friday 28 January | Staff Development Day |
| Monday 31 January | Staff Development Day |

February

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| Tuesday 1 February | Term 1 starts Years 1-6 students return |
| Thursday 3 February | Kindergarten students start |
| Friday 4 February | Swimming Carnival 8 years and up |
| Wednesday 9 February | P&C Meeting |

High achievers acknowledged

Our Presentation Day for 2021 was once again an opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful achievements of our students throughout 2021.

A special congratulations to those students who received the top academic award for each of our years:

- Year 1 Alexander Stass
- Year 2 Jake Elwin
- Year 3 Emily Crocker
- Year 4 Maeve Graham
- Year 5 Pia Flemming
- Year 6 and Dux of the school Summar Barnett



Congratulations also to the winners of the Premier's Sporting Medal, Max Ryan, our Sportsperson of the Year, Walter Greentree, and our Citizen of the Year for 2021, Blake Austin.

Our Captains and Vice Captains for 2022 were inducted:

School Captains: Kora Higgins and Beau Wiegold

School Vice Captains: Hannah Coxhead and William Elwin

Congratulations to everyone who received an award and to all students who achieved their best in 2021.

See more photos of our award winners in the [photo gallery](#) on the school web site.



The year in review

Leanne Kemp, Relieving Principal

This will be the final edition of Newslink for 2021. As such I thought it would be good to have a recap of events throughout the year to reflect on what has occurred during 2021 at Nemingha Public School.

January

School began on 29 January with much excitement. Students from Year 1 to 6 were eager to catch up with their friends and learn who their teacher would be for upcoming the year.

February

Our 2021 Kindergarten students began their schooling. The swimming carnival was successfully held at Kootingal Pool under the guidance of Kristine Sharkey. The Emus were the winning house with a large contingent of swimmers then going on to represent NPS at zone, regional and state carnivals.

Quilly was introduced to our school and set up a camp in the quadrangle, ensuring the students of NPS were curious about their learning.

Our welcome barbeque had to be changed to a meet-the-teacher night to accommodate COVID regulations, but we were lucky enough to be able to hold our first school assembly with 5/6 M entertaining the school.

March

The whole school was able to experience wheelchair sports during the month of March. Everyone had a wonderful time learning to manipulate the wheelchairs and play game of wheelchair basketball, while learning about the experiences of people who use wheelchairs.

Under the leadership of Elise Robinson our school hosted a Learning and Support Network meeting to demonstrate some of the playground activities our school offers as well as the Nemingha Learning Dispositions.

April

The Easter Hat parade was held under the shade sails with much colour and excitement. The School Captains and I represented NPS at the Kootingal Remembrance Walk, while the school held an ANZAC service to remember the fallen.

Years 3-6 were able to learn about the important job our Rural Fire Service undertake to keep everyone safe, and all students were able to learn all about reptiles during a performance called "Snake Tails".

May

This was a busy month for some students. We had NAPLAN assessments, the Cross Country Carnival, ably coordinated by Vanessa Miller and Karyn Barrett, and a Year 6 excursion to Canberra supervised by Josh McDonald and Karyn Barrett.

The Life Education Van set up in the carpark to deliver valuable information to all students about safe and healthy life choices and our wonderful P&C were able to hold their annual Mother's Day stall to help everyone spoil their mums.

June

Stage 2 were lucky enough to spend two nights at The Great Aussie Bush Camp under the watchful eyes of Miss Fogarty and Mrs Webb.

The annual athletics carnival was held at the regional athletics fields with number of records broken by our students. Thank you to Lauren Bowman and Yvonne Webb for organising this event.

July

This month saw the start of Term 3 with some sporting events scheduled several times during the month, only to be cancelled due to wet weather.

Debating was held at the school in the team's first face-to-face experience, only for the remainder of the debates to be moved to Zoom later in the month.

August

The middle of this month saw us completing learning from home activities with students engaged in online learning activities as well as using printed booklets.

Teachers were able to keep up to date with student engagement through weekly Zoom catchups, Google classroom and daily messages via Class Dojo.

These times led to the cancellation of events such as the Science Week celebration, zone and regional athletics and the Red Cross Pillowcase project.

September

As this month rolled by, we continued with home learning and the P&C were highly creative in their approach to the Father's Day stall. Parents purchased gifts online and were

able to collect them by driving past the school and picking them out of the class boxes.

After more than 20 years at NPS Mrs Nicolette Moss took leave from her position and we welcomed Mrs Toni Thompson in the role of School Administration Manager.

October

The start of Term 4 began with the construction of a new garden bed in the "Nemingarden" under the watchful eye of the Warrumbungle Environmental Education team. Every primary class was able to participate in this activity and learn valuable messages about sustainability.

We had a musical performance delivered via Zoom from Musica Viva to ensure the students were not missing the opportunity to learn about musical instruments and Antarctica.

November

This month saw us return to some more face-to-face activities including Kinder Orientation. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions parents were unable to attend the traditional information session but we were able to pass on the necessary information via a new tab on the school website.

The Book Fair, school photos and SRC speeches also took place this month, with parents kept up to date via Class Dojo and the Newslink.

The students were extremely busy fundraising for the Cancer Council and have a wonderfully colourful time during the Crazy Colour Run, raising a remarkable \$20,293.20.

December

As the calendar ticked over into December last week, we conducted Presentation Day outside under the shade sails.

Our Year 6 students will celebrate their time at NPS at their Year 6 Farewell and class parties will be held. The traditional Nemingha's Got Talent is scheduled for the last day of term and reports were sent home for parents to reflect on the great learning each and every student participated in during 2021.

Even though some events had to be modified to accommodate health regulations you can see from the above list we have achieved many things in 2021.

Thank you to everyone who supported Nemingha Public School throughout this year. Good luck to our Year 6 students as they move onto a new chapter of their education. Thank you to the departing families who have assisted the school in many ways throughout their time associated with NPS.

The staff and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and a safe and relaxing holiday. We look forward to welcoming our Year 1-6 students back for their first day of the 2022 school year on Tuesday 1 February, and our newest students, Kinder 2022 on Thursday 3 February.

Cupcake collaboration

We love to collaborate in 5/6B. Working together to achieve a common goal.

Our Stage 3 cupcake project has proved to be challenging but lots of fun. The designs and creations of the cupcakes are amazing along with the ad campaigns, slogans, and jingles.

Xavier and Hugh have designed a delicious Christmas cupcake using the slogan 'Spreading the cupcake joy.'

Lillian, Sarah, Koby, Sophie and Alex's scrumptious cup cake is called Berrylicious and their slogans are 'Taste beyond expectation, berry like never before' and 'A cupcake a day keeps the tummy rumbles away.'

Grace and Ava have created two different cupcakes. One named *Caramel Extreme* with the slogan 'Every bite is a winner, Have a taste of heaven' and the other *Bursting Candy Explosion* – 'A small sweet treat that's fun to eat!'

I'm sure your mouth is watering and wanting a taste of some of our yummy cupcakes.

It's the most wonderful time of the year! - Christmas is near and Christmas art has begun. We have completed a few art works and currently working on our classroom door art.

Everyone is excited for the upcoming cupcake making, class party to the park and the cinema and of course the renowned Nemingha's Got Talent!

Karyn Barrett



Year 6 gift

The lineup for the drinking water fountain should be a lot shorter next year thanks to a recent gift to the school of a second water fountain.

Our current Year 6 students began planning a gift to the school at the beginning of the year. Students nominated ideas and voted that another drinking water fountain near our school canteen would be ideal.

After fundraising throughout the entire year, our school captains handed over during this week's assembly a plaque listing Year 6 students' names. This will be attached to the fountain once it is installed this week to acknowledge the contribution these students have made towards the school.

Thank you to everyone who supported Year 6 students to fundraise for this gift by either entering the Term 2 raffle, donating gold coins on mufti-days or ordering drinks from our canteen, which the bottles are then recycled as part of the 'Return and Earn' scheme. Thank you Year 6 students for your thoughtful gift.



Nemingha's Got Talent

Students have begun finalising costumes, props and polishing their acts in preparation for next week's Nemingha's Got Talent.

All students are invited to enter the talent show competition run by the school leaders and perform on Thursday 16 December. Students may only perform in one item and each item has a two-minute time limit.

Each student entering is required to pay a 50c entry fee. Entries close next Tuesday. Good luck!



P&C News



Gingerbread House fundraiser

For the second year, due to COVID restrictions, our Gingerbread House fundraiser couldn't be held at school, so was offered only in take-home kits.

Thank you to the families who purchased 21 houses to decorate at home. We hope that you had fun decorating them in your own creative style.



Greater New England fundraising program

Remember, voting is still open for the Greater New England Fundraising Program.

If you would like to help us secure \$3,000 for Nemingha Public School we need you to visit <https://www.greater.com.au/greaternewengland> and give us a vote.

Voting is open until 22 December and you can vote once per hour, as many times as you like.

VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE

Canteen and clothing pool



Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who have helped in the canteen throughout the year. To say that I enjoy having a helper on a Friday is an understatement!

I will begin messaging our volunteers in January to check their availability for next year. We will be running our stock down over the next few days but will do our best to fill orders as requested.

The canteen will be open first day back, Tuesday 1 February. The clothing pool will be open Monday 31 January via appointment - please call Renae.

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