



## Calendar

### May

Friday 6 May	School cross country
Wednesday 11 May	P&C Meeting 7.30pm in the staff room
Friday 13 May	Zone Netball and Gala Day
Wednesday 18 May	Come and Try Day for Kindergarten 2023 students
Friday 20 May	Rugby League Gala Day
Friday 27 May	Assembly 5S item 2.30pm in the hall  Zone Cross Country
Friday 30 May - Thursday 2 June	Canberra excursion Years 5 and 6

### June

Wednesday 8 June	P&C Meeting 7.30pm in the staff room
Monday 13 June	Queen's Birthday public holiday

### July

Friday 1 July	Term 2 ends
Monday 18 July	Term 3 starts

### August

Wed 10 August	P&C Meeting 7.30pm in the staff room
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### September

Friday 23 September	Term 3 ends
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### October

Monday 3 October	Labour Day public holiday
Monday 10 October	Term 4 commences

### December

Tuesday 20 December	Term 4 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  
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY  
Contact Renae on 0417 029 377



## Tremendous Tree Day effort

Teaching students about the importance of trees was the focus on Tuesday as the school marked Planet Ark's National Tree Day.

Each class planted a bottlebrush along our school's fence line and will be responsible for watering it this term.

The event has occurred earlier than usual as Tamworth Regional Council has recently moved its National Tree Day giveaway of plants from winter to autumn to improve the establishment of the plants.

In addition to the bottlebrushes, the school has also received a number of bush tucker plants, which Mrs Blanch will use in her Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program.

Thank you to Toyota for providing gardening gloves, hats and tree guards to the school. We hope families may consider planting a tree on the official Tree Day date, Sunday 31 July.

Vanessa Miller





## A monitor of progress

**Skye Davis**, Principal

**Week 3 is NAPLAN week 2022. This diagnostic tool is part of our school's assessment schedule. NAPLAN data is used to help monitor student progress over time against a national measure and to identify areas of strength and improvement.**

Is your child worried about NAPLAN? Here are some ideas to help them beat NAPLAN nerves.

- Children in Years 3 and 5 will sit a number of tests in literacy and numeracy. This needs to be seen as just another test in their learning journey. This is ONE test held on ONE day, every two years.
- As parents, our role is to ensure that in encountering a NAPLAN test that this becomes a normalised situation in their life.
- The language we use with our children is very important. It's important your child knows that you will be proud of them no matter the test results, as long as they have tried their best. The test is a celebration of what your child knows and how they demonstrate their thinking.

Class teachers have been preparing students for next week, explaining that the environment will be different, tests will be timed, there is no collaboration and little clarification is allowed. Staff have taught students strategies on what they can do to help themselves during the assessment.

Please ensure students have a good night's sleep before the tests and have breakfast each morning before the tests

The NAPLAN timetable is:

Tuesday 10 May	Writing
Wednesday 11 May	Reading, Language Conventions
Thursday 12 May	Numeracy

## Staff updates

### *Farewell Ninna*

**This week we said farewell for now to Mrs Ninna Douglas who worked in our office.**

We would like to thank her for her commitment to Nemingha PS students, staff and community over the past two years.

Mrs Douglas has taken leave to focus on the family business and we will miss her friendly face in the office each day. We wish her well and hope to see her return to Nemingha PS at some stage in the future. The school administration officer position is currently being advertised and will be filled in the next few weeks.

### *Congratulations Vanessa*

Congratulations to Ms Vanessa Miller who was presented her Highly Accomplished Teacher certificate by Ms Ruythe Dufty, Director, Educational Leadership, Peel Network at our assembly on Friday. Ms Miller has worked tirelessly on this project for three years. We take our hats off to Ms Miller for this achievement. It highlights her commitment to her profession as well as the students in her care.

It was lovely to have Mr Chris Jackson, Director of Educational Leadership, Western Plains Network (as well as our past Principal) visit with Ms Dufty.



### *Welcome Roxanne*



We would like to welcome Mrs Roxanne Harris, who will be relieving as Assistant Principal for the rest of 2022.

Mrs Harris comes to Nemingha PS with a wealth of knowledge and experience. She is a trained K-12 teacher and has worked in many schools over the Liverpool Plains in recent years. Mrs Harris, originally a drama and English teacher, specialises in all things Creative

and Practical Arts related and looks forward to working with the Nemingha community.

Congratulations on your relieving position Mrs Harris, we know you will love your time here.



The following notes have been sent home this week:

#### ***Selected students***

Aboriginal artwork

#### ***Years 5 and 6***

Canberra excursion

#### ***Year 4 students***

Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2023

#### ***Selected students***

Netball Zone/Gala Day



# Aboriginal history in the spotlight

During Term 1, 5/6D learnt about the Stolen Generations and significant moments throughout Aboriginal history.

We read parts of the story "The Rabbit Proof Fence" by Doris Pilkington Garimara and finished the unit by watching the movie.



We researched and analysed a number of great speeches such as Kevin Rudd's apology speech and Gough Whitlam speech to Vincent Lingiari and the Gurindji people when he gave back their land rights.

We completed Aboriginal dot paintings telling the story of the day the children were taken away.

With the help of Mrs Barrett, 5/6D learnt the well-known song "We are Australian" in our local indigenous language. We also learnt this is sign language as we spoke about inclusive environments.

**Amy Davidson**



## Tournament of Minds

Congratulations to the following students, who were selected in the Tournament of the Minds team:

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Lucas Godden  
Stella Peters  
Chloe Myers  
Ava Genadini

Cooper Olrich  
Jackson Conners  
Hannah Coxhead

Students will have the opportunity to work together collaboratively to solve an open-ended problem over six weeks. The competition will be held in Term 3.

## 10c bottles

Last term we raised \$52 towards the Year 6 gift to the school by recycling our 10c bottles from the canteen.

We collected seventy bottles out of one hundred and thirty sold on Meal Deal day and encourage all students to continue placing their 10c bottles into the school's bottle bins. If any families would also like to donate their vouchers from recycling 10c bottles towards our school's fundraising, we would greatly appreciate you handing these into the school office.

**Lucas Godden and Kaelan Moss**  
(Environmental Councillors)



## Debating

Last term, tryouts were held to form our debating team to participate in the Premier's Debating Challenge for 2022.

There were lots of strong candidates and opportunities will be held throughout the year for all students to participate in public speaking.

The successful members were Pia Flemming, Stella Peters, Kaelan Moss, Chloe Myers and Indie Straney.

Our first debating will be against Walcha Central School in Week 4.

**Amy Davidson**



### Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$45.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

# School cross country

All Nemingha Public School students tomorrow morning will participate in our school's cross country.

They are required to wear full sports uniform, including a school hat, and may accessorise with a ribbon or other small item in their corresponding house colour. Students are encouraged to wear sunscreen and bring two water bottles to school, clearly labelled with their names.

Parents are most welcome to attend and we invite you to join your child for morning tea after the event. Please 'check-in' at the Year 6 table in the playground and bring along a chair or picnic rug to set up on the oval. Tea, coffee and snacks from our canteen menu will also be available for parents to purchase throughout the morning. The event will commence at 9.40am and we anticipate the presentation ceremony will conclude at approximately 11.30am. The program and course map is as illustrated.

Students who successfully qualify for the Zone cross country will compete in Nundle on Friday 27 May.

**Karyn Barrett and Vanessa Miller**



**Kindergarten/Yr2**  
Run clockwise back to Finish  
Total 500m (approx.)  
150 (purple) + 360 (red) = 510

**8yrs – 10yrs**  
Run anti-clockwise to finish.  
Total 2000m (approx.)  
1040 (green) + 900 (blue) + 60 (yellow) = 2000

**11yrs – 13yrs**  
Run anti-clockwise to finish.  
Total 3000m (approx.)  
1040 (green) + 900 (blue) + 60 (yellow) = 3000

• Witches hats

Event	Laps
12/13 boys and girls	2+ laps
11 yr boys and girls	2+ laps
10 yr boys and girls	1+ lap
8/9 yr boys and girls	1+ lap
7 yr boys and girls	Round oval
5/6 yr boys and girls	Round oval

## SPORT NEWS

### North-west rugby league trials

It was a hive of activity on the first day back last week when 200 students from different north-west zone schools competed to gain a spot in all elusive 17 person 11 years and open squads to attend the state league tournament.

Congratulations to Beau Wiegold and Jiah Kelly for trialling and enjoying a tough day with the opens team. Mathew Murphy, Brodie Bliss and Parker Beaton trialed for the 11 years and enjoyed



meeting new people. Mathew and Parker played in the Probable and Possible's game and Parker was successful in being first reserve.

### NSW Women's League

After attending the Preston Cup last term and playing league tag for the first time, Anna Pittman and Charlotte Preston were so excited by the opportunity to meet NSW Women's League players and try their hand at tackling.

A little nervous, the girls had a wonderful time, learnt lots even if their parents were a little hesitant with tackling.



## SOUND OF THE WEEK

**'He is happy to be at home.'** /h/ /wh/

During Week 3 all of our Year 1 to Year 6 classes will be learning about the different ways the /h/ sound can be made. The /h/ sound is used at the start and in the middle of words, but never at the end of words (eg hungry, ahead, behind). The sound box below shows the ways the /h/ sound and the grapheme /wh/ can be made (e.g. whole).

h house	
wh	who

## 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 3 is Unit 12.