



## Calendar

### May

- Friday 13 May      Zone Netball and Gala Day  
**Hockey Program**  
*Kinder, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3*
- Tuesday 17 May**      **GRIP Leadership Conference**
- 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*
- Tuesday 31 May**      **Super Science Circus Show**

### June

- Friday 3 June      **Hockey Program**  
*Years 4, 5 and 6*
- Tuesday 7 June - Thursday 9 June**      **State Rugby League**  
*11 years*
- Wednesday 8 June      **P&C Meeting**  
*7pm in the staff room*
- Friday 10 June**      **Soccer Gala Day**  
**Hockey Program**  
*Kinder, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3*
- Monday 13 June      Queen's Birthday public holiday
- Friday 17 June**      **North West Cross Country**  
**Hockey Program**  
*Years 4, 5 and 6*

### July

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

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

## Determined cross country runners

The annual school cross country was run last Friday, 6 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,

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# School Improvement and why it matters

**Skye Davis**, Principal

**School improvement is at the heart of what we do as teachers and school leaders. School improvement is a continuous process, focused on impacting all students and sustaining improvement over time.**

Rigorous self-assessment and analysis of our school's current situation with respect to student outcomes and school practices underpins school improvement.

Use of data enables the school to closely monitor student progress and achievement. At Nemingha PS we support a collective responsibility for understanding the needs of every student in our school.

I wanted to share with you **some** of the processes and practices that Nemingha PS staff currently have in place to ensure that we are using assessment and data to understand each student, focussing on student outcomes and in turn, school improvement.

Each week at NPS staff participate in staff meetings, administration meetings and executive meetings. Staff meetings focus on continually developing the capabilities of all teachers and leaders at NPS. We have fortnightly Learning and Support meetings where individual students and their needs are communicated to staff with the aim

to support these nominated students in their learning and wellbeing.

Our Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction (APC&I), Mrs Lynne Weis, works with teachers individually to support research informed teaching programs, plan assessments and analyse the data from these practices, aiming for continuous improvement. We call this practice "impact cycles". The impact cycle is what instructional coaches should do to foster improvements in teaching.

Our assistant principals, Mrs Leanne Kemp and Mrs Roxanne Harris, lead their teams and support them to build their capacity through professional learning, supervision practices and personal development plans (PDPs). Effective performance and development requires a collaborative and supportive workplace committed to a positive culture of ongoing learning by individuals and teams.

We are so fortunate at Nemingha to have such a dedicated and committed staff who place such importance on continually improving in every aspect of their role.



## Election day BBQ fundraiser

**Nemingha Public School will again host a polling site in the school hall for this year's federal election on Saturday 21 May.**

The P&C have been offered the opportunity to run a fundraising BBQ and cake stall. We need volunteers to help run the BBQ on the day and donate baking to sell. Shifts will be two hours, starting from 7.30, 9.30, 11.30 and 1.30.

If you can spare some time to help out please message Kate on 0419815567.

## Gold Awards

Congratulations to Harvey McKnight, who will receive a Gold Award at our next assembly.



The following note has been sent home this week:

**Selected students**

GRIP Leadership

*Do you have a child ready to start Kindergarten in 2023?*

Nemingha Public School would like to invite you to our

**Come and Try Day**

**Wednesday 18 May 2023  
9.20am-11am**

- *Children can join a lesson and become confident in their new school setting*
- *Parents can tour the school and learn about the quality education your child will enjoy at Nemingha Public School*

*For bookings or more information contact the school office*



# Hit the ground running!

**Students in 5S have not stopped since day one of Term 2, preparing for NAPLAN, sport, tree planting, cross country practice, Kitchen Garden, assembly practice and finding time to work. This term is all about speeches, debating, Canberra and climate change.**

Nothing is a problem for 5S, and we take everything put in front of us. This term we are discussing our upcoming Canberra excursion and becoming very excited about everything that we will be doing. 5S are really looking forward to 'Being Boss' and debating politics that we have been learning in history throughout last term. They are learning about the Electoral Commission and how the voting process works, which they are finding interesting with the upcoming election.



The first week of term the students heard about Len Waters senior and his story about the war, in the book 'Australia Remembers'. They found this very insightful and had lots of questions about the information contained in the book.



In English this term the students are learning about climate change and how to be advocates for the environment. They are delving into books like 'How to Bee', which is about a little girl in Goulburn who helps to pollinate the flowers to increase the bee population. The other text is 'The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind', which is a real-life text about a boy from an African village who made a windmill to help his village survive.



Great to relate this to our Australian drought and what we adapt. The students have been learning about persuasive texts and how to structure their writing using PEEL paragraphs (Point of view, Explain, Examples and the Link back). It is a way for the students to gather their ideas and begin to expand on their writing using more facts, statistics and emotion to get their point across to an audience.

It has been a great start to Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden this year with finally being able to be back in the kitchen. Then students enjoyed some yummy pasta.

Learning some drumbeats with Mrs Blanch should be a fun way to see out the term. Please everyone come along to our special assembly on Friday May 27 to hear some wonderful poems, a game show and a tribute to our mums and all the women in our lives with a special meaning behind the day. Dads of course can too.

**Kristine Sharkey**



*Wise words ...*

a fortnightly focus on  
literacy and numeracy  
with Lynne Weis

## **Tips to help your child with maths homework:**

Mathematicians take time to think about problems and ideas. Make sure you give your child thinking time. You might say: "Think about what this problem is asking you".

Encourage your child to use the strategies they've learned. Ask: "Which strategy would you use to figure this out?" and "Can you show me how you did that?".

Remind your child that they can also draw pictures and create models and use objects to solve problems.

Praise your child's effort and thinking rather than praising correct answers.

Find a quiet place to work with your child away from distractions such as mobile phones, TV or other siblings. Setting these boundaries demonstrates the importance of homework.

Stay positive. Saying "I was bad at maths too" can actually lower your child's expectations of themselves. Instead try "We'll get there" or "We can figure this out together".



Incorporate maths into your everyday life, such as making up problems and investigations, measuring when cooking, counting money, calculating the distance when walking, or the speed when driving in the car.

From: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/learning/maths/mathematics-primary-school-homework-tips>

**CROSS COUNTRY, from page 1**

the McDonald family for moving their cattle and Mr Hayes for the use of the paddock.

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

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|-----------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Seniors - | Boys Harrison Swan | Girls Imogen Scanlon   |
| 11yrs -   | Boys Brodie Bliss  | Girls Indie Straney    |
| 10yrs -   | Boys Teo Starr     | Girls Zoe Gentle       |
| 8/9 yrs - | Boys Noah Robinson | Girls Isabelle Scanlon |
| 7 yrs -   | Boys Nash Carroll  | Girls Abbey Train      |
| 6 yrs -   | Boys Hayden Searle | Girls Annie Smith      |
| 5 yrs -   | Olivia Crawley     |                        |

Please look for more photos in the image gallery on the school website.

**Karyn Barrett and Vanessa Miller**  
Cross Country Coordinators



# Tuesdays are Nude Food days!

**We encourage all students to bring nude food and support our school to be rubbish free.**

In our front office we have photos of what a nude food lunch box could look like. Please have a look next time you have the opportunity.

Congratulations to K/1B who were our Term 1 overall infant's winners, 5/6M and 5S who were our Primary winners!

See the photo for an example of a nude food lunchbox.



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

## INCREASE IN CLOTHING POOL PRICES

Due to an increase in manufacturing costs for tunics, we have had to increase the school's tunic prices.

These prices have been updated on QuickCliq and a note will go home tomorrow with the new prices.

Thank you for your support.



## SOUND OF THE WEEK

**'The snail ate cake in the rain'**

/ai/ /ay/ /a\_e/ /a/

During Week 4 all of our Year 1 to Year 6 classes will be learning about the different ways the /a/ sound can be made. The sound box shows the ways the /a/ sound can be made.

ai	snail	ei	beige
ay	hay	eigh	eight
a_e	cake	aigh	straight
a	lady	au	gauge
ea	break	et	ballet
ey	they	ez	rendezvous

## 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 4 is Unit 13.