



## Calendar

### December

Friday 2	Presentation Day <b>9:45 start in Hall</b>
Monday 5	Year 2 - School Swim Program <b>Meal Deal Orders Due</b>
Thursday 8	Year 6 Farewell
Friday 9	Scripture Christmas Service <b>Meal Deal Day</b>
Monday 12	Year 2 - School Swim Program
Wednesday 14	<b>Entries for Nemingha's Got Talent Close</b>
Friday 16	<b>Nemingha's Got Talent</b> Last Day of Term
Monday 19	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 20	Staff Development Day

### January 2023

Friday 27	Staff Development Day
Monday 30	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 31	Year 1 - Year 6 Return

### February

Wednesday 1	Kindergarten Start
Friday 10	School Swimming Carnival



## Schools Spectacular

Nemingha students travelled on a bus to Sydney last week to participate in the Schools Spectacular.

Schools Spectacular is a professional production and is a wonderful opportunity for NSW public school students, including those in regional areas. We had been rehearsing at home and at school, leading up to the event, preparing ourselves for the many songs and actions we were to learn.

On Wednesday we attended a rehearsal at the Quay Centre. We met our conductors and the rest of the Concourse Choir. Our conductor was a lovely lady named Rachel.



The next day, we went to the Qudos Bank Arena, where the show was being held. We had prop bags under our seats that consisted of hero masks, scarves, umbrellas, torches, goggles and much more. After our rehearsal each day our teachers took us the Aquatic Centre for a swim. The pool had a water slide and a whirl pool that carried us around in the current, like a wave pool. After dinner at the restaurant, we went for a walk and ice cream.

On Friday, we had our first matinee performance. I loved the opening segment in which the entire choir stood up in for the first time and created an amazing effect. We performed again on Friday night. Breakfast each morning at the buffet was a treat and we had pizza for dinner.

On Saturday we had a matinee performance again and by the time the evening performance came around, we were all really tired. Luckily, the amazing lighting and incredible sound from the choir performance kept us all awake.

As we pulled up into the bus bay back at school, we thanked our amazing teachers, who spent the week with us and our parents, for letting us have an incredible adventure, and an unforgettable experience!

**Hannah Coxhead**



## Student leadership.

Skye Davis, Principal

**This week, at our annual presentation day, we will announce and induct our school and vice captains for 2023, who have been voted in by students and staff.**

We will also announce our councillors, both senior and junior and present them with their badges. What an honour it will be to be part of this group of students who have been identified by their peers as displaying leadership skills that will put them in good stead for these positions, as well as having a demeanour that is approachable, friendly and trustworthy. Congratulations to all of our candidates and whatever is the result, I know that we will have fine leaders for 2023 and student voice will be prominent at Nemingha PS.

What if your child is not part of this leadership team? No doubt there will be some disappointed students on Friday when leadership positions are announced. What can we do to support these students?

We need to make it known that there are many facets of being a student 'leader', which is why, at Nemingha, students are encouraged to be leaders in their everyday lives as well as in leadership roles. Even without a formal leadership position, students can model the qualities of leaders they admire and lead through their everyday actions. Qualities, such as being honest and caring, courageous, open-minded, and being a good listener are all the qualities a good leader has.

One of my favourite quotes is 'Leadership is doing what is right when no one is watching.' George Van Valkenburg

I truly believe this is to be the case, doing what is right (even though it may be harder) will make others want to aspire to be like you. Nemingha PS provides ALL students with the opportunity to enhance their leadership skills –



Responsibility, planning and organisation – students plan events and fundraisers. These opportunities give students a sense of responsibility.

Team building and collaboration – students are given opportunities to work in teams, encouraging collaboration. These activities help develop emotional intelligence and the ability to work with a range of people.

Strategic thinking and problem solving – students are encouraged to problem solve and think creatively, both in class using our dispositions in the learning pit and at SRC meetings.

Students can exercise their passion – all students at Nemingha have an opportunity to contribute directly to decisions they are passionate about. They are a voice within the school to make changes or influence school decisions and events.

We have found that student agency significantly increases student engagement, so support your child and ensure them that everyone can be a leader at Nemingha PS.

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more & become more,  
**YOU ARE A LEADER.**

— John Quincy Adams



Nemingha P&C hosted their 10th Annual Gingerbread House Night last Friday night. 12 unique houses were made in the School Hall, with 18 houses going home in kit form to make at a later time. Great fun was had by all in attendance, with many ideas already on what to create next year!



## Class Spotlight-Fun with 1S



**“I want to do this dance performance every night”  
– Lachlan Dubois.**

MADD Night was one to remember. 1S danced to the song ‘National Anthem of Straya’ and had such a wonderful time.

During physical education lessons, we have been learning Traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander games with K1/B, where we have been able to practise our collaboration and sportsmanship skills. Tarnambai has been our favourite game.

We have been getting very creative with the theme of Australian Art.

With Christmas is just around the corner... what a wonderful time to write stories about Santa and the Grinch. We have been focusing on composing quality compound sentences with adjectives.

Year 2, here we come!

**Matilda Shumack**



## Year 6 Farewell Gift

**After much anticipation, the Year 6 gift to the school will soon be painted in our school playground.**

Throughout the year, students, parents and community members have contributed to designing the Aboriginal-themed wall mural and we have valued everyone's ideas.

Year 6 students successfully raised \$5300 towards the cost of the wall mural through their Bunnings Car Wash, Easter Egg raffle, Jolly Soles Sock Fundraiser, 10c Bottle Return and Earn initiative and Mufti Days. What a magnificent effort! We are also extremely grateful to Joblink Plus who contributed an additional \$4000 towards the project through their sponsorship program.

The mural will be painted on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 December by Up&Up Inspirations. We eagerly await celebrating this new addition to our school grounds. Thank you Year 6 students for your special gift to the school.

## SOUND OF THE WEEK

During Week 9 all of our Year 1 to Year 6 classes will be learning about the ‘**schwa**’. The schwa is an unaccented or unstressed syllable. It is the most common sound in English. Any written vowel can have the schwa sound, or to put it another way, the schwa sound can be spelled with any vowel. The schwa sound is shorter than a short vowel sound. It takes very little effort for our mouth to say “**uh**” and because of this we sometimes even skip over it. For example, the second ‘**o**’ in the word chocolate is sometimes barely pronounced or even completely ignored and pronounced as ‘**choc’late.**’



**er ar or a e i o u**



**ladder**



**pizza**



**lemon**



**dollar**



**bucket**



**cactus**



**doctor**



**dolphin**

## 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 36.

**Roxanne Harris**

## Gold Awards

Congratulations to these students, who will receive Gold Awards at our next assembly:

- Adam Cooper
- Charlotte Preston
- Molly Crawley
- Heidi Hawkins
- Anna Pittman
- Indianna Davis
- Khloe Betts
- Tillie Keir
- Alleirah Passfield
- Vara Lennon
- Alexander Stass
- Annabelle Wilson
- Laura Chambers

The following notes have been sent home this week:

### Selected students - Year 6

Baby Photo and Mural Invitation

Year 6 Farewell

✍ Notes Due Friday, 2 Decmber

### All Students

Class End of Year Parties

✍ Due Thursday 8 Decmeber



All payments for school activitves can be made through our school website, under the make a payment tab.

<https://nemingha-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

For all canteen and clothing pool orders please use quick cliq or cash directly to them.

<https://app.quickcliq.com.au/>

## Kinder Orientation

And just like that Kinder orientation is done! Our new 2023 Kindergarten students have thoroughly enjoyed their orientation days and we have enjoyed getting to know them.

Our Year 5 buddies were welcomed into the classroom to introduce each other and excitedly helped in the playground. Some students even experienced getting a recess order from the canteen!

One of the highlights was when Mrs Kemp introduced us to Quilly. We learned about what good learners at Nemingha do, and then Quilly helped us practise for our performance, 'The Wombat Wobble'. There were some amazing dance moves from the students and Quilly!



We attended our own little assembly, and it was great to see this year's Kindergarten class perform their assembly item. We were then brave and performed 'The Wombat Wobble' for parents and family members. Our students were quick to learn the routine of shaking hands and proudly displaying their certificates!

We are very lucky to have such a happy and enthusiastic group of students starting their schooling next year. We're sure the holidays won't finish soon enough for them!



Mrs Stimson, Miss Wilkinson and Ms Barrett



# Nemingha P&C

## General Meeting

Wednesday 14th December 2022  
7pm at Nemingha Tavern

ALL WELCOME

PLEASE RSVP BY THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER