

2023 CALENDAR

December

- **Friday 8**

Presentation Day - 9:45am

- **Tuesday 12**

Assembly 2:40pm

Year 6 Farewell Dinner 6:30pm - 8:30pm

- **Wednesday 13**

Swimming Program - Yr 2 and selected Yr 3 1:15pm

-2:15pm

P and C Christmas Meeting - Nemingha Tavern 7pm

- **Thursday 14**

Party Day - Yr K - 4 at School

Party Day - Yr 5 and 6 Bicentennial Park & Movies

- **Friday 15**

Last Day of Term 4 for Students

Nemingha's Got Talent

- **Monday 18 and Tuesday 19**

Staff Development Days

2024 CALENDAR

January

- **Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31**

Staff Development Days

February

- **Thursday 1**

- **Thursday 1 and Friday 2**

Best Start Kindergarten Appointments

Yr 1 - 6 Students Return to School

- **Monday 5**

Kindergarten Students Start School

- **Friday 9**

School Swimming Carnival

- **Friday 23**

Zone Swimming Carnival



KB CLASS SPOTLIGHT

Kindergarten is almost done, watch out Year 1, here we come.

It seems just like yesterday 19 brave little people walked into our classroom full of smiles. From the early days of learning to write their own name, to watching them construct their own sentences, from reading known logos to reading books, counting forwards and backwards, and creating some amazing artworks. Their love of learning is evident.

We've had the opportunity to perform at CAPERS, the 'Barbie' dance at assembly as well as our assembly item. Students took to the stage beaming with excitement and enthusiasm. I couldn't be any prouder of how these students got up and gave it everything they had, dancing and singing their hearts out.

We enjoyed learning to play the djembe drums with Miss Emily. It helped us develop our listening skills, to feel the beat and keep in time when playing as part of a group. We particularly loved the call and response activities, when Miss Emily would play 'a question' on her drum and we would have to respond, I love chocolate cake was the favourite.

Thank you to the parents and families who have supported your students to have a wonderful first year of school.





PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Skye Davis, Principal

Break time and eating changes for 2024

After some observations and discussion, staff have decided to reverse our lunch break and recess break in 2024.

Why? - We have noticed that students are having breakfast early and some are not having breakfast at all and then having recess. When it comes to lunch time, students aren't eating all their lunch, stating that they have filled up on snack foods. We think that by eating lunch first break, students are more likely to fill up on healthier choices, such as a sandwich, meat, salad, wraps etc. They will then save their recess until second break which will be an afternoon recess. If children are not as hungry to eat at second break recess, it won't be as detrimental to their concentration during learning time.

What will this look like?

9.20 – 11.20am

Class time with crunch and sip during this time.

11.20 – 12.00 noon

Lunch – Eat for 15 mins and play for 25 mins.

12.00–1.30pm

Class time

1.30–2.00pm

Recess – Eat snacks for 10 mins and play for 20 mins.

2.00–3.20pm

Class time

Can my child still order from the canteen? The P&C and Mrs Mumford have been very accommodating with these changes. This idea was received very well in discussions at P & C throughout this semester. Mrs Mumford will change the canteen to suit this new schedule.


As always, we encourage a healthy lunch box and nude food day Tuesdays. Please remember to pack your child crunch and sip to have each day during the first session. These changes will start day one 2024. Thank you for your cooperation.

Fortnightly Focus on Literacy and Numeracy with

Lynne Weis

Resources for Parents and Carers

Wise Words...

The Australian Government website  (learningpotential.gov.au) has many resources to support your child's education. One example is:

'Back Seat Driver'

These ideas will help turn travelling with your child into literacy and numeracy practice – and help to develop your child's road awareness at the same time:

- Ask your child to navigate – even if you know the way. *You're in charge this trip. Find our destination, choose a route, and then give me step-by-step instructions as we drive. Remember I need plenty of warning before changing lanes or making a turn, so look and plan ahead!*
- Ask your child to read and interpret parking signs. *Are we allowed to park here? For how long? Does the car have to be facing a certain way?*
- Talk about safe driving. *How much gap should we leave behind the car in front? When should we leave a bigger gap? Why?*
- Ask your child to estimate the time needed to cover different distances. *This is a 60km/hr road and it's about 10km to your friend's house. How long 'til we get there?*
- When filling up with fuel, ask your child to estimate how much you'll need to pay.
- Talk about traffic rules such as at roundabouts, give way signs, stop signs and roadworks.
- Play games based on road signs – e.g. looking for a street sign with a certain combination of letters.

Check out the website for more ideas, and activities for the holidays.



NEMINGHA PUBLIC SCHOOL'S FESTIVE HARMONY AT KOOTINGAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS

On Saturday, Nemingha Public School took centre stage at the Kootingal Christmas Carols, delivering three lovely songs that filled the air with holiday spirit. The performance finished with our students teaming up with Kootingal Public School for a heartwarming rendition of "Aussie Jingle Bells."

A big shoutout to our students for their fantastic performances, parents for their support and presence, and the Kootingal Recreational Reserve for the invitation. Your combined efforts made the evening a joyful celebration of community and music.

Cheers to the festive season and the magic of collaboration!

Karyn Barrett and Joanne Jones



Awards

Congratulations to our students who will receive an award at our next Assembly on Tuesday, 12 December at 2:40pm

Gold Awards

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| • Arthur Lewis | Chelsa Davies |
| • Oliver Pittman | Georgia Tallon |
| • Nash Carroll | Jesse Jones |
| • Finn Cooper | Hayden Searl |
| • Lucas Aitken | |
| • Max Mann | |
| • Pordee Kwankamnerd | |

Service Awards

- Bronte Rowe
- Isabella Rainbow
- Connor Daniels



Premier's Reading Challenge

More than 160 students took part in the 2023 Premier's Reading Challenge and received special certificates this week.

The challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge is open to all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 10. Congratulations to all children who participated.

Joanne Jones



Full Summer Uniform Friday

*Due to Presentation Day,
students are to wear sports full
summer uniform on
Friday, 8 December.*

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. Students will perform in front of their peers on Friday 15 December. The top three places will receive a prize. Students may only perform in one item and each item has a 2 minute time limit. Each student entering is required to pay a 50c entry fee and audition in front of their classroom teacher. Entries close next Wednesday. Good luck!

Elle Fogarty and Vanessa Miller

LAST DAY MUFTI

Friday 15 December will be a Mufti Day. Please ensure your child still wears enclosed shoes, a sunsafe hat and shirt. No gold coin donation is required.

Congratulations

Nemingha Stars

**Winning the Touch football grand final
8-1**



Combined Christmas Scripture Service

Students who attended scripture last Friday were treated with a combined Christmas Scripture Service. The Year 5 and 6 Catholic scripture students re-enacted Mary and Joseph's difficult journey to find a place for the birth of baby Jesus. Deacon Paul from Mary Help of Christians Church also spoke to the students about the importance of spirituality, preparing for Christmas and why we give gifts on Christmas Day.

Thank you to all our school's volunteer scripture teachers, who dedicate their time each week to religious education. We appreciate you going above and beyond, passing on important parish notices to students about sacraments, running SupaClub at lunch times and being a part of our school community.



Permission

Notes



Permission Notes due in the Parent Portal

Selected Students

- End of Year Class Party Years K - 2 Students
- End of Year Class Party Year 3 and Year 4
- End of Year Class Party Year 5 and Year 6 - Bicentennial Park Playground & Forum 6 Cinema
- Year 6 Farewell - Year 5 & 6 Students