It was with great pleasure that I was able to attend the GRIP Student Leadership Conference last Tuesday with our school captains. Mitchell, Jasmine, Cameron and Jessie participated in a number of activities that related to team work, leadership values and approaches. The school captains were able to meet and discuss their role with leaders from other schools in the region and many positive relationships were developed.

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) took place this week. The students in Years 3 and 5 participated in tests on Tuesday - language conventions and writing; Wednesday - reading; and Thursday—numeracy. Any child who was absent on these days will have the opportunity to complete their tests on Friday. Results will be distributed to parents by 20th September, 2013.

There were lots of red faces and tired legs at the conclusion of Wednesday’s Cross Country carnival. The children all participated with great vigour and enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see the sportsmanship and ‘You Can Do It’ attitude being displayed by the students. Thank you to the staff and parents for their assistance on the day, which allowed for a smooth, well-run event to occur. The first four placegetters on the day will now travel to Barraba for the zone carnival on Monday 27th May; a note will be going home soon regarding these details. Congratulations to the following cross country champions:

Girls 8-9 years - Sienna O’Mally
Boys 8-9 years - Luke Gentle
Girls 10 years - Isabella Cameron
Boys 10 years - Mitchell Henderson
Girls 11 years – Ellouise Fuller
Boys 11 years – Oliver Greentree
Girls 12 years – Jasmine Shumack
Boys 12 years – Cale Bruce.

Due to Ms Haire’s father’s recent illness and hospitalisation she has decided to take leave from the school until the end of May. In her absence I will be relieving principal, with Mrs Martina Stimson teaching K/1. Mrs Stimson will be following the class program. Therefore minimal disruption will occur and all class activities will continue as normal. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns and I will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

Leanne Kemp
Relieving Principal

Some of our cross country athletes

Notes sent home during the last fortnight were:
- PSSA Girls Netball Knockout
- Y1-2 Assembly requirements
- Y2 Term 2 Letter
- Meal Deal “M is for Monday”
- School Cross Country
- Y6 Leadership Camp
- PSSA Rugby League Knockout Permission
- Wednesday night Wests League Challenge Permission
I would like to thank all the parents and friends who came to see our performance of “We’re Going on a Bear Hunt.” The students had a lot of fun preparing and performing and should be congratulated on their effort.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the cross country this week. They have been practicing for the last couple of weeks and tried their best on the day.

The students have been working hard this term on learning how to skip count by 2’s, 5’s and 10’s using counters, body parts and clapping patterns. They enjoy the hands on activities and group work. This term the students will be focusing on growing and changing in Science and HSIE. Later this term we will be planting some vegetables for the garden. We will also be looking at photographs of how we change over time.

In English the students are reading and looking at narrative stories and procedures. They are learning how to write simple narratives using fairy tales like Little Red Riding Hood. Later this term they will be making some yummy things for our procedures.

The students have also been learning two poems for the Choral speech section of the Eisteddfod which will be in a couple of weeks.

Thank you to the students who bring their Red Folders every day. Though there may not be notes, it is important to bring ‘just in case’. It has been great to see so many students bring in a Home Reading bag. There are still some students who do not have a Targeting Handwriting book. We have begun to use these books so could you please make a payment at the front office as soon as possible.

Thank you to all the families who have brought in tissue boxes already. As it is starting to cool off I am again asking if some more boxes can be brought in so we are well stocked.

If there are any concerns or more information that you would like to know please send a note with your child or contact the front office to arrange a suitable time to talk.

Kristine Sharkey

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CHESS CHALLENGE

Expressions of interest for students who would like to participate in the Interschool Chess Challenge 2013. To be held at Farrer Memorial High School on Wednesday 12th June. Competition starts at 8.30 am and finishes at 2.00pm. Cost $10.00 per student.

This tournament consists of 7 rounds, all students will play 7 games. Certificates will be awarded to all participants.

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Class.............................................
Last Wednesday, 8th May, Lara Graham, Jessica Kemp, Jasmine Shumack, Lyla Gratton, Bella Collier, Meg Lesslie, Jessie O'Mally, Kyeisha Newcombe and Brianna Elliott played Kootingal in the PSSA Netball knockout competition.

It was a very close and exciting game which could have gone either way. In the end, Kootingal was successful and won the game 7-6. Each girl tried her hardest and they all should be proud of their efforts.

Last week John Sainsbury was away playing in the North West Boys Basketball team at the state carnival. The team finished in 5th position out of the 14 Regions participating. Congratulations on a wonderful effort.

The Girls PSSA Cricket team was successful against Tamworth South and will play their next match against Narrabri West during Term 3.

Three girls were selected in the North West PSSA Cricket team to compete at the State Carnival which will be held in Nowra. Well done and congratulations to Jasmine Shumack, Jessie O'Mally and Lara Graham.

The School Rugby League PSSA Knockout team will play Kootingal Public School at Farrer on Thursday 23rd May at 11.30am. Spectators are welcome.

Years 5 and 6 had the opportunity to participate in the Legends of League Cup on Wednesday 8th May. The nine students who attended played hard and had a great day. The behaviour and sportsmanship shown on the day made me very proud to be part of the Nemingha School community.

Tracy Gooch
Sports Co-ordinator

AWARDS

Congratulations to the “You Can Do It “ award winners from Assembly Thursday 10th May.

K    Cooper Jones, Liam Poflotski
K-1  Max Gallagher, Fergus Frater
Y1-2 Riley Gentle, Bailee Puls
Y2   Charlie Henderson, Jakayla Siemsen
Y3   Emelyn Haling, Travis Chaffey
Y4   Tobin Lesley, Brianna Elliott
Y5   Triston Harrison, Jaydan Betts
Y6   Daylan Poore, Mitchell Klepzig

Balls at school

Nemingha Public School has received the Coles Sport for Schools rewards of some wonderful sports equipment and lots of balls. Students are asked not to bring balls to school from home as we now have a large supply in the sports shed.

What’s Cooking in the Canteen

Thank you to Hamish and Will Nilsson’s family for donating a bucket load of popping corn kernels to the canteen. These were home grown and are much appreciated.

Beef burgers are for sale during May for $3.50, these come with caramelized onion, cheese, lettuce and either tomato or BBQ sauce.

Our Meal Deal for Monday should have read 2 mini pies, and a chocolate treat is also included in the $5.50 costing. Please return all orders to the canteen by Friday 17th!

No other hot foods will be sold on Monday, so please support the menu.

Monday is a red day, so we are also selling yoghurt sticks, Popping candy at 60c, Anaconda Snakes for $1.30, and iced coffee milk drinks are $2. A few other small lolly items will be sold and any donated muffins or cupcakes can be delivered to the canteen on Monday morning.

Marion Woods
Canteen Manager

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NEMINGHA YOUTH

A Laser Tag Paintball competition will be held at Kootingal on Saturday 18th May. From 1.45pm to 4.30 pm. Cost is $25.00 which includes food and drink. Parents are invited to join in as well.

RSVP by 14th May Jon and Elizabeth Gourlay on 0267 609302 or 0412800536.
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