CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR P&C and our parents and friends who ensured the ball was a great success. Please find a full report from our fundraising coordinator, Mrs Sally Cronberger. I would like to add my thanks to the Nemingha Public School staff who also supported the ball. We all had a very enjoyable evening. Nights like these further promote a cooperative culture wherein everyone works together to achieve our shared vision to provide the best education for our students.

Delayed Release of NAPLAN 2013 Student Reports to Parents

“On Thursday 5 September ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on the Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports for Language Conventions. Importantly the NAPLAN student data is correct. ACARA made the immediate decision to halt any further packaging and distribution of NAPLAN reports while options regarding the distribution of correct NAPLAN Student Reports were considered.

ACARA is working closely with Test Administration Authorities (TAAs) in every state and territory to ensure correct reports are distributed.

This matter may result in the delay of the distribution of student reports, possibly to the week of 13 October, however ACARA and TAAs will seek to minimise the delay.” NSW Board of Studies

JOHN HATTIE – EVIDENCE INTO ACTION
Mrs Kemp and I travelled to Coffs Harbour on Thursday to attend the first workshop in the Evidence into Action series from John Hattie. We had a very busy day planning our next steps in this school improvement process. We have tied this together with our work in Mathematics and it will form a large component of our annual evaluation process which will be reported in the Annual School Report. Any parents wishing to be a part of the evaluation team are encouraged to contact me via email: (kerrel.haire@det.nsw.edu.au).

Congratulations to all students who attended excursions this week. It was very pleasing to hear such glowing reports by teachers about the outstanding behaviour of our students. Thank you to our teachers and parent helpers who were prepared to leave their families to support these exciting programs. They cannot take place without you. It has been lovely to hear that parents and students have taken the time and effort to personally thank staff. Staff do not take on extra responsibilities for praise or reward but they really appreciate positive comments and notes. A positive and cooperative culture between staff and parents and students is what makes Nemingha Public School continue to shine.

Have a lovely weekend

Kerrel

TAMWORTH REGIONAL CONSERVATORIUM
Tamworth Regional Conservatorium will be hosting the third SING IT! choir festival at Tamworth Town Hall on Sunday 15th September at 6.00pm
Tickets available at the Conservatorium Office phone 67666911
Adults $12.00, School Students $8.00 Choir Members Free
We are almost at the end of another busy term. This term the Year 2 students have enjoyed learning about a range of new topics which include the seasons, Australian heritage and a variety of maths topics. We have also enjoyed learning about persuasive advertisements and writing information reports about different animals that hatch from eggs. We have enjoyed experimenting with a range of different materials to make our artworks. I hope that some of our beautiful artworks have made it home over the past weeks.

This term we have also enjoyed working in the garden and watching our produce grow. Students have been taking turns to water the plants and pull out the weeds. We have recently spotted a few snow peas and carrots growing in our garden.

Students enjoyed dressing up in a variety of our favourite characters for the book parade. Congratulations to Aidan and Jessica who were lucky enough to win the book prizes on the day.

Students were excited to perform our item ‘Are we there yet?’ by Alison Lester at the assembly last week. Students had been practising their lines, acting skills and gathered their costumes for their performance.

Have a safe and restful holiday to prepare yourself for a busy Term 4!

Lauren Bowman

AWARDS

Congratulations to the “You Can Do It” award winners at our assembly on Friday 6th September, 2013:

K  Taela McCahon, Robert Murphy
K-1  Blake Tongue, Jessie Smith
Y1-2  Riley Gentle, Breannah Fogarty
Y2  Amber Mitchell, Abi McBride
Y3  Travis Chaffey, Zye Anderson
Y4  Mitchell Henderson, Caitlin Brooker
Y5  Emily Hughes, Lachlan Martyn
Y6  John Sainsbury, Jordan Isaac

Congratulations also to Sophie Corbett who received her 1st Service Award.
Congratulations to all our Zone athletes. Nemingha School had several students reach the finals and/or achieve their personal best times and distances on the day. Our relay teams were very successful thanks to their training with Mr Peter Henderson.

Mitchell Henderson was successful in being selected to represent North West at the state carnival to be held at Homebush. He will compete in the 200m, discus and long jump. Congratulations and best of luck Mitchell!

I would like to thank our parents and two prac students, Kirsty and Jonathon for their efforts on what was a very long day.

Nemingha Girls PSSA Cricket team played Narrabri West Public School yesterday, Thursday 12th September. Narrabri batted first and scored 1/147. In reply, Nemingha scored 127 which was a great effort from our young team. More details to follow next week.

David Lewis

Lake Keepit Excursion Years 3 and 4
This week students from Years 3 and 4 participated in an excursion to Lake Keepit. Their behaviour and attitude towards all activities was outstanding and all the Sport and Recreation instructors commented on what a lovely group of students we have here at Nemingha Public School.

Students participated in canoeing, rock climbing, geocaching, the giant swing and archery. The highlights of the trip were the giant swing and archery which most students loved. The giant swing was 21M high with several of our students choosing to go all the way to the top. There was also some memorable moments with Tiger Pear being caught in all parts of students bodies causing much angst and pain for those involved.

We must make special mention of Mr Warwick Wright and Mrs Marion Woods who accompanied our students on their trip, and Mrs Amanda Price, who organised the trip for our students.

Thalgoorrah Report by: Thomas Haling
On Monday morning at nine o’clock we left to go to Thalgoorrah. When we got there we unpacked in our cabins. The first activity we did was a game you had to throw a ball to people. The second time we did it we had to try and beat our time. On the third time we threw the ball around but then Mr McKenzie threw in a rubber ball and a rubber chicken. Mr McKenzie is the principal of Thalgoorrah. We then played a game where we were trapped in a castle and we were being executed the next day. There were magic carpets in the castle. We had to get to another castle and the owner would set us free. We always had to have our feet on the magic carpets—they were only magic if we were standing on them. My team got across first so we won.

On the first night we had lasagne for dinner. That night we played “Tribes and Territories”. On the second day, my group learnt about Aboriginal tools. The next activity was art. We used rubbings of leaves and different textures to create an artwork. The last activity that day was about animals. The first animals were stick insects and leaf insects. Then we learnt about a Central Bearded Dragon and a carpet python called “Yamba”. On the final day, our activity was catching macro-invertebrates and looking at them under the microscope. We were catching them when we saw a carp, we tried to catch it. Unfortunately it got away. We had morning tea and headed for home. In Armidale, we stopped at the Aboriginal Keeping Place and had a tour, threw boomerangs and read a story. I thought the excursion was awesome because we did so many fun things. Thank you to Mr Pennell and Mr
**SPORTS DOME**

*After School Multi-Sports Program*

**When:** Every Friday starting 11th October until 29th November 2013  
**For:** Children between 7 to 12 years of age  
**Time:** 4.30-6.00pm  
**Cost:** $80.00  
Sports and games include, basketball, futsal, volleyball, badminton, indoor hockey and much more. Register your interest by 8th October 2013 at sportsdome@tamworth.nsw.gov.au or phone 67622631

**Spring 2013 School Holiday Program**

**Date:** Tuesday 24th and 26th September  
**Time:** 9.00am—4.00pm  
**Cost:** $40.00  
Melissa Dainty Programs Officer.

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**SOCCER FOR GIRLS**

Girls aged 5-12 are welcome to register with the Soccer for Girls program. For more information about this please contact; www.quickkicks.com.au or Bianca Cousins on 0422066673

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**September/October School Holiday Art Workshop**

**Where:** Tamworth Art Gallery

**Week 1**
- Wednesday 25th September, **Collage, Drawing Mixed Media**  
- Thursday 26th September, **Landscape Painting**  
- Friday 27th September, **Wearable Art**

**Week 2**
- Wednesday 2nd October, **Sculpture**  
- Thursday 3rd October, **Drawing**  
- Friday 4th October, **Printmaking**

**Times for all workshops:**
- 7-10 years from 10.30am-12.30pm  
- 11-14 years from 2pm-4pm  
Places are limited, for more details or to make a booking call the Gallery on 67675248

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**LOST**

One school jumper (sloppy jo) newish with Oliver Brennan's name on it. Please check that it has not accidentally gone home with your child.

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