MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2014

Unfortunately we have been unable to meet the required number of parent representatives on the School Council this year. We are keen for the Council to continue and are working on a draft of our constitution (ie. update to reflect changes to DEC policies, reduction in number of representatives required and number required for a quorum) for presentation at the next P and C meeting. If you would like to participate in this process, please come along to the next P and C meeting.

REFORMS TO P&C FEDERATION

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at


NAPLAN

Congratulations to our students for working so diligently during NAPLAN. Mr Lewis and Mrs Sharkey have both remarked upon your positive attitudes!! Well done.

NEMINGHA LEARNERS

This week we have begun to introduce the characteristics of a Nemingha Public School (good) learner. Students and teachers have worked together for some time discussing what makes a good learner. This is part of our work on the research of Carol Dweck. We have looked into what other schools have done and taken bits and pieces from here and there to personalise the 5 Rs of Learning to suit our context. These will be placed in each room around the school and taught explicitly by teachers over the coming weeks. We will embed these qualities in all we do, just as we have done with Learning Goals and the five playground and school rules. They will become part of our everyday language. The posters we developed are attached to this newslink so that you can refer to them at home from time to time where appropriate (homework?). If you would like an electronic copy to print at home, please email me and I will get them to you asap kerrel.haire@det.nsw.edu.au

The purpose of developing these learning attributes is to foster the acquisition of skills our students will need in the 21st Century and to foster a ‘growth’ mindset. More information can be found at:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICILzbB1Obg
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xmaKXiF5g84
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AbaWNPBNJhk
Although, the last two videos are a bit stilted, they simplify the (complex) message about fixed and growth mindset.

EISTEDDFOD

A reminder that children in both choirs will need full winter uniforms (including black shoes) for the Eisteddfod. Both choirs will also perform at the biggest morning tea. Full uniform would be wonderful on this occasion too.

Have a lovely weekend
Kerrel 😊
What an amazing turnout for the assembly last Friday. Thank you to all the parents, friends, grandparents and families of the students who were able to attend. All the students performed extremely well with lots of enthusiasm. They all worked hard to produce a wonderful, funny play for your entertainment.

Congratulations to all students who have received awards so far this year. It certainly has been a difficult choice each week.

This term has already been very busy with cross-country and the NAPLAN this week. The rest of the term will be just as busy.

Some of the things the students will be participating in over the next few weeks will include the Regional Cross Country, Eisteddfod, NSW Junior Chess League, Multicultural Public Speaking Competition and of course the excursion to Tea Gardens.

This term during the English unit ‘Picture This’, the students will be investigating various picture books, animations, comic strips and how silent movies are made.

Mrs. Sandy Palmer will be taking the students each Friday again this term for HSIE.

Kristine Sharkey

Congratulations to the Open Girls Cricket Team who last Friday defeated Narrabri West in the regional final. The girls are now in the last eight in the state and will play the winner of the North Coast region. Stars in the game were Safia Arranz who scored 32 not out and kept wickets exceptionally. Lara Graham picked up 2 wickets and scored 40 not out. Isabella Cameron bowled very tightly and all the girls fielded very well. Congratulations girls and best of luck for your next game in Term 4.

With the Athletics season fast approaching, students will start practising during sport time for the Nemingha athletics carnival in Week 5, Term 3. This will allow all the students to participate in the athletics carnival and know how to compete in each event.

Good luck to all those students going to Cross Country on Monday and a reminder that the bus to Barraba leaves at 8.30 sharp. Students are asked to be here at 8.20am ready to leave.

David Lewis

Notes sent home in the past week
- PSSA Knockout Rugby League
- Wednesday night Wests Rugby League
- Open Boys Rugby Union Trials
- Zone Cross Country travel arrangements
**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden**

**From the ‘Nemingarden’**
Our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program has been going full steam ahead this term and our garden has been a hive of activity. Year 5 and 6 have planted a variety of beautiful vegetables and herbs and our garden beds are almost full. Year 5 also planted some seeds and these have also sprouted. Our ‘Welcome to the Nemingarden’ sign has also been completed and hung on the garden fence giving a very bright welcome to our beautiful garden. Our garden shed has been built and put on our freshly laid slab of concrete which was kindly donated by Hanson’s and delivered free of charge by Ross, one of their sub-contractors. We certainly appreciate this wonderful community support.

Mrs Jones has been cooking up some wonderful dishes in the kitchen with Year 5 and 6. They were able to come out to the garden and pick some lovely fresh produce to mix with eggs produced by our chickens to make a ‘quiche of the imagination’. Of course, we hope that these classes encourage our students to try new foods and help with the cooking at home.

Last Wednesday evening, Jo Jones and I were also invited to attend a meeting for the Lions Club of Tamworth as guest speakers to talk about our Kitchen –Garden Program. This was very well received by all members and we had a visit from two of the Lions Club members on Monday afternoon to look at our progress. We would also like to extend a thank you to the Lions Club for their invitation to speak about this wonderful program.

Thank you to the Lindenmeyer family for their generous donation of bowls, colander, mortar and pestle, tray and kitchen utensils.

**School Gardens**
You may notice that some of our garden beds around the school have been given a new lease of life and are looking magnificent. A HUGE thank you to Mark and Belinda Brennan, Karli Scott and Michelle Hawkins for all of their hard work last Friday to achieve this wonderful transformation. Thank you also to all of the families who donated the agapanthus.

*Kylie Lacey*

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**P&C Fundraising News**

**GOONOO GOONOO DOG TRIALS**

**Your help is desperately needed.**

On Saturday 24th May, we will be serving breakfast and a Barbeque lunch at the Dog Trials to be held at Goonoo Goonoo Station. We will be operating from 8.00am to 4.00pm on Saturday and for half the day on Sunday 25th from 8.00am to 11.00am. An hour or two of your time on either day would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact:

_Peter Henderson on 0417217401_

**WHO WILL BE AT NEMINGHA SCHOOL NEXT YEAR?**

If you have a child or know of any child wishing to enrol at Nemingha in 2015, could you please fill in the information below and return it to the school office as soon as possible. Enrolment forms and all associated information can then be forwarded to prospective families.

| Child’s Name: _______________________
| Child’s date of birth: _______________________
| Parent’s name: _______________________
| Parent’s address: _______________________
| Phone number: _______________________
| Email address: _______________________ |
Korean Video Conference

Next week, Years 3-6 will begin video conferencing with our Korean sister school. Students will have the opportunity to present on a topic which will allow our Korean friends to learn about our school, city and country. We will also have the opportunity to learn about the school our Korean friends attend and the city and country in which they live. Video conferences will occur weekly within each stage. Each primary class will average one conference with our sister school per fortnight. Each student will be provided with an e-pal who they will be able contact via email and Edmodo. They will remain in contact with their Korean e-pal throughout the year and have the opportunity to exchange gifts with them at the end of the year.

Lauren Bowman

Clothing Pool

Thank you for your donations of pre loved uniforms. We are always in need of them—winter and summer. We still have most sizes of black “shorties” in stock, for $2, great in summer or winter. Leave your order at the office with your payment.

Karen Darling
Clothing Pool Coordinator

TAMWORTH EISTEDDFOD

Nemingha PS will be attending the Tamworth Eisteddfod on Monday 2nd June. Permission notes will be sent home. Boys must wear grey trousers, black shoes, ties and long sleeved shirts. Girls can wear either tights or long socks, winter uniform with long sleeved shirts and ties.

AWARDS

Congratulations to the “You Can Do It” award winners at our assembly on Friday 9th May, 2014

K Blue       Jack Broomham, Lachlan Lindemayr
K Red        Breanna Jeffrey, Nicholas Condrick
Y 1          Ella Goodman McKay, Jessie Smith
Y2           Isaac Le Pla, Georgie Petty
Y3           Jessica Jeffrey, Joseph Hobson
Y4           Brandon Burrell, Millie Hawes
Y5           Indianna Diss, Campbell Spanswick
Y6           Sophie Button, Thomas Burrell

Congratulations also to Jack Thornton who received his (1st) Service award. Well done everyone.

What’s Cooking in the Canteen

As the weather is now cooling down, we are not selling salad containers, however chicken and gravy rolls are a great winter warmer. These are $3.50. It is National Volunteer Week this week, so a big thank you to all our happy helpers who give up their time to help us, our children and our school.

Term 2 canteen meeting is on Friday 6th June at 1.30 in the staff room, before assembly. All welcome! Thanks to Millie and Joseph Hawes for donating a carrot grater this week. It will be used a lot in summer.

Volunteers next week

Monday 19th May        Tracey Mayman
Friday 23rd May          Andrew Fogarty and Billie Spanswick
Marion Woods
Canteen Manager 0414 766 131