MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

So much good news for NPS at the moment. Don’t miss the sports report or chess report this week. Congratulations to our successful students!

Congratulations to the staff and students across K-6 for their recent success in the maths assessments. You will recall we had a review of Mathematics during 2012 which highlighted some key areas for improvement. The staff have embraced change and implemented many new facets to their teaching and learning programs. The visible learning strategies have played a key role in the changes made over the past year and a half. It is my absolute delight to announce that according to recent standardised assessment results the average effect size for Maths across Years 1-6 is 1.02. You will remember that a years growth is equal to 0.4, so our results are outstanding for just six months.

We are now focussing on providing effective feedback to students and our Staff Development Day is designed to develop our skills and create a bank of strategies for staff to use in the classrooms. Every teacher is studying a component of research into effective feedback and will be presenting their findings to the rest of the staff on Monday 14 July.

Thank you Miss Coombes for all your wonderful work on Year 4 throughout Semester 1. We have been so lucky to have you as part of our team and will miss your smiley face …but only for a little while. Miss Coombes will be back after her trip to the United States to take Mrs Kemp’s class while she takes some long service leave during Term 3.

Have a happy and safe holiday

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AWARDS

Congratulations to the “You Can Do It” award winners at our Assembly on Friday 20th June 2014:

K-Blue: Emily Tongue, Mia Gentle
K-Red: Emily Bull, Angus Brennan
Y1: Adam Davis, Max Gallagher
Y2: Forbes Murdoch, Jessica Haling
Y5: Alex-Turner Wilson, Caitlin Brooker
Y6: Meg Lesslie, Riley Barling

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HOLIDAY RAFFLE TICKETS - Please collect a book from the school office to sell. The raffle is to be drawn in September and as this is a major fundraiser we need as many tickets as possible to be sold.

BUNNINGS BBQ - We are running a barbeque at Bunnings on Friday 25th July. We desperately need helpers on the day and any time that you may be able to give would be much appreciated. 8.30—3.30—Even one hour would help.

DINNER WITH ALAN TONGUE — Arrangements are well under way for our night at The Pavillion with Alan Tongue as guest speaker. Don’t miss out, get a party together and enjoy the night. Tickets are available at the school office.

COUNTRY AUCTIONS—We are selling our Holiday raffle tickets this Sunday (29th). If anyone is able to help with this please contact Donna Murphy on 0418667202.

Wishing all staff, parents and students a safe and happy holiday. Thank you for your continued support.

Sally Cronberger
Fundraising Co-ordinator
Congratulations Kindergarten on your wonderful first performance at assembly!

We have been very busy learning about ‘Under the Sea’ during literacy sessions. Kindergarten have been writing great sentences and applying our letter-sound knowledge to spell words. We are also working towards writing short stories. After recess, both classes are grouped together for reading groups. Some groups are with Mrs Lacey and other groups are taught by Mrs Holcombe and Mrs Moxon.

Children have been doing a wonderful job with their reading. Our reading group activities include; interactive whiteboard experiences, phonics games on the iPads, hands-on activities, story writing, word family work and small group reading instruction.

During mathematics lessons, Kindergarten have enjoyed learning about volume and capacity. We have been experimenting with filling containers with rice, pasta, blocks and water to compare what different containers hold. We are continuing our great work with number and practise our counting everyday.

Today we have enjoyed our ‘Under the Sea’ party with a special cake.

Mrs Lacey, Mrs Holcombe and Mrs Moxon

Lara Graham played 5 games of cricket in Darwin from Monday 16th to Sunday 22nd June at the School Sport Australia 12 years and under cricket championships.

Lara was opening batter for NSW and she scored 61 runs in one game, sharing in an opening stand of 106 to help NSW remain undefeated and win the championships. Lara said it was a wonderful experience as the players were also allowed free time to tour Darwin and were taken on the Adelaide river Jumping Crocodile Cruise. She was very proud to represent Nemingha Public School during this time.

The boys and girls touch football PSSA gala day is on Wednesday 16th July with both teams getting 3 games (minimum).

Good luck to Isabella Cameron, Sienna O’Malley and Lara Graham who are at the girls PSSA Soccer state championships this week.

David
What’s Cooking in the Canteen
Thank you to all the families who donated yummy cakes, chocolates, cupcakes and brownies etc for the Chess Red day on Wednesday 25th June. The children all had a great day and enjoyed the treats.

Thanks so much to Lyn and Karen Darling for their help on the day it was really pumping in the canteen.

Next term we open on Tuesday 15th July.

Volunteers
Tuesday 15th July  Toni Petty,
Friday 18th July  Bronwyn Stewart

Enjoy your break.

Marion Woods
Canteen Manager  0414 766 131

NOTELINK
Notes sent home in the past week
- PSSA Knockout Touch Gala day
- Mr McGee and the Biting Flea (K-Y2)
- Athletics Carnival Information

Clothing Pool will be open on Tuesday 15th July from 9.00-10.00am.

Please check your cupboards during the holidays for any unwanted pre loved clothing. We desperately need some stock for winter.

Have an enjoyable break.

Karen Darling
Clothing Pool Coordinator

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CHESS REPORT

On Wednesday our school hosted a chess day at Nemingha. The players were excellent and they all gave it their best. We were one of the best schools in the competition. Good luck to our players in the next chess competition.

By Beau Mitchell

Jacob Wilson won all his games and Beau Mitchell won all but one game. Congratulations to all our players!

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