Welcome back everyone. It was lovely to see all the students and staff back at NPS, safe and sound. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome four new families to the Nemingha Public School community. The Marriott, Mitchell, Bazal and Mitchell children began in Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6. Welcome back to Mrs Elise Robinson who has settled in with her Year 4 class. Miss Brooke Manuel is currently completing her internship from the University of New England and will be working with Mr Lewis and Year 5 for the term.

On Monday at the Staff Development Day, the teachers and support staff looked at the concept of feedback. Each teacher presented different aspects of feedback to their peers so a common definition and understanding of this could be presented to the children across the school.

Feedback is an objective description of a student’s performance intended to guide future performance. It is the process of helping our students assess their performance, identify areas where they are on target and provide them with tips on what they can do in the future to improve areas that need correcting.

During Semester 2 all teachers will be concentrating on the different forms of feedback. Feedback observations will take place and teachers will analyse these results to improve the interactions that are occurring at our school.

This Friday night is the P&C fundraiser at The Pavilion Function Centre. Thank you to all those parents and friends who are attending and helping the committee raise valuable funds for our school. Without such brilliant support Nemingha Public School could not provide the wonderful programs and experiences that we do for your children.

I wish Mr Lewis, Mrs Bowman, Year 5 and 6 all the best for their excursion next week. The children seem very excited about going to Canberra and learning about parliament as well as visiting places of significance in the area. From the recent weather reports it seems they will have plenty of snow to play in while at Thredbo. I am sure we will hear a number of stories at next Friday’s assembly about their trip.

Education Week is fast approaching. Education Week 2014 is from Monday 28 July – Friday 1 August 2014 marks the 60th anniversary of the first Education Week and the theme of the week is “Lighting the Way to a Better World.” Once again the school will provide a variety of opportunities for parent, grandparents, caregivers and friends to attend events throughout the week. Please take note of the events listed in the Newslink and mark them in your diary.

Ms Haire has taken long service leave for three weeks. While she is on leave, I will be relieving as Principal and Mrs Sandy Palmer will be teaching Year 2. As Year 2 are taught by Mrs Palmer on Tuesday and Thursday the continuity of the teaching and learning program can take place. Mrs Palmer will be following the same lessons and timetable as I would allowing for a smooth transition when Ms Haire returns.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Leanne Kemp

NOTELINK

Notes sent home recently.
• Mr McGee and the Biting Flea (K-Y2)
• Canteen Roster
• CPR Training (Y5 and Y6)
• Athletics Carnival
• Year 5/6 Canberra final arrangements
During the holidays lots of Nemingha students competed in a range of sports and their stories from their sporting pursuits are excellent. We had students competing in Orange, Townsville, Bathurst, Adelaide and locally. One of the larger success was Lara Graham who was selected in the NSW Indoor Cricket National Championships in Adelaide. This was an under 17’s side and at one stage Lara was on a hat trick. Well done Lara.

A highlight of our year in terms of sporting visits happens tonight. Alan Tongue, former Nemingha School Captain and Canberra Raiders player, has given up his time free of charge to come to a fundraising dinner tonight to help raise funds for our P&C. We greatly appreciate this and look forward to hearing him speak. Thanks Alan.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The athletics carnival is on Wednesday, week 3 (30th July), and the cost of this carnival is $5 per student. This amount covers the hire of the sportsground and the hire of athletics equipment from Little A’s. It should be a great carnival with the Emus trying to defend their title. We will have new house banners provided by McKnights signs for all teams and all students from ages 5-13 will participate in a range of athletic events, including shot put, discus and long jump. Parents are most welcome to come along and watch their child compete and we would appreciate any help that you may be able to provide. Please ensure that all permission notes are returned to the school by Wednesday 23rd July together with $5.00.

David Lewis

What’s Cooking in the Canteen
Volunteers for next week are:
Monday 21/7 - Tracey Mayman
Friday 25/7 - Olly McCormack/Ally Robinson

The hash browns will increase in price next week to 80¢ each. The have proven very popular and it has been reported that 80¢ is still a lot cheaper than some commercial outlets and they are much tastier!

Don’t forget our winter warmers are:
- Fried Rice
- Beef Lasagna
- Hot Chicken and Gravy Rolls
ALL ONLY $3.50 EACH!

We are trialling pre-bagged popcorn at an introductory price of 60¢ — all feedback welcome. Send in your thoughts in writing with your child to the canteen window for discussion at our next canteen meeting.

Thank you
Marion Woods
Canteen Manager
0414766131

P&C Fundraising News

BUNNINGS BBQ—FRIDAY 25th JULY.
We need helpers for the BBQ at Bunnings next Friday. We will operate from 8.30 to 3.30 and desperately need someone after 11.00 am. Even if you can only help with one hour it would be much appreciated!! Please contact me on 0410609583 if you can assist.

Sally Cronberger
Fundraising Co-Ordinator

HEAD LICE!!

We are experiencing another outbreak of head lice at the school. Could you please check your child’s hair and if lice are evident, please treat. We have heard of a new novel way of eradicating these little pests—use a hair straightener which kills the eggs.
EDUCATION WEEK  
28 July – 1 August 2014  
PROGRAM

On Tuesday 29th July, parents, grandparents and community friends are invited to visit our Open Classrooms as part of Education Week Celebrations.

Classrooms will be open to visitors from 11.30 am until 12.30 pm. Visitors are then invited to share a sausage sizzle lunch with students. Sausages will cost $1.00 each.

Following lunch the students will be participating in the Education Week Scripture Service starting at 1.20 pm in the hall.

K-Y2 EXCURSION  
MR McGEE AND THE BITING FLEA  
Friday 25th July

Could all excursion notes and money for those children in K to Y2 who wish to attend the excursion to the Capitol Theatre for Mr McGee and the Biting Flea be sent to the school on Monday. A count of numbers attending will be done on Monday afternoon and if there are places available, the excursion will be made available to children in Year 3. Notes will be sent home.

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Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

This term, Years 5 and 6 will continue kitchen lessons with Mrs Jones.

Some “hands on” lessons in the garden will involve testing the pH level of the soil and making scarecrows.

Kylie Lacey

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