Wow! What a wonderfully busy week we’ve had at Nemingha! Education Week has certainly been action packed with Open Day, the Scripture Service and the Athletics Carnival. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and friends who were able attend these events.

I hope some of you saw the news clip on Prime on Tuesday night. I was very impressed with the way everyone spoke so positively about education and Nemingha School. The sausage sizzle was a lovely way for everyone to celebrate Education Week. Mr McCahon did a fantastic job ensuring the sausages were cooked to perfection, while Mrs Sheppeard, Coralie Moss and Lesley Purdy made sure the sandwiches were handed out with a minimum of fuss. Thank you all staff for your contributions both in the classrooms and during the lunch break.

The Scripture Service was once again beautifully prepared by our wonderful volunteers. Alan Tongue delivered a video message to the children, and Year 6 did a fantastic job leading the service. Thank you to Mrs Janelle Tongue for organising this.

As the sun shone brightly on Wednesday the students participated in the annual Athletics Carnival. Thanks once again to David Lewis, staff and parents for your wonderful support in the smooth running of this event. Congratulations to all our age champions and the winning house **Magpies**. Well done to the **Emus** on winning the march past once again. Mr Graham and I were very impressed in the way team members presented themselves.

Last weekend our working bee took place under trying weather conditions. The quadrangle area looks great. Please take the time to read the article from Belinda Brennan.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Leanne Kemp 😊

Naremble Sheppeard, Lyn Darling and Karen Darling with Mrs Kemp (Assistant Principal) at the presentation of Education Week Awards for **Outstanding Contributions to Nemingha Public School**, which were held at Hillvue Public School yesterday. Joel Kiddle (Outstanding Student Achievement Award) was unable to attend the function. His award was accepted on his behalf by his aunt, Tanya Welsh.

**AWARDS**

Congratulations to the “You Can Do It” award winners at our Assembly on Friday 25th July.

K-B Jemma Bazal, Raeya Mitchell
K-R Paris Edwards, Isabel Murray
Y1 Clair Mitchell, Alice Murdoch
Y2 Fergus Frater, Maddison Betts
Y3 Cameron Banyer, Kallie Mitchell, Jack Marriott
Y4 Alexa Bazal, William Marriott
Y5 Isabella Cameron, Jack Dawson
Y6 Mason Bayliss, Thomas Haling

Abi McBride and Thomas Gallagher were also presented with their **1st Service Award certificates**. Congratulations.
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Our Athletics Carnival was a huge success again this year thanks to the efforts of all our staff, parents and most importantly our students. We had a fantastic day with all students getting involved in many events. The champion house for 2014 was Magpies and the march past winners for the 4th year in a row were the Emus.

We have 28 students going to the zone athletics carnival next Friday in Tamworth and we wish them all the best of luck at that carnival.

Our Age Champions for 2014 were as follows.
- Minor Boy: Adam Davis
- Minor Girl: Cheyanna Norman
- Junior Boy: Charlie Henderson
- Junior Girl: Sienna O'Mally
- 11Yr Boy: Mitchell Henderson
- 11Yr Girl: Finella Palmer
- Senior Boy: Thomas Hailing
- Senior Girl: Lara Graham

Congratulations to these students.

TOUCH FOOTBALL
The Open boys and girls touch football teams will participate in their gala day next Thursday 7th August after the postponement earlier in the term. Good luck to both of those teams.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS PROGRAM
Notes for Term 3 activities were sent home with students who indicated that they are interested in participating in Touch Football (Mondays) and Lawn Bowls (Thursdays). Please ensure that the permission notes are returned on Monday.

David Lewis
Canberra and Thredbo Excursion

On Monday morning 47 students and 4 staff set out on an adventure of a lifetime. At 6.30 tearful students said farewell to cheerful parents for four days. The trip was long but relatively uneventful. The students arrived in Canberra just in time to see sunset from Telstra Tower and a few of them spent all their souvenir money within ten minutes of setting foot in the tower. The view was amazing. We then made our way to the YHA for the first night.

We were up early for a big day in Canberra with the first stop being the War Memorial. The students were amazed with the number of Australians who had given their lives for our country and loved the hands-on war time presentation.

The next stop was Parliament House where the students watched the memorial service for MH017. Prime Minister Tony Abbot was there. Other highlights included the House of Representatives and The Senate.

The AIS was a place that all were looking forward to and it did not disappoint, with all activities being hands on. Thomas Hailing was a gun at virtual soccer and Tyhla Condrick spent the entire time challenging everyone at basketball. Lexi May and Alex Achilles decided that they both had great reaction time and Sophie Button was shattered that she was unable to beat Mr Lewis at anything.

The Royal Australian mint was the next stop. All the children enjoyed seeing Titan the robot creating the currency. We then made our way to Thredbo.

That night was full of travel, movies and excitement when the students were fitted with their ski gear at The Shed. Some of the students wanted to sleep in their gear just to try it out! All were very excited to get their skis but struggled to lug them up the hill.

Skiing day was finally here and it did not disappoint, with Thredbo being perfect with 2 degrees and bright sunshine. The children were divided into groups and went off to ski lessons. By the time the lessons were over 33 of the students said they were ready to take on Friday Flat and the chair lift. Boy, were they mistaken! But by the end of the day, most could complete a run without crashing.

We gave awards each day called the Rodney award for the “smartest dumb thing” said or done. These awards went to:

- Tuesday: Jack Dawson, Mitchell Henderson, Emily Hughes
- Wednesday: Emily Hughes, Thomas Hailing, Mason Bayliss, Sienna O’Mally, Blake Parker
- Thursday: Deacon Tait.

All students enjoyed the trip and said that they had a wonderful time. I would like to thank Mrs Deanne Leslie and Mr Dane Pennell for their hard work on the excursion.

David Lewis
Our Bunnings and athletics carnival barbeques were very successful, raising over $1300 between them. Thank you to all those people who helped on the day and to those who provided cakes and slices.

A reminder for the Holiday raffle tickets - Only 6 weeks left to sell or buy tickets. Please contact the office if you need extra books.

What’s Cooking in the Canteen

The fate of the Hot Dog and the Mini Pie will be decided at our next canteen meeting. This will be held on Friday 5th September. We will also have a discussion on our popcorn. Comments on these topics are invited - good or bad! All welcome.

Our volunteers for next week are:
Monday 4th August: Robyn Clapham and Michelle Lane
Friday 8th August: Cath Norvill

Marion Woods
Canteen Manager.

WORKING BEE & GARDEN BEDS

Many thanks to North Country Steel for helping us out with a nice discount on the new garden beds in the quadrangle. These beds were funded by the Year 6’s hard fundraising efforts and we plan to plant them out with help from the Y6 students when the weather warms up. We hope to add seating at another working bee!

Thank you also to the following parents for their help at the working bee: Peter Graham, Dane Pennell, Merv MCAhon, Karli and Andrew Scott and their kids, Mark Brennan and our kids. We had a good time despite the weather on Saturday (rain, hail and sunshine) and got plenty done on Sunday.

Belinda Brennan

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Resilient Kids

Centacare NE/NW will be running a free 5 week Resilient Kids program in Tamworth commencing 14th August. This program is for kids aged 9-11 years and aims to develop resilience, increase self-esteem, enhance communication abilities and improve coping skills. Places are limited. For further information or to register your child please contact:
Centacare NE/NW on 6762 9200.

Belinda Brennan

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