It was wonderful to see so many parents at the P&C meeting on Wednesday night. The amended School Council Constitution was ratified and we can now resume the process to ensure this valuable body continues. The following amendments were made to the constitution:

Amendment 1: When the number of parent representatives nominated for the council is equal or less than the membership positions vacant, those nominations must be endorsed by the school community.

Amendment 2: When an existing parent council representative has completed their term of office and there are insufficient new parent representatives to fill vacant positions through the standard annual election process, that member can remain on the council for 12 months when the nomination has endorsed by the school community.

Other minor updates were made including the change in wording from School Education Director to Director of Public Schools.

Currently we have the following representatives on the School Council:

Kerrel Haire  Principal
Peter Graham P&C President
Noel Corney  Community Rep
Amanda Perkins Parent rep
Kellie Klepzig Parent rep
Leanne Kemp Staff rep
Nicolette Moss Staff rep

There are two vacant positions to be filled by parent representatives. It is important that Council is balanced in a broad range of views when determining future directions or making decisions. Parent representatives do not have to be financial members of the P&C.

Nominations are now open for two parent representatives to join the School Council. Nomination forms can be collected from the front office from Monday 18th August. Nominations must be proposed and seconded by parents from the Nemingha School community. The nominee must sign the nomination form indicating a willingness to accept the nomination. Nominations are due at the school office by Monday September 1 @ 4 pm. If more than the required number of candidates is nominated, an election will be conducted so that all parents have the opportunity to vote for their representatives. Voting slips will be attached to Newslink. When the number of parent representatives nominated for the council is equal to or less than the membership positions vacant, those nominations must be endorsed by the school community. This will also happen via Newslink.

School Website

The DEC website has been upgraded so that school information can be viewed on ipads, iPhones, and other mobile devices. Go to the website (listed in the Newslink letterhead) and respond to the alerts. You will then have ready access to the calendar etc.

The Skoolbag App has been updated today so that it contains current information.

Have a good weekend

Kerrel
Semi–Finals of the NSW Junior Chess League

What an amazing and well deserved opportunity to travel to Newcastle to compete in the Semi-Finals of the NSW Junior Chess League.

Beau Mitchell, Jacob Wilson, Thomas Burrell, Thomas Haling and Oliver Greentree travelled with the Farrer students leaving at 5:00am on Wednesday 13th August.

Mr David Wilson accompanied the students and has said that all the boys had fun, played well and displayed exemplary behaviour.

Nemingha reached the semi-finals after 18 students participated in the competition last term at Farrer. We came 3rd in that competition and were personally invited by Bevan Clouston, Tournament Officer to participate at the semi-finals.

This day would not have been possible without the wonderful support from parents of the children competing at this next level. Thank you to Mark Mitchell for contacting Phil Seymour at Farrer so we could travel by bus, and David Wilson for volunteering, and of course the students themselves for all their hard work.

It was a long and tiring day for the students and all boys played extremely well. The students competed against 18 primary schools from across NSW and by the end of the 2nd last round, Nemingha was coming second with 15.5 points, 5 behind the winner. The boys tried their best with the last round being a very difficult one.

The Nemingha students can be proud of their efforts. they 4th overall. Congratulations and well done!

Kristine Sharkey

Sport Report

Nemingha Public School had a very successful Zone athletics carnival last Friday 8th August with 12 students from Nemingha being selected in the Tamworth athletics team to compete at regional carnival on Friday the 29th August. The students selected are:

Jock Button - 100m,
Mitchell Henderson - 100m, 200m long jump, shot put and discus
Lara Graham - 100m, relay, long jump and discus
Nellie Palmer - 200m and relay
Zahli Wilson - long jump and relay
Sienna O'Mally - long jump and relay
Thomas Burrell - high jump
Thomas Haling - long jump
Isabella Cameron - relay, Georgia Moore - relay.
Lexi May - relay
Emelyn Haling - relay.

Congratulations to these students and all the best next Friday at the regional carnival.

David Lewis

What’s Cooking in the Canteen

Pizza singles are once again available! Ham & pineapple, give them a try at only $3. Currently some items out of stock, due to availability (chocolate moosies and LOL drinks). We always offer an alternative and fingers crossed, they'll be available again soon!

Volunteers for next week:
Monday 18th August Ally Robinson
Friday 22nd August Nanna Margaret and Kathy Cane.

Marion Woods
Canteen Manager
BOOK FAIR
Monday 25th August 2014  Book Fair Garden

Book Parade and Story time and Sausage Sizzle
This year the theme for Book Week is ‘Book Fair Garden’. We are celebrating the event this year with a book parade and story time on Monday 25th August, 2014.

11.30 – 12.30
Character Parade - Children can wear their costumes to school (favourite book character)
Story time in classrooms

12.30-1.15
Sausage Sizzle under the Canteen COLA  - Book Swap under the Hall  COLA

12.30-4.00
Book Fair open in the Library

Book Fair
If you are unable to make it on this day to purchase books, you are invited to come in after school on Tuesday 26th August and before or after school on Wednesday 27th August 2014. There is the option of paying for purchases by eftpos.

Book Swap
As part of Book Week 2014 we will also be holding a book swap. Book swap will allow students to purchase a book form a selection for a gold coin donation, money collected will be used to purchase new books for the library. Children will hand in their coin on the way in, put their book on the table and pick a new one to keep – it is as simple as that!

I look forward to seeing the children dress in character and I thank you in advance for your support.

Joanne Jones