Term 3, Week 6
22nd August 2014

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ENROLMENTS 2015

After attending a meeting with the principals from our local area yesterday, the protocols for out of zone enrolments have been revisited and ratified. We are now able to move ahead with our enrolment procedures for 2015. The enrolment committee will meet next week to review the out of zone applications for NPS K-6. Every week we receive requests for out of zone placements so it is very important that the committee has a clear idea of the numbers of in zone children wishing to attend NPS in 2015. If you are leaving the area or considering moving your children, could you please send a note into the school by Wednesday 27th of August so that a list of vacant spots can be filled by students who are currently on the waiting list.

Out of zone applications can be made through the front office. Each out of zone application must go before the Enrolment Committee. There must be a ‘buffer’ zone across the school for unexpected ‘in zone’ enrolments. Once that buffer has been established by the committee, applicants who meet the criteria according to our non local placement policy can be enrolled. Successful applicants will be notified after the committee meets.

Local enrolments for Kindergarten need to be finalised as soon as possible so please contact the school if you have a child starting school next year and haven’t done so already.

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who were successful in gaining a positive outcome through the selective school’s process. All our high schools provide a quality education and I am sure our Year 6 students will find their chosen schools to be fabulous. Transition programs have begun and I refer to the notices at the back of this newslink for Peel and Tamworth High parent information sessions.

A huge thank you to Mrs Jones for the extra work she does in her own time to ensure the students have a marvellous Book Week. The organisation is very time consuming and we really appreciate Jo’s efforts. The Library looks beautiful and is blooming with colour. Well done Year 6—you’re flowers are sensational.

Reminder: School Council nominations due September 1st @ 4.00pm

Have a lovely weekend

Kerrel 😊

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos are set down for Tuesday 26th August. Flyer/Envelopes have been sent home and will need to be returned on or before Photo Day (26th August). The flyers in the envelopes explain how to purchase your school photographs.

Please ensure that each child returns his/her own envelope even if payment is made in the eldest child’s envelope. Envelopes are not to be placed inside other envelopes.

Sibling Photos are also available for students at the school, please collect a “family order envelope” from the school and return it to the office.

All students are expected to wear full school winter uniform with ties and black shoes and black laces. Please ensure that long sleeved shirts have buttons as photos will be taken without jumpers or jackets. Students involved in school sporting teams are to bring in their sports uniform for team photos.

LOST: A jumper was lost on the Dogs bus last week (Tuesday 12th Aug). It belongs to Nicholas Condrick and was a special order maroon jumper with a V neck and zip. It is labelled with his name. If anyone who catches the Dogs bus knows of its whereabouts, could you please contact the school office.
Year 5 students have been working hard this term during their English unit “Rights for all Australians”. This unit ties in nicely with the visit to Canberra and Parliament House with students examining the rights that Australians have and how we came to have these rights such as freedom of speech and the right to write petitions. Students have been writing petitions about issues at school and in our local community area. They have also created ballads and presented these to “Time of my life” in class.

During Maths, Miss Manuel (UNE Intern) has had the students busily learning about order of operations and multiple digit multiplication. Mrs Stimson has been leading our unit on Measurement and Space and Geometry. The students are enjoying these challenges.

We had a visit from the Federal Member of New England last Friday, The Hon. Barnaby Joyce MP who spoke to the students about parliament and his role in representing our area. The students were very inquisitive and asked questions which were relevant and thought provoking. Mr Joyce gave our students some insight as to how the government can come together on international issues.

This week Year 5 students conducted some hands-on pH testing of various food items. Using red cabbage water, students were able to see immediate colour changes in the foods and were then able to determine the pH level using the scale. These skills will now be used to test the pH levels of the soil in our garden beds which will help us to determine what should be grown.

The garden is looking very well nourished after the recent rain. We have planted some new seedlings to replenish the ones which have been used during cooking lessons. If anyone has any donations for the garden they would be greatly appreciated.

We are also close to finishing our book study of “Hatchett” and have been using the “Super 6” comprehension strategies to give the story a more personal meaning for us and to be able to place it in a world wide context.

The highlight of the term has definitely been the Canberra and Ski trip and we have many displays up around the room. Parents are most welcome to come in and have a look when collecting or dropping off your child.

David Lewis

PH testing
What’s Cooking in the Canteen
The canteen will definitely be open on Monday 25th August. Even though most students will be ordering from the Sausage Sizzle, we can still fill orders for lunch if they are handed in at the usual time. Recess will operate as usual.

Monday will also be a RED DAY, so we will be selling some other items:
- Milkshake cups 60c, Jelly cups 60c, Mint Patties, Golden Roughs and Killer Pythons $1.30.

Tea and coffee for mums, dads and visitors will be available.

Donated treats would be appreciated, cupcakes, slices, chocolate freckles etc. Why not create a storm with your children on the weekend and prepare something that reminds you of your favourite reading time memories. Or food that a book character likes to eat. Be creative and see you on Monday.

Volunteers for next week are:
- Monday 25th August
  Deanne Leslie and Ally Robinson
- Friday 29th August
  Ainslie Hobson and Maryanne Murdoch.

Marion Woods
Canteen Manager

AWARDS
Congratulations to the “You Can Do It” award winners at our assembly on Friday 15th August.

K-B Bonnie Wall, Thomas Petrie
K-R Kalan Perkins, Breana Jeffrey
Y1 Montana Spurway, Joseph Hawes
Y2 Ruby Olrich, Riley Gentle
Y3 Zach Williams, Monique Corbett
Y4 Beau Turner, Oliver Brennan
Y5 Sienna O’Mally, Alana Faulkner
Y6 Declan Mitchell, Lexi May

Campbell Spanswick, Brock Sharp and Blake Parker were also presented with their 1st Service Award Certificates. Congratulations.

NSW Premier’s Spelling Bee
A Spelling Bee for Years 3-6 will be held next Thursday August 28th in the school hall from 1.20-3.15. A note went home on Tuesday 19th if you didn’t receive one please contact the office.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden
Thank you to Mr Stuart Dines from Kootingal, for donating a dishwasher and the Gallagher family for donating a fridge and Mrs Olly McCormack for a Cookery book and pie dish for our kitchen. We really appreciate your support of our fantastic program.

Joanne Jones

P&C Fundraising News
There are several fundraising opportunities approaching over the next few months:

Dungowan Campdraft
We are putting out an early request for volunteers to assist in the Dungowan Campdraft canteen from 9am – 1pm on Sunday 28th September. Last year we received $600 from Dungowan Progress Association for simply turning up and serving/cooking for 4 hours! If you can help, please contact Karlie Tongue on 0407926132.

Bunnings BBQ
The remaining days that we have for the Bunnings BBQ for the year are:
- Friday 19th September
- Friday 21st November
Please mark these dates on your calendar, and if you are available at all between 8:30am – 3:30pm on these days, contact Sally Cronberger on 0410609583.

Father’s Day Stall
We are holding the Father’s Day Stall on Thursday 4th September at the school. Notes will be going home on Monday regarding pre-ordering your gifts. Each gift will cost $5.

Clothing Pool
The Clothing Pool has plenty of stock, if you are unable to get to opening times, you can leave an order with your payment at the office. Price lists are available at the office.

Opening times are Mondays 9.00-10.00am and Assembly Fridays 1.40-2.40 pm.

Karen Darling
**Enviro Mentors**

During Wednesday and Thursday Louise from the “Keep New South Wales Beautiful” council visited the school. All classes attended a one hour workshop and learnt about recycling and waste related issues in the local area. The following website and Pinterest page will provide you and your family further information on this worthwhile program. Louise, the program coordinator was so impressed by our environment knowledge and our productive kitchen gardens and the ‘chooks’, that she was going to make sure the council knew all about our program here at NPS.

[www.pinterest.co/enviromentors](http://www.pinterest.co/enviromentors)


A comment was made by Louise from Enviro matters what a wonderful school Nemingha Public is. The children were engaged, well behaved and cooperative which was fantastic to see. She also made the comment on how well Nemingha Public school is doing with sustainable education and opportunities within our school. She is writing to the Tamworth regional council to pass on her fantastic experience at Nemingha Public School.

*Leanne Kemp and Lauren Bowman*

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**PEEL HIGH SCHOOL**

**YEAR 7 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING**

Parents and Guardians of students currently in Year 5 and Year 6 (2014) who are interested in our Year 7 Selective Class for 2015/16 are invited to attend an information evening.

6pm Thursday, September 4th 2014

For further information please contact Tamara Hatton or Kristen Miller on 67657 088 or email Kristen on kristen.miller1@det.nsw.edu.au

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**TAMWORTH HIGH SCHOOL**

**TRANSITION DAYS – 2015 YEAR 7**

Year 6 students are warmly invited to Transition days at Tamworth High School. The dates and times are:

- 27th August 2014 2.00pm – 3.00pm
- 28th August 2014 2.00pm – 3.00pm
- 29th August 2014 2.00pm – 3.00pm

For further information regarding transition days, **Year 6 students**, please see attached sheet.

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