Calendar - 2015

October

Tuesday 13 October Kinder Orientation 9.20am-12.30pm

Wednesday 14 October School Council and P&C meetings School Council at 6pm, P&C at 7pm

Friday 16 October Canteen and Clothing Pool meeting 2pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Friday 16 October Bunnings BBQ P&C fundraiser - helpers needed

Sunday 18 October Working Bee 8am-noon Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

Wednesday 21 October Kinder Orientation 9.20am-12.30pm

Friday 23 October Stage 1 History Excursion Students should bring morning tea, lunch and a hat, and wear their sports uniform

Friday 30 October Kinder Orientation 9.20am-3.20pm

Assembly 2.30pm - Kindergarten item

Clothing Pool Open from 1.30-2.30pm

Saturday 31 October Film night: The Dressmaker P&C fundraiser

November

6 and 7 November CAPERS 2015

Friday 13 November Charity Day

Friday 27 November Gingerbread House Night P&C fundraiser

December

Thursday 3 December High school orientation days

Friday 4 December Presentation Day 9.45am in the School Hall

Guests and all our volunteers are invited to morning tea following the ceremony.

Tuesday 8 December End-of-year Scripture Service 11.30am in the hall - all welcome

Year 6 Farewell

10 and 11 December Years 5 and 6 excursion to Coffs Harbour

Wednesday 16 Dec Mufti Day Last day of Term 4

Clothing Pool - open each Monday, 9-10am

Debaters go down fighting

Nemingha Gold debating team spoke confidently and with conviction in their debate against Ross Hill Public School earlier today.

This debate was the regional final of the Premier’s Debating Challenge.

The topic was “We should change the Australian flag”, with our team arguing for the negative.

The team, comprising Indianna Diss, Finella Palmer, Isabella Cameron and Brianna Elliott, made a very good case and impressed the judges, who took 20 minutes to decide this close contest.

We congratulate our team as this is the furthest in this competition that our school has ever progressed.

We wish Indianna and Finella the best of luck in their trial for inclusion in the North-West Debating Team.
Welcome back

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope everyone had a safe and restful holiday.

It was wonderful to see all the smiling faces, both staff and students here on Tuesday.

We welcome back Mrs Moss to Nemingha, after her holiday, as well as the Kook, Mayer, Ball, Spalding and O’Neill families to our school.

Culinary masterpiece from Stage 3

The staff all left very satisfied and extremely contented after our extravagant meal on the last day of term.

Stage 3 and Mrs Lauren Bowman created a culinary masterpiece for all, starting with morning tea and then creating a two-course meal for our lunch. The children enjoyed the left-overs and even had fun washing up at the conclusion of the day.

The profits of the day enabled Lauren to purchase a pasta maker for the kitchen. We look forward to tasting the next instalment from the children under the expert tutelage of Lauren.

Kinder orientation

Kinder orientation begins next Tuesday at 9.30am.

Mrs Holcombe and Mrs Stimson will greet the preschool students and teach them in the current Kindergarten classroom while the parents and friends receive necessary information from staff, parents and community members relating to the 2016 school year at Nemingha Public School in the hall.

Mrs Yvonne Webb will teach the current Kindergarten class in the library during the orientation.

Our School, Our Story

The unveiling of a PowerPoint presentation called “Nemingha Public School - Our School, Our Story” will take place during the orientation session.

The purpose of this PowerPoint is to provide an overview of our wonderful school for all people to view and learn a little about the happenings here. Please feel free to view the PowerPoint on the Nemingha website.

We are hopeful that this tool will ensure all new enrolments are prepared for a day at Nemingha by having prior knowledge about some of the activities that occur here in a typical day. It also provides an introduction to some of the faces children and parents may meet when arriving at Nemingha.

Thank you to Mrs Diss for creating the story and Evelyn Murdoch and Luke Gentle for providing the voice over.

Debaters excel in a close contest

Our debating team put up a very good fight in the regional final of the Premier’s Debating Challenge against Ross Hill Public School at school today.

The judges had trouble splitting the two teams but eventually awarded the trophy to Ross Hill.

Thank you to Mrs Bowman for organising and assisting the team throughout their journey.

Working bee next Sunday

If anyone is looking for something to do next Sunday (18 October), the “Rake and Bake” Committee is conducting a working bee. The group are going to plant some seedlings in the veggie patch for use during Kitchen/Garden lessons as well as install a watering system. Please remember the old saying - “Many hands make light work”.

Thanks to Mr Baldwin

I am sure you all join with me in thanking our general assistant for the past term, Mr Robert Baldwin.

Bob has done a wonderful job during his time at the school and will be sorely missed by all.

Bob is a quiet achiever who completed many of the tasks around the grounds in record time. I have received a lot of positive comments about the way the school is looking and that is thanks to Bob’s hard work and dedication over the two days per week he was with us.

Next Tuesday we welcome back Mr Merv McCahon from his leave.

Have a lovely weekend,

Leanne Kemp, Relieving Principal
**Clothing Pool**

**Welcome back for Term 4!**

Kinder orientation starts next week.

Thank you for all the lovely donations of pre-loved clothing, which will be perfect for the new Kindies and will make money for your school.

Karen Darling,
Clothing Pool Coordinator

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**School Banking**

School banking will re-commence on Monday 12 October.

Remember to hand your deposit book in to the canteen before school. There are some children ready to receive their first reward for making 10 deposits. Well done!

It is not too late to begin school banking. Just visit our Commonwealth branch in Tamworth with your child’s birth certificate, and an account will be opened up, ready for making a deposit the following Monday.

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**P&C Fundraising Committee**

**Film night coming up**

Everyone is invited to attend a film night at Forum 6 in Tamworth on 31 October, commencing at 6.30pm, to see *The Dressmaker*.

Tickets will be $20, and a note will be sent home on Monday with details of how to book.

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**Dungowan Campdraft**

Thank you to Sally, Pauline, Amanda, Trenton, Karlie and Donna for cooking and serving at the Dungowan Campdraft during the holidays.

The three hours went by very quickly. In time, we should receive a generous donation for our efforts from the Dungowan Progress Association.

Karlie Tongue

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**History excursion for Stage 1**

On Friday, 23 October, our Years 1 and 2 students will enjoy a packed day out learning about our city’s history.

First will be a visit to ANZAC Park, where students will have morning tea.

Next they will visit an Aboriginal site at Woonooka, Moore Creek.

Finally they will visit the Tamworth Botanic Gardens where they will tour the gardens and have their lunch.

The tour guide for the day will be Mr Lenni Waters. Mr Waters will do a follow-up school visit in Week 7.

Children going on the excursion should wear their sports uniforms and bring their morning tea, lunch and hat.

Permission notes will be sent home.
SPORTS REPORT

Girls’ cricket team wins in Narrabri

In the last week of term the girls’ cricket team went to Narrabri West and played in the regional final.

Nemingha batted first and scored 181 from our 25 overs. Deni Baker scored 43 not out, Isabella Cameron scored 40 not out, Nellie Palmer (10) and Brianna Elliott (16) also got runs.

Our girls then bowled and fielded very well with Isabella, Chloe Thompson, Indianna Diss and Emelyn Haling taking wickets and the girls effecting four run outs.

The girls are now in the last eight in the state and will play the winner of Port Macquarie and Mullumbimby in the state quarter final.

Winter camp

The girls have completed their winter cricket camp.

Working with Children Check

A new WWCC system was introduced on 15 June 2013 requiring children in child-related work to have a WWCC clearance.

To coincide with National Child Protection Week the Office of the Children’s Guardian has launched new resources to help raise community awareness about child safe environments.

The fact sheet available on the web site provides a step-by-step guide to verify the WWCC status of the people who provide services to their children.

The resources provide essential information regarding the Working with Children Check, with practical tips on keeping kids safe.

Resources can be downloaded by going to the web site at www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au.

Autism Info Day Tamworth

Autism Awareness Australia is holding a free, one-day educational seminar on 24 October, designed for parents, carers, educators and professionals living and working with children on the autism spectrum.

The role of Autism Awareness Australia is to increase awareness of autism in the community by providing targeted educational programs for parents and professionals, and advocating for the needs of individuals on the spectrum and their families.

The panel of industry experts, experienced parents and published authors will cover topics such as

- understanding autism,
- diagnosis and early intervention options,
- practical behaviour management strategies,
- improving your home life,
- funding entitlements and preparing for the NDIS, and
- supporting adolescents on the spectrum.

The seminar will be held from 9.30am-5pm at West Diggers, Kable Avenue, Tamworth.

For more details on Autism Info Day Tamworth, and to register, please visit the Autism Awareness web site: www.autismawareness.com.au.

You can also follow Autism Awareness on social media:

Facebook - www.facebook.com/AutismAwarenessAustralia

Twitter - twitter.com/AutismAwareAus

After-school pickup

If someone other than the usual person is to pick up children from school, please ensure that the office is aware of the change before 3pm.

Keeping your children safe is our priority.