Calendar - 2015

October

Friday 30 October  
Kinder Orientation
9.20am-3.20pm
Assembly
2.15pm - Kindergarten item
Please note earlier start time
Clothing Pool
Open from 1.30-2.15pm

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

November

6 and 7 November  
CAPERS 2015

Friday 13 November  
Charity Day supporting Ronald McDonald House
1-3pm - fun, stalls and activities
Mufti day for students

Wed 18 November
Trivia Night
5.45 for 6pm in the school hall
Fundraiser for the Schools Spectacular participants
Book at the school office

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

Wed 9 December
Creative & Performing Arts Concert
1.30pm in the hall - all welcome
Our talented students will perform

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

Wednesday 16 Dec
Mufti Day
Last day of Term 4

Years 1 and 2 learn about our history

On Tuesday this week Years 1 and 2 enjoyed an interesting and informative history excursion around Tamworth.

The students visited historical sites, focusing on Aboriginal perspectives, guided by Mr Len Waters.

We started off in ANZAC Park looking at the War Memorial gates and the footpath paved with Aboriginal animals.

Then we went to Woonooka, at Moore Creek, for a bushwalk to see the beautiful Aboriginal paintings on the rocks. We participated in a smoking ceremony.

We finished off with lunch at the Botanic Gardens, which included bush tucker and looking at the scar trees.

We would like to thank Len Waters for giving up his day to be our wonderful tour guide.
Final polish on CAPERS performances

CAPERS 2015 is nearly here. Nemingha Students from all grades are currently polishing their dance moves in order to participate in this regional extravaganza.

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who have volunteered their time to create the costumes for our dancers. Thanks also to Mrs Jones, Mrs Bowman, Mr McDonald, Miss Coombes and Mrs Mitchell for teaching the choreography, organising the rehearsals and giving up their Friday and Saturday night to support our students at the TRECC.

I look forward to seeing our students shine on the stage in November.

Well done Year 5

Congratulations to Year 5 on their presentation and behaviour at TAFE last Friday.

Luke Gentle and Oliver Brennan created an entertaining PowerPoint display and were ably assisted by some of their classmates when presenting to adults and students from regional schools.

The children were able to learn about indigenous plants, different fibres, worm farming, fertilizing and the planting of seedlings.

Thank you to Bunnings for their donation of seedlings and pots for the children and to Mrs Bowman for her development of a photographic display at the TAFE.

The children were able to view and learn about Tambar Springs Public School’s Kitchen Garden program, and help their younger peers from Dungowan Public School make a pom pom from wool.

Charity Day coming up

Notes will be going home soon about the annual Charity Day supporting Tamworth Ronald McDonald House, to be held on Friday 13 November.

We would like everyone to come along for a fun afternoon to support this worthwhile cause. The fun will begin at 1pm and conclude at 3pm. Some of the stalls and activities will include Trash and Treasure, Bottle Stall, X-Box Connect, Mini Golf, Face Painting and a plant and produce stall using some of our veggies from the garden. This will be a mufti day for the children.

Bon voyage Mrs Gooch

I would like to wish Mrs Tracy Gooch bon voyage for a safe and enjoyable break. Tracy will be utilising some of her long service leave from 30 October to 6 November.

While away, Mrs Yvonne Webb will be teaching Year 2. Tracy and Yvonne have been busy planning activities so that the teaching and learning program continues in this class and there are minimal interruptions. We look forward to hearing about Mrs Gooch’s adventures on her return.

Get well soon Mrs Diss

I am sure you will join with me in wishing Mrs Diss a speedy recovery. Pip will be having some minor surgery and will be absent from school for the next six weeks recuperating. We are hoping to see her back during the last week of term and thank her for all the great work she has done this year in Reading Recovery and learning support.

Well done cricketers

As was reported in last week’s Newslink the girls’ cricket team is into the quarter finals. The team played this morning against Mullumbimby Public School. Nemingha was victorious, bowling out Mullumbimby for 20 runs, with Deni Baker taking four wickets in a single over. Nemingha’s figures were none for 22 after four overs.

Movie night this Saturday

I look forward to joining with many of you at the P&C movie fundraiser on Saturday night.

Have a lovely weekend,
Leanne Kemp, Relieving Principal
**Food and fibre presentation**

Last term, students across all stages participated in lessons and activities where agriculture was taught. This initiative was part of a pilot program which will be implemented across all NSW schools next year.

Last Friday Year 5 participated in a celebration of their learning for ‘Food and Fibre’.

Students participated in an excursion to the TAFE and to Bunnings, where they participated in hands-on workshops making pom poms, painting and potting plants and learning about bush tucker foods.

Students gave a short PowerPoint presentation on their learning journey throughout the term to students from Tambar Springs, Mrs Stella Lamb and Ms Ruythe Dufty.

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**Good for Kids good for life**

**Active as a Family**

Busy lives and long work schedules can mean that many families spend time apart during the week and exercise on their own.

Here are some ways to connect as a family, revive energy levels and feel fit and healthy:

- A simple walk after dinner
- Join an all ages group like a fun run or cycling group
- Play touch football or cricket in the backyard on weekends
- Go for a hike or bike ride around local walking tracks
- Spend the day at the beach or your local swimming pool.
Swimming is an important life skill that can help save a life! Programs are available for all ages and abilities both during school terms and during the school holidays.

**Learn to Swim classes**

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Please contact us for further enquiries and bookings on 02 6762 2631.

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**Cricket State Championships**

Good luck to Mitchell Henderson, who is this week at the State Championships representing North West in boys’ cricket.

On the first day North West won by 100 runs against Western region.

They got bowled out for 78 against Combined Independent Schools on the second day. Mitch got 13 runs which was the second highest score.

The next team they meet will be North Coast.

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**TRIVIA NIGHT 18 NOVEMBER**

(Wednesday Week 7)

This trivia night, to be held in the school hall, is a fundraiser for the Schools Spectacular participants.

Please arrive at 5.45pm for a 6pm start, concluding at 8pm.

Nibbles and soft drink/coffee will be provided and there will be lucky door prize, raffles and games.

A small crèche will be available for younger children only if babysitting is not possible.

$10 per person (adults and children in Years 4-6), tables of 10.

Contact the school office for bookings.

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**The following information has been provided at the request of NSW Health:**

**Whooping cough information for schools**

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken five days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.