Calendar - 2015/16

December

10 and 11 December Years 5 and 6 excursion to Coffs Harbour
Wed 16 December Nemingha’s Got Talent
11.30am in the hall - all welcome
Mufti Day
Last day of Term 4

January 2016

Wednesday 27 January Staff Development Day
Thursday 28 January Start of Term 1, 2016
Students return to school

February

Monday 1 February Start of Term 1 for Kindergarten
Friday 12 February Swimming Carnival
9.30-2.30 at Kootingal pool
Monday 29 February NRMA Kindergarten Bus Safety Program

March

Friday 25 March Good Friday
Monday 28 March Easter Monday

April

Friday 8 April Last day of Term 1
Tuesday 26 April Staff Development Day
Wed 27 April Start of Term 2, 2016
Friday 29 April Lorin Nicholson performance
9.30am in the hall

December

Friday 9 December Presentation Day
9.45am in the hall - everyone welcome

Celebrations of our talented students

Presentation Day was a wonderful celebration of the past year at Nemingha Public School.

It was pleasing to see so many parents, grandparents and friends attend this prestigious event. I would like to take this opportunity to commend the students on their exemplary behaviour during the ceremony and congratulate our choirs, staff and award recipients.

During the “Thank you “morning tea many people commented to me on formality of the occasion, which was supported by the student leaders’ polished delivery of the program and the speech delivered by past student Tom Learoyd-Lars.

Entertaining scripture service

Tuesday’s scripture service was well received by all participants.

The puppetry and music was excellent and had all the audience, both young and old, enthralled. Thank you to our wonderful scripture teachers who deliver this program on a weekly basis to our students. We look forward to working with you all once again in 2016.

Year 6 Farewell

Tuesday night was the Year 6 Farewell, held at Wests Leagues Club. The room was decorated beautifully by a band of very crafty Year 5 parents.

The students all looked very grown up and ready to make the move onto secondary schooling.

Thank you to Mrs Bowman and Mr Lewis for their organisation of this wonderful event.

Concert a delightful display of talent

Wednesday’s creative and performing arts concert was again a delightful display of the talent within our school.

Nemingha Public School P&C Association would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and enjoyable school holidays.

Thank you for the support that you have given the P&C in 2015 and we look forward to providing many more fantastic opportunities and resources for Nemingha children in 2016.
The children performed with confidence and thoroughly enjoyed demonstrating their skills for the appreciative audience.

Music tuition will again be a feature of the 2016 school year. If you have any questions about lessons or the hire of instruments please contact Mrs Moss in the office for details.

Thank you to our P&C
The final P&C meeting for 2015 took place on Wednesday night. Thank you every P&C member for their support of the school throughout the year and particularly for their efforts in fundraising for our marvellous school.

The P&C donated money for the purchase of reading resources which I am happy to report have been ordered and will be ready for use in 2016.

Stage 3 students on excursion
The Stage 3 excursion left the school bright and early this morning. The students and teachers are looking forward to a fun-filled couple of days at Coffs Harbour.

Have a happy and safe holiday
As this is the last Newslink for 2015, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas, a safe and enjoyable holiday and all the very best for 2016.

Leanne Kemp,
Relieving Principal

Nemingha P&C Fundraiser

Christmas Lights Spectacular
Saturday 12th December
Gill St, Kootingal

Gold coin entry
Drinks and treats for sale
Santa will be there and for a gold coin, you can have your photo taken with him (using your own camera)
**Clothing Pool**

The LAST clothing pool opening for the year is on Monday, 14 December.

The clothing pool will re-open in the new year on:
- Wednesday 17 January (Staff Development Day), 10am-noon.
- Thursday 28 January (Start of Term 1) 9-10am.
- Monday 1 February (start of Kindy) 9-10am.

Please check the lost property rack as any unclaimed, unnamed uniforms will be re-sold at clothing pool. Other non-uniform items will be donated to charity.

I would like to thank you all for making my years coordinating the clothing pool such a wonderful experience.

Meeting the parents, grandparents and carers has been most rewarding but the highlight has been the respect and friendship of the students. Their smiling faces, lovely manners and seeing them wear their uniforms with pride is the biggest reward.

Thank you for all your support. I wish Lesley Purdy all the best in taking over the roll of Clothing Pool Coordinator.

Karen Darling
Clothing Pool Coordinator

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**What’s cooking in the Canteen**

With only two days left in the canteen, the following items are still available.

**Beef pies and snack pies, sausage rolls, pizzas, chicken salads wraps, chicken ’n’ gravy rolls. Drinks, icy poles, juice cups and moosies also available.**

However there are NO chicken burgers or triple C burgers or nuggets!!

Thank you to Maryann Murdoch for her assistance this year as canteen convenor, and especially the extra co-ordinating she did during my absence. To the volunteers for all their hard work and willingness to help in the canteen, its been really appreciated. I hope you all enjoy your holidays with your families and I look forward to seeing you again in 2016.

Thank you,

Marion Woods, Canteen Manager
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**Year 6 Farewell**

On Tuesday night Year 5 hosted a wonderful evening to farewell our Year 6 students. Their friends, families and school staff thoroughly enjoyed the celebration at West Tamworth Leagues Club.

It was wonderful to see all the students dressed up and enjoying this special time.

Thank you to all the parents who helped organise the evening, and thank you to Mrs Bowman and Mr Lewis.

On behalf of the staff we wish all Year 6 well for their future. Just remember always believe in yourself, never give up and strive to achieve your dreams.
A lunch suitable for hungry swimmers is included in the cost of the camp. Please do not send your swimmer in with snack foods because the children will eat these instead of the delicious healthy food provided.

What is it?
Each camp consists of 2 swimming sessions a day working on technique and a dry land training session to improve flexibility and strength.

Who can participate?
- Be safe in the water i.e. be able to jump in the deep end of the pool, touch the bottom and swim 25m Freestyle comfortably
- Be at least 7yrs old

Swim Camps 2016

A lunch suitable for hungry swimmers is included in the cost of the camp. Please do not send your swimmer in with snack foods because the children will eat these instead of the delicious healthy food provided.

When?
Monday to Friday 10:00am-2:00pm
1. Camp #1: January 4th – January 7th
2. Camp #2: January 11th – January 14th

How much does it cost?
- $150.00 per camp per person

For further information please contact
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MUSIC LESSONS FOR 2016

Please let the office know if your child is interested in music lessons in 2016.

We will be offering tuition in:
- Drums
- Piano (with or without AMEB)
- Guitar
- Flute
- Violin cello and double bass
- Ukelele
- Trumpet/Trombone

It would be very helpful for our planning to have an idea of the level of interest.

Advice for parents on student holiday reading

There are many excellent children’s books that students can enjoy over the school holidays.

The Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Book of the Year Awards 2015 (cbca.org.au/awards.htm) is a good starting point for recommendations, or try their previous award winners.

When parents are selecting a book, the most important advice is to choose one that will generate enthusiasm for and an interest in reading, leaving the student with a feeling of achievement and motivated to read another book.

When parents are selecting books:
- ensure the book is one that the student will enjoy, with not too many words that they don’t understand,
- identify a suitable genre, theme or topic that is interesting to the reader,
- suggest books where there are other books by that author (especially a series) so that children look forward to the next one,
- speak to the child’s teacher. They will be able to make some suggestions about what would be suitable for your child.

Supporting your Child in Learning to Read on the Board of Studies web site provides information and suggestions for parents when they are reading with their children at home.