Welcome from the Principal

Welcome to new students

Welcome to our new Kindergarten students and the new students K-6 who are listed below. Walking around the playground and classrooms, it is obvious they have settled in beautifully, have new friends and feel safe. Nemingha PS is a happy, friendly school and I am proud to lead such a professional, caring and committed staff and such delightful children.

New students Years one to six are: Kooper Duval, Charlotte and Cody Barnett, Chloe and Paige Breen, Teagan and Rhys Murray, Ashten and Koby Nelson, Edward, Jess and Lucy Plowman, Jebediah Newman and Brock Casey.

Changes for 2015

2015 brings with it some changes and I thank parents for supporting the school in its vision to make the most of every learning opportunity. The timetable is structured so that most teacher release, Library and the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program are scheduled in the afternoon sessions. Scripture and sport have been moved to Fridays. We will be holding short assemblies each fortnight on a Monday morning where You Can Do It awards and bronze, silver awards will be given out to students. Assemblies (2.15-3.15) will take place approximately once a month (we will set and publish the exact dates at the beginning of each term) during which Service Awards and Gold awards will be given out to students. Classes will perform an item and share the work they have been doing in class on a rotational basis. This will allow for sufficient time and quality assemblies.

Newslink will be distributed each Thursday. Any items for the newsletter will need to be emailed or given to the front office by Wednesday afternoon. Ms Barbara Levick will be producing Newslink throughout 2015 each Thursday morning. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept late items for publication.

Staff for this year

Our staff members for 2015 include:

Executive

Principal Kerrel Haire*
Assistant Principal  Leanne Kemp*
Leanne is teaching 1J for part of Thursday and all day Friday. Leanne will be working as an instructional leader with teachers across K-6 each Monday and Wednesday and work in her executive capacity each Tuesday.

Assistant Principal  David Lewis*
David will be teaching Year 6 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Pip Diss will teach Year 6 each Tuesday while David works in his executive capacity.

Classroom teachers
Kindergarten
Mrs Emily Holcombe* (M, T) and Mrs Stimson (W, Th, F).
One K  Miss Kirsty Coombes (Term 1) and Mrs Kylie Lacey* (Terms 2-4)
One J  Mrs Joanne Jones* (M, T, W, TH) and Mrs Leanne Kemp (Th , F)
Year 2  Mrs Tracy Gooch*
Year 3  Mrs Elise Robinson*
Year 4  Mrs Kristine Sharkey*
Year 5  Mrs Lauren Bowman*
Year 6  Mr David Lewis (M, W, Th, F) and Mrs Diss (T)

Learning and Support Team
Mrs Kerrie Ardill* each Thursday and Mrs Pip Diss each Wednesday and Friday

*Denotes permanent members of staff. Other staff are either casual or temporary appointments for 2015.

Supervision before school
I take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that there is no supervision for students before 8.50 each morning at NPS. Staff are employed from 8.50 and cannot be asked to provide supervision. Teachers arrive at school early by choice for meetings and/or class preparation. Whilst I understand working parents find our later start quite difficult, we cannot provide before school care at this point in time. Sherpa care is provided at Kootingal Public School and this may be available for our students. Catching the bus to NPS from KPS after care is provided, may be a possibility.

Go to the following page for details:
The same arrangement may be able to be made at other before-school facilities.

Whatever arrangements parents make, parents remain legally responsible for the child prior to 8.50 am when supervision begins. I would therefore ask that children are not left unsupervised at the school before 8.50 am.

Parent information nights
Parent information nights have been scheduled for parents to gain information about what will be happening in 2015. These are wonderful opportunities for staff and parents to develop productive partnerships to ensure the best possible outcomes for your child. If you are unable to attend, please make an appointment through the front office to speak with your child’s teacher.

School Planning 2015-2018 sessions for parents
Two workshops are on the calendar with an invitation sent home to each family on Tuesday. Please come along to...
either session if you are available. This is the time to have input into the future of our parent and school partnership.

I look forward to working with you in 2015. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or concerns.

Have a lovely weekend
Kerrel

What’s cooking in the Canteen

Welcome back!
There have been a few price changes this year, so please take a few moments to become familiar with the new prices. If you have not received a new menu please collect one from the office or check the school web site or skoolbag app.

Some noteworthy updates:
Beef pies are now in two sizes, a snack pie $2.50 and a lunch pie $3.50.
Freshly made pikelets 4 pk 80c.
Tomato, BBQ or Sweet Chilli sauce, now 10c.
All chips $1.30.

Please write clearly on recess or lunch bags your full name, class year and teacher. This ensures delivery to correct classrooms. Separate orders need to be written out if you are requiring both recess and lunch items. If you run out of bags, they can be purchased from the canteen for 20cents. However, can you please still write the order on paper, then we can simply stick it onto a bag at school ... this saves a lot of time for ladies in the canteen.

Volunteers for upcoming weeks are
Mon 9/2  Tracey Mayman
Mon 16/2  Mandy Hartin
Fri 20/2  Nanna Margaret & Olly McCormick

If you wish to be added to our volunteer roster please let me know, no previous experience required.

Thank you,
Marion Woods, Canteen Manager (0414 766 131)

Thanks for generous donations
A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Betts and Kalan and Aidan Perkins for their generous donation of Lego, farm animals and mat, interactive planetarium activity board, interactive map of the world, tables and chairs.

Mr and Mrs Betts were the winners of the annual Northern Daily Leader Christmas lights competition and have generously donated their prize to Nemingha Public School. As a result, a lego club will commence in the Library each week commencing in Week 3. The students, staff and parents really appreciate your ongoing support for our wonderful school. The continued generosity of our families at NPS is remarkable.

ART AFTER SCHOOL WORKSHOPS
Tamworth Regional Gallery is offering workshops with Leisel McIlrick on five Thursdays (4.15-5.45pm) commencing 29 February.

Contact the gallery on 6767 5248 for more details

Fundraising
Welcome to the 2015 school year.

We are looking forward to seeing some new faces on the fundraising committee this year.

Already we have had a successful barbecue at Country Auctions on Sunday, 25 January, raising $2,164.80 - a fantastic effort by everyone concerned.

A big “thank you” to Country Auctions for giving us the opportunity to cater at their auction, also to Noel Corney for the loan of his trailer and barbecue, and also the ice and drinks he generously donated.

Wayne Klepzig worked hard getting all the drinks in the eskys and ice on the day before.

To all the parents who donated cakes and slices and worked hard on a very hot day, your help was very much appreciated.

The Fundraising Committee will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, 11 February, at 6pm. We would really like to see as many as possible with your ideas for fundraising for the coming year.
Sport Report

Swimming carnival

Nemingha PS swimming carnival will be held next Friday, 13 February, at Kootingal pool. Students can either come to school as normal and catch a bus to the pool or be dropped off at Kootingal pool by their parents. Supervision at the pool will start at 8.30am. For students wishing to compete in the 100m freestyle or 200IM please note that these events will start at 9.00am and students are asked to be at the pool at 8.45 for marshalling.

There will be mass participation races so that all students can have a swim throughout the day and they will gain points for their house just by completing a lap of the pool. Students are encouraged to get dressed up in house colours to support their house (no hairspray or crepe paper). There are prizes for the best dressed on the day.

Students will be able to compete in a 25m or a 50m division during the day BUT NOT BOTH. There will be 25m and 50m Champions awarded on the day.

If any parents are willing and able to help set up for the day I will be at the pool from 8.00am setting up. Any help setting up or throughout the day would be greatly appreciated.

School sporting trials

Listed below are dates for trials for school sports teams this year. All sports will have a minimum of two trial days and any students who are absent on those days will be considered for selection only if they notify the teacher in advance. These teams will be selected on merit and not on age or year level. We enter knockout competitions to win and therefore will choose the best team. There will be Gala days throughout the year that encourage participation.

Dates:
- Girls Cricket: 5-6 February
- Boys Cricket: 9-10 February
- Girls Netball: 11-12 February
- Boys Basketball: 16-17 February
- Girls Basketball: 18-19 February
- Boys Touch: 23-24 February
- Girls Touch: 25-26 February
- Boys Soccer: 27 February-2 March
- Girls Soccer: 3-4 March

If there are any problems with these dates or your son or daughter cannot attend, please contact me at school or via email at david.c.lewis@det.nsw.edu.au.

David Lewis, Assistant Principal

NORTHWEST TENNIS ACADEMY

A free Gala Day will be held at Tamworth Tennis Club from 9am to 2pm on Saturday 7 February.

Fun activities and information on coaching programs.

House Captains and Vice Captains

Congratulations to the following students, who were elected as House Captains and Vice Captains for their houses in 2015:

**Wombats**
- Captains: Sienna O’Mally, Tyhla Condrick
- Vice Captains: Indianna Diss, Jack Dawson

**Magpies**
- Captains: Brianna Elliott, Deacon Tait
- Vice Captains: Morgan Painter, Tobin Lesley

**Emus**
- Captains: Alana Faulkner, Braith Petty
- Vice Captains: Grace Darling, Adam Batho

**Kangaroos**
- Captains: Zahli Wilson, Brock Sharp
- Vice Captains: Jasmine Olrich, Thomas Manning