Successful school planning workshop

Last Friday a very successful planning workshop was run in the library. Thank you to those parents and grandparents who were able to attend and share their ideas about the future directions on which our school should be focussing. We are striving to develop a partnership with parents and carers which supports students in all of their academic, social, sporting and cultural pursuits.

Please note another workshop will be run on Wednesday 18 February in the library at 6.30pm for those who could not attend the daytime session. If you are unable to attend this session and would like further information or input please feel free to contact the office to arrange a time to meet with Kerrel and other members of the executive.

K-2 Parent Information Night

Now that our Kindergarten children have settled into their school routines so effortlessly the Infants staff would like to welcome all parents and carers to an information session on Monday 16 February at 5.30pm.

This session will begin in the library with all teachers discussing various aspects of the school and then parents will be invited back to your child’s class to gain information that is relevant to the organisation of that class. If you are unable to attend you can contact the office to arrange an appointment with the class teacher or alternatively email me on leanne.kemp@det.nsw.edu.au for further information.

This is a lovely time to get to know your child’s teacher and the classroom routines. I know many teachers will ask for classroom helpers and be talking about some of the wonderful opportunities Nemingha Public School can offer your child.

Welcome barbecue and disco

The staff would like to offer an invitation to all who are available to attend a welcome barbeque and disco on Thursday 26 February at 5:30-7:30. This is another lovely opportunity for parents and staff to develop productive partnerships to ensure the children at Nemingha Public School continue to achieve the best possible outcomes. Further details will be listed in next week’s Newslink.

Calendar - 2015

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Clothing Pool

The clothing pool will be open regularly on Mondays from 9am-10am. Additional clothing pool times on assembly days are listed.
**Kindergarten Come and Try Day**

If you know anyone who has a Kindergarten aged child that will be starting school in 2016, please let them know that the school will be holding a ‘Come and Try Day’ on Tuesday 10 March at 11.30am. The children will have an opportunity to see what a lesson at “Big School” is like while parents have a guided tour of the school and discuss starting school at Nemingha with the executive staff.

Have a great weekend  
Leanne

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**Clothing Pool**

Welcome back!

Prices and times remain the same.

Price lists are available at the office or on the school website.

For those who cannot make these times, leave your order at the office with payment and it will be sent home with your child on the next day of opening.

There will be a combined canteen and clothing pool meeting on 6 March.

**Clothing pool times:**

- Mondays 9-10am
- Assembly Fridays 1.15-2.15pm

*Make money for your school - donate your pre-loved uniforms.*

Thanks  
Karen Dorling  
Clothing Pool Coordinator

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**THE ZOOKEEPER**

This scripture presentation is a gospel story told through vibrant music, drama, dance and puppets.

The performance begins in a wide, open valley where the animals are known and loved and fed by the zookeeper. They are reminded that the one place they can’t play is on the other side of the sparkling river, in the dark forest. Do you think they want to? What will happen if they do? Will the zookeeper still love them? Will he have a plan to bring them home?

The Zookeeper will be performed in the school hall on Tuesday, 3 March, between 1.30 and 2.15pm. Families are welcome.

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**What’s cooking in the Canteen**

Volunteers for the next two weeks are:

- Monday 16/2  Mandy Hartin
- Friday 20/2  Nanna Margaret & Olly McCormick
- Mon 23/2  Ally Robinson
- Friday 27/2  Maryann Murdoch & Julie Bazal

Please include on lunch order bags your child’s class and teacher’s name, this is to ensure lunches are delivered to correct classroom.

Reminders:

- Canteen & Clothing Pool combined term meeting on Friday 6 March at 1.30 in staff room.
- Tomato, BBQ & Chilli Sauce now 10 cents.
- Hash browns are sold at recess for $1. To avoid disappointment, these can be ordered!

Also available for sale for lunches but like all lunch items, they need to be ordered.

All lunch orders to be handed in at canteen before classes start for the day!

Thank you,  
Marion Woods  
Canteen Manager  
0414 766 131

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**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Just a reminder of the house colours for tomorrow’s swimming carnival:

- Magpies  Yellow
- Kangaroos  Red
- Wombats  Green
- Emus  Blue
Kitchen Garden program extended

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program has been extended this year, with Years 3-6 now able to enjoy kitchen and garden classes each fortnight with Mrs Jones and Mrs Bowman.

Notes have gone home to parents of students in Years 3-6 outlining requirements for these classes.

Thank you to those parents and students who have brought seeds and seedlings to plant in our garden.

Thanks to:
✓ Ollie McCormack, who has donated some kitchen utensils and jars,
✓ Donna Murphy, who has donated saucepans,
✓ Deb Lambert, who donated three new chickens to our coop,
✓ Mrs Smith and Mrs Condrick for donating seeds,
✓ Sharon Haling for donating utensils and an ice cream maker, and
✓ Peita Corbett for donating aprons.

If you are interested in donating items, cling wrap, aluminium foil, baking paper and Glad snap bags would be greatly appreciated.

If you have a keen interest or expertise in cooking or gardening, we would love you to volunteer in one of our classes.

We will have a volunteers’ meeting on Monday, 23 February, at 3.30pm in Mrs Bowman’s Year 5 classroom.

If you would like some more information or are unable to attend the meeting, you can contact Mrs Joanne Jones (joanne.kelly5@det.nsw.edu.au) or Mrs Lauren Bowman (lauren.nay2@det.nsw.edu.au) by email.

Year 7 – 2016, Selective Schools Exam will be held 12 March 2015

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Come & Try Hockey Days 2015

Hockey is a great sport and here are just some of the reasons why you should give hockey a go this year:

✓ All the family can play – tadpoles and minkey for the youngsters, junior comps from under 9s to high school, men’s and women’s grade competitions and veterans’ competitions.
✓ Caters for all levels of ability from first timers through to international standard.
✓ Hockey is one of the safest team sports to play.
✓ Tamworth boasts access to some of the best hockey facilities in the country.
✓ Play in all weather – no washouts.
✓ Access to some of the state’s best accredited coaches.
✓ Opportunity to meet other students from different schools, build social circles and learn to play in a team environment.
✓ Hockey is great for fitness.
✓ Opportunity to represent, become a Frog, or one day a Hockeyroo or Kookaburra. Tamworth boasts representatives in most NSW state teams from 13s to Masters, current national junior and senior squads, as well as numerous Olympic representatives over the years.

Come & Try days are FREE and you can borrow sticks, shin pads, etc, for the day.

Tamworth Hockey will be holding three Come & Try days on Saturday mornings from 9-10am (7, 14 and 21 March) as well as one on Friday evening from 5.30-7.30pm on 20 March for anyone who can’t make it on Saturdays.

The Friday evening session will include a family sausage sizzle and a kids vs parents game for a bit of friendly competition. Sessions will be held on the artificial surfaces near AELEC and will include coaching sessions and mini games for all involved. All of the local clubs will be on site to take registrations and answer any queries you might have. No need to book in – just come down to any or all of the sessions and have a go.

Please contact our Hockey Development Officer Steve Littlejohns on 0438 627299 for any additional information regarding the Come & Try days or registration for the upcoming competitions.

TAMWORTH FOOTBALL CLUB
REGISTRATION DAYS

Want to play football for the 2015 season?

Tamworth Football Club online registration has started and we are also conducting registration days at the Gipps Street fields for new and existing players of any age group.

If you would like to play football in the coming season our registration dates are as follows:

- Tuesday 10 and Thursday, 12 February 4-6pm
- Thursday 26 February, 4-6pm
- Saturday 28 February, 10am – 12 noon
- Tuesday 10 and Thursday 12 March from 4-6pm

The fees for 2015 will be:

- Players 5-7 yrs $110.00
- Players 8-11 yrs $120.00
- Players 12-18 yrs $130.00

Player gear (shorts and socks) will be available to purchase on registration days.

Hope to see you in 2015.

KOOTINGAL & DISTRICT SOCCER CLUB

Information and sign-up day for new players

12.30pm–4pm Saturday 28 February
At Kootingal Bowling Club BBQ Area
Open to boys and girls of all skill levels from kindergarten up.

Why not introduce your child to Tamworth’s and the world’s most popular team sport?

For further information call -
Craig Johnston, 0447 186613
Noel Corney, 0412 619345

K.D.S.C. is proudly sponsored by Kootingal Bowling Club