New plan and vision

We are on our way with our new school plan and vision statement. Thank you parents and grandparents for taking the time to be part of this valuable planning process and for attending our workshops. They have been informative and have helped reshape the future of Nemingha Public School.

Our new vision statement is:

Nemingha Public School staff, students, parents and carers are partners who share the collective responsibility for student achievement and wellbeing in an exemplary learning environment. Students are empowered in their journey to be successful, respectful, resilient, confident and creative individuals. Our students will be involved, informed citizens of the local and global community.

Welcome to Nemingha

Please come along and join us in welcoming new students and their families with a free barbecue and disco on Thursday (26 February). Everyone is welcome to this relaxed, social evening, but we do need numbers by Monday for catering.

Parent information night

The parent information night for K-2 was held on Monday evening and was well attended. It is a wonderful opportunity for teachers and parents to build their relationship and work as an effective team to ensure the best possible education at Nemingha.

Swimming carnival

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the very successful swimming carnival. A full report from Mr Lewis is on page 4.

School Captains induction

On Monday, 16 February, Nemingha’s School Captains were inducted for 2015. Captains and their parents recited the school pledge, committing to uphold the rules and expectations that Nemingha is known for and to always lead by example. Congratulations, Isabella, Mitchell, Deni and Campbell and all the best for 2015.

Kerrel Haire
Market stall tomorrow

We will have a Nemingarden market stall at tomorrow’s assembly. Items for sale will include herb posies, bunches of rhubarb and silverbeet, eggs and green capsicums. All money raised will go back into the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program.

There will be a volunteers’ meeting on Monday 23 February at 3.30pm in Mrs Bowman’s Year 5 room. All are welcome to attend. If you can’t make it but would still like to be involved, please email Lauren or Jo (lauren.nay2@det.nsw.edu.au, or joanne.kelly5@det.nsw.edu.au).

In the coming weeks we will plan a working bee. This will be held towards the end of term. We are planning to build compost bays and a new garden bed, paint the gate to the garden and chook shed and complete a bit of garden maintenance. In preparation for this event, we would appreciate it if you would kindly donate any of the following items, which you may have lying around your house or farm.

- Reinforcing mesh
- Star pickets
- Bagged animal manure
- Egg cartons
- Neo-rod (approx. 15mm in diameter)
- Poly pipe (approx. 25mm in diameter)
- An old bathtub (for work farming)
- Decking offcuts (longer than 1.5m)
- Terracotta pipes
- Metal bedheads
- Plastic 44 gallon drum (chemical free)
- Tomato stakes
- Quince tree
- Banana passionfruit vine

Thank you to the families who have donated seeds, seedlings, aprons and cooking utensils in the past weeks. They have been greatly received. Support so far in this program has been wonderful.

Lauren and Jo

What’s cooking in the Canteen

Volunteers for the next two weeks are:

Mon 23/2  Ally Robinson
Fri 27/2  Julie Bazal
Mon 2/3  Robyn Clapham & Michelle Lane
Fri 6/3  Karlie Tongue

Thank you to everyone for remembering new prices.

Please refer to our menu for detailed information about our products, eg, sizes, no added sugar and gluten free.

On Friday 27th we are having a “Kindy Only” window for both recess and lunch.

This is to welcome our Kindergarten students to the canteen and to learn the process of purchasing at the canteen. Their buddies may help them of course, but we would like to encourage them to purchase something, even if it’s a 50 cent icy bite at lunch.

Words for the week we love to hear: “please” and “thank you”

Thank you,
Marvel Woods
Canteen Manager
0414 766 131

Fundraising Report

We have had our first fundraising meeting for the year and decided to hold our ball in June, with a Winter Wonderland theme. Stay tuned for more details coming soon.

Other events coming up are the Mother’s Day Stall, Bunnings BBQ stalls (29 May and 5 June), and catering for the Dog Trials at Goonoo Goonoo Station.

These fundraisers benefit our students at NPS, so if you’re able to help out with any of these events, we would love you to join us. Contact Sally on 0410 609 583

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?

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

It seems that it is a time of change for our P&C in various areas:

P&C Email Address

Our P&C has set up its own email account: neminghapandc@outlook.com

Any correspondence for the P&C can be directed to this address.

Clothing Pool Coordinator

As this is Karen’s last year as the Clothing Pool Coordinator, we are looking for a person who might be interested in undertaking her role next year. We are asking this now so that this new person can have the opportunity to be Karen’s assistant this year and learn all that is involved in running the Clothing Pool.

The Clothing Pool Coordinator is responsible for ordering stock, and opening the Clothing Pool every Monday 9am-10am and every assembly Friday. If you are interested, please email the P&C.

Accounts Auditor

Megan Mann, our current Auditor, is ready to move on after eight years of auditing our books for the AGM. According to the NSW P&C Federation, “the auditor shall possess appropriate skills and experience in auditing and financial record management … the auditor must not have or appear to have any conflict of interest arising, for example, from a personal or business relationship with an officer of the association”. If you meet the criteria, and are able to audit our books during February 2016, please email the P&C.

School Banking Coordinator

Nemingha P&C is considering commencing the well-known school banking program Dollarmites. To do so, we require a coordinator to facilitate the banking and distribution of deposit books and rewards. This will only take a small amount of time one day a week. The Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program.

Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop saving skills and also help our school with fundraising. If you are interested in looking through the beginner’s pack, please email the P&C.

We Care Committee

Our We Care Committee began last year and was very much valued by several families in need. We would like to continue again this year so we can help school families who are going through the loss of a close family member or another family tragedy. We would also like to ease the burden for school families with newborn babies.

If you are interested in being placed on a roster to help by cooking a meal (one that you have already frozen if need be), providing money to purchase a meal, or cooking slices and such, please email the P&C. Most of us have been in one of these situations, and know that this service would be much appreciated.

Karlie Tongue

MISSING TOWELS

Please check the lost property rack if you are missing towels from the swimming carnival

COME & TRY HOCKEY DAYS

If you would like to give hockey a go this year, 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.

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

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.
Successful swimming carnival

Last Friday we held a very successful swimming carnival. All students participated and scored as many points for their houses as possible. The Wombats came out as champions closely followed by the Magpies, Emus and Kangaroos.

The Kangaroos were judged to have the best war cry and scored bonus points for their enthusiasm. Best dressed went to Deni Baker and James Sainsbury.

It was great to see so many students having fun but also so many parents willing to give up their time to help at our carnival. Thank you for your support - it allowed the carnival to run smoothly.

Our age champions were
Senior Boy: Mitchell Henderson
Senior Girl: Brianna Elliott
11Yrs Boy: Sol Arranz
11 Yrs Girl: Evelyn Murdoch
Junior Boy: Charlie Henderson
Junior Girl: Amelia Hawes

Our 25m champions were
Senior Boy: Adam Batho
Senior Girl: Sophie Corbett
11Yrs Boy: Tyhla Condrick
11 Yrs Girl: Abbey Greentree
Junior Boy: Fletcher Pennell
Junior Girl: Charlotte Murray

Congratulations to these students and best of luck to all swimmers competing at the Zone carnival on Friday at Scully swimming pool.

More photos on the school web site.

David Lewis

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:

- 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