School welcome barbecue and disco

Tonight we have the opportunity to welcome everyone to a new school year with a social BBQ and student disco.

We have catered as per your returned notes and will provide sausages accordingly. If you were unable to complete and return the form, please bring your children for the disco and join the conversations.

Students and parents who have ordered will be identified with a stamp so please register at the 'stamp' table when you arrive. Teachers and students have created loom bands to make it easy to see which students belong in which class (see list below). Parents and teachers will be given matching loom bands and a name tag to ensure that we all get to know each other. Ensuring we have a positive, cohesive partnership with parents, carers and the school community is one of our new strategic directions.

### Kinder Purple Yr 4 Pink

### 1K Yellow Yr 5 White

### 1J Green Yr 6 Black

### Yr 2 Blue Preschoolers and friends

### Yr 3 Orange Rainbow

#### Nemingha P&C

On Thursday evening Karlie Tongue (P&C Treasurer) will be offering parents and carers the opportunity to become financial members of the P&C.

With a close examination of the constitution, parents must pay $2 each year after the AGM and before the general meeting (both of which occur on the same occasion) to be financial until the end of next year’s AGM.

For this year only, we ask that parents pay their $4 for 2014/2015 on Thursday evening so that they can be financial members and can vote at the upcoming AGM. This will mean no parent is disadvantaged and has the opportunity to have a say in the decision making process of the Nemingha Public School P&C.

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**Calendar - 2015**

**February**

**Thursday 26 February** Welcome barbecue and disco 5.30-7.00pm. All welcome. Free barbecue with drinks available to purchase from the canteen.

**March**

**Friday 6 March** Canteen and Clothing Pool meeting 1.30pm in the Staff Room

**Tuesday 10 March** Come and Try day 11.30am. For parents and children starting Kindergarten in 2016

**Wednesday 11 March** School Council meeting 6pm in the Library P&C Annual General Meeting 7pm in the Library

To be eligible to vote at this meeting, you will have attended the meeting on 11 February and paid your $2 association fees.

**Friday 27 March** Assembly Year 6 item 2.15pm in the hall

**Clothing Pool** 1.30pm-2.15pm

**May**

**Friday 29 May** Bunnings BBQ Stall Fundraiser for the P&C

**June**

**Friday 5 June** Bunnings BBQ Stall Fundraiser for the P&C

**Saturday 13 June** Nemingha P&C Ball at the Loombah Hall

Tickets will be limited so start thinking about getting tables together. More details will follow.

**July**

**Friday 17 July** Athletics Carnival

**December**

**Friday 4 December** Presentation Day 9.45am in the School Hall

Guests and all our volunteers are invited to morning tea.

**Clothing Pool**

The clothing pool will be open regularly on Mondays from 9am-10am. Additional clothing pool times on assembly days are listed.
Year 2 learning the five Rs

Year 2 have been engaged in their learning activities and are displaying the 5 R's of what makes a learner at Nemingha School. These are RESPONSIBLE, RESILIENT, RESOURCEFUL, REFLECTIVE and REASONING.

All of these learning attributes were on display on Friday as Year 2 performed the play “The Rainbow Fish” and presented their art works and SCAMPER writing activity at the assembly. Some of these stories are on page 3. Congratulations to the students on a job well done!

We have begun a new and exciting unit of work “Reading the Landscape” and are looking forward to the learning opportunities ahead.

Tracy Gooch

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Resourceful
- I learn in different ways
- I use my imagination
- I take risks
- I ask good questions
- I am a resourceful learner

Reasoning
- I choose the best method
- I can say which is better and why
- I can gather all the evidence
- I take time to do things properly
- I am a learner able to reason

Reflective
- I learn from my mistakes
- I listen to different opinions
- I ask why
- I stay calm
- I am a reflective learner

Responsible
- I can work well in a team
- I plan ahead
- I get on with the task
- I know right from wrong
- I am a responsible learner

Resilient
- I can remain focused and on task
- I can set targets and I am able to practise
- I have a positive attitude
- I find interest in what I am doing
- I am a resilient learner
**SCAMPER STORIES FROM SOME OF OUR YEAR 2 STUDENTS**

The SCAMPER activity involved substituting an animal of the student's choice for the rainbow fish in the stories.

**THE SCALY SNAKE - JACK TURNER-WILSON**

One day a snake was slithering along until another snake said, “Can I have a scale, please can I have can I have one?”

“No!” said the Scaly Snake.

The little snake slithered away. It told its friends. From then on no-one had anything to do with the Scaly Snake.

The next day the little snake was back.

“Can I have just one little scale?”

“Yes”

Soon the snake was sharing with the other snakes.

**THE BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLY - MACIE**

One day the beautiful butterfly was flying but she wanted a rest. So she found a tree. She wanted to rest, so she did.

But a bird said, “This is my tree! GET AWAY!”

“I’m just resting” the butterfly said. She flew away.

The next day the bird felt sorry. The butterfly was there on the tree. The bird said “I’m sorry for being nasty.”

“It’s all right” the butterfly said. They became best friends forever.

**THE HORSE - ALICE**

One day a grand horse was eating some yummy green grass. It was the only patch of grass. It was ripe. Other horses want to eat. A little foal gave the grand horse a bump. The foal was wanting some grass. The grand horse said “No!”

The next day the foal came back.

“Can I have a tiny bit of grass?”

“I suppose” said the grand horse.

“Thank you”

They played all day.

**THE SMALL GUINEA PIG – LOUISA**

One day the small guinea pig was climbing out of his house. Along came a ferret who said “Can I live with you? I do not want to live in my filthy cage. Can I live in your shiny cage please?”

“No”.

“I will help you do all of your jobs”.

Soon the sun set so the big ferret went back home. The next day the big ferret came back. The ferret asked if he could live with the guinea pig. He said “Yes” and they were best friends.

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**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program**

The market Garden stall held at last Friday's assembly was a success. Students were involved in harvesting, preparing and selling the fresh produce. We raised approx. $35 for the Kitchen Garden program. Thanks to everyone who bought produce from the stall.

Thanks also to everyone who attended the volunteers meeting on Monday. The meeting was highly successful. We have kitchen volunteers to support our classes each afternoon and garden volunteers who will give up their time for specialist projects. We have established a six-month plan for the garden and will have a working bee towards the end of term which will help us to achieve set goals.

Thank you to everyone who has donated seeds and seedlings this week. Our garden is beginning to flourish and our garden beds are looking healthy. This week the students have been learning about tools which we use in the garden and how to use them safely. We have continued planting, watering and beautifying our garden. Year 5 have constructed mini green houses out of recycled soft drink bottles which will help raise seeds. Year 6 have been learning about water saving.

Thank you to Katrina Gentle who has donated items for our working bee.

Jo and Lauren

**What’s cooking in the Canteen**

Volunteers for the next two weeks are:

- Mon 2/3  Robyn Clapham & Michelle Lane
- Fri 6/3  Karlie Tongue & Olly McCormick
- Mon 9/3  Sharon Brown
- Fri 13/3  Bronwyn Stewart & Gretel Robertson

This week the Meal Deal notes have gone home. This is a special menu for Friday 20 March, which includes a choice of meals, a drink and a jelly cup all for $5.50. The only other lunch item that can be purchased on that day will be a sausage roll.

At recess we will be selling donated cupcakes and slices. All are appreciated and can be sent into the canteen on the day.

As a Red Day, we will also be selling other sweet treats like pythons, licorice and fizzers at both recess and lunch.

Please support our Meal Deal, and return your order, with money, to either the front office or the canteen during Week 7.

Thank you,

Marion Woods, Canteen Manager
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Trophy win at zone swimming

On Friday last week our swimmers competed at the zone swimming carnival at Scull Park. Nemingha was successful in winning the “B” schools trophy for most points on the day.

Charlie Henderson was named the Junior Boy Champion and Brianna Elliott and Mitchell Henderson both finished runners up in the senior boy and senior girls divisions. We were also successful in having 3 relay teams gain selection for the regional carnival next Tuesday in Armidale.


Tamworth Zone basketball selections

Congratulations to Jack Dawson and Brianna Elliott who have both been selected in the Tamworth Zone Basketball team to compete at the regional trials in Tamworth on the 26th. We wish both Jack and Bree all the best of luck and hope both are successful in being selected in the North West teams.

Netball trials

Brianna Elliott and Deni Baker have also been selected to attend the Tamworth Zone Open Girls Netball trials on Thursday 14 May. Good Luck girls.