Our community welcomed

The focus of the school's strategic directions was in evidence last Thursday night with the Welcome Barbecue and Disco welcoming our community into the school.

Thank you to all who were able to attend and make the night such a success.

The staff all commented on the positive feel that surrounded the function and we all hope you enjoyed the chance to meet some new people, or reacquaint yourself with parents and community members.

The loom bands were certainly a hit and we trust they were useful in allowing you to identify the parents of children in your own child's class.

We have had many positive comments about the evening and it was lovely to receive emails thanking the staff for their efforts, it really does make our day when we receive positive feedback.

Come and Try Day

Next Tuesday we are holding our annual Come and Try Day. If you know of anyone with a child who will be entering Kindergarten in 2016 we would love to meet them.

The children will experience a lesson with Mrs Holcombe, while Mr Lewis, Mrs Moss and I will be giving parents an overview of our school and what it has to offer.

We will have enrolment forms available for people to fill out. Please contact the office if you have any questions about this day.

P&C AGM

Please remember the P&C AGM is on this Wednesday at 7pm. This meeting will be held in the staff room with the election of office bearers taking place first and then the general meeting occurring afterwards.

Please be aware of the rules regarding membership if you wish to vote at the AGM.

Staff Changes

As you are aware, Kerrel has been appointed as Principal Education Officer, Learning and Leadership, for the rest...
of the year. Kerrel will still be visiting the school and participating in functions wherever possible. I am sure you all join with me in wishing Kerrel all the best in her new role and look forward to seeing her back at NPS in 2016.

After seven years at Nemingha Public School Mrs Narelle Sheppard, Student Learning Support Officer, has been appointed to Hillvue Public School.

Narelle has been a member of the NPS staff since 2007 working in the K-6 classrooms providing support to all children. Not only that she has been a thorough and supportive colleague to all and will be sorely missed. This was evidenced by her 2014 education week award for her outstanding contribution to the school by a staff member. We will all miss Narelle and wish her well in her new role at Hillvue; Narelle will begin this in Term 2.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Leanne Kemp, Relieving Principal

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UNSW Educational Assessment Australia

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is an initiative of Educational Assessment Australia (EAA), a not-for-profit organisation owned by the University of New South Wales (UNSW).

Competitions take place each year in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific region and South Africa.

Children in Years 3-6 are invited to participate in competitions in all subjects and students in Year 2 may participate in English and Mathematics.

ICAS provides an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing.

The school will be informed of the results and certificates will be sent home with your child.

Competition dates and the cost of each competition are listed below. All payments should be made to the school by Monday, 30 March to enable applications to be lodged.

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*previously Computer Skills

More information is available at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au.

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Service Awards

At the school assembly on 20 February, Service Awards were presented to:

- Evelyn Murdoch - first award
- Andrew Macinas - first award
- Ethan Dawson - second award
- Indiana Diss - second award

Congratulations to these students on this achievement.

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Clothing pool

Thank you for all the donations the clothing pool has been receiving.

It is nearly time to think about winter as Easter is on its way!

For your convenience, an order form will be sent home with this Newslink which you can photocopy or just return with payment to the office and your order will be filled and sent home with your child.

Karen Darling, Clothing Pool Coordinator

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Afternoon pick up

Just a reminder that parents are to collect their children from “pick ups” after they have moved to the hall COLA and after messages from the bus board are read out.

It is important that the students remain in the “pick up” line until all messages are read out. We would ask that parents wait under the hall COLA and not go to the classrooms to collect children.

We endeavour to ensure that this system is efficient and safe. If you need to leave early, please go to the office and your child will be called from the classroom.
Congratulations to our sports stars

On Tuesday, 16 Nemingha students competed at the Regional swimming trials in Armidale. This was a great achievement for Nemingha and they all represented our school very well.

We had three relay teams involved with our junior boys coming 4th and our junior girls swimming their personal best time. The photos show our students getting ready for their races.

Mitchell Henderson was successful in gaining state selection in both the 50m freestyle and the 12 years butterfly, in which he came 1st in the region. Charlie Henderson also came 1st in the 10 years butterfly and is also going to the state championships in Homebush. Congratulations boys.

There are numerous Zone and Regional trials coming up in the next few weeks:

- Boys soccer 10 March
- Rugby League 17 March (southern trials)
- Boys and Girls Hockey 19 March

Basketball

Congratulations to Jack Dawson who was selected in the North West Boys Basketball team. Jack will travel to Wollongong later this term for the State championships. Bree Elliott was also chosen in the Possibles and Probables. Well done Jack and Bree.

What’s cooking in the Canteen

Volunteers for the next two weeks are:

- Mon 9/3    Sharon Brown
- Fri 13/3   Bronwyn Stewart & Gretel Robertson
- Mon 8/3    Mandy Hartin
- Fri 20/3   Ainslie Hobson & Nanna Margaret

Meal Deal reminder - Friday 20 March!

Please bring orders back, complete with money to the front office, or to the canteen next week.

This is also a RED DAY, so cupcakes and slices can be donated on the day. Some lollies for sale, will be Red Skins and Milkos for 25 cents, fizzers 40 cents, and pythons will be $1.30.

We had a few Kindy shoppers last week, well done for having a go. All had beautiful manners and used “please” and “thank you”.

Canteen meeting in staff room tomorrow at 1.30pm. All welcome!

Thank you,

Marion Woods, Canteen Manager
0414 766 131

Rugby League

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in the Tamworth zone rugby league teams. Selected for the 11 Years boys were Jack Dawson, Charlie Henderson and Jock Button, and Mitchell Henderson for the Open Boys. All these students will now head to the Southern trials on 17 March. Best of luck boys.

Cricket

Tomorrow our open boys’ cricket team kicks off their PSSA competition with a game against Kootingal at Chauvel Park. The game starts at 10am and spectators are most welcome.

Our girls’ team starts their PSSA campaign next Friday against Oxley Vale at Oxley Vale Public School. This game starts at 10am and we wish the girls all the best of luck.

David Lewis
ANZ NetSetGO is the sole junior netball program in Australia and is a great way to introduce children to netball, encourage them to be active and make friends in a safe environment.

The program has been developed to provide children from 4 to 10 years with the best possible learning and playing experiences. It provides a positive introduction to netball, while ensuring enjoyment, continued participation and friendships for life.

ANZ NetSetGO incorporates skill activities, minor games, music, dance and modified matches in a fun and safe environment.

Once registered, a participant will receive a pack including a netball, t-shirt etc.

In Tamworth our NetSetGO Program is run on Saturdays commencing 2 May, 2015 at 12 noon.

The program is organised on two levels

Tier 1
A skills level. Players are registered individually.

Tier 2
A skills and games level. Players are entered in teams.

All players need to complete both NSW registration form and NetSetGO participant form which gives T-shirt size. These must be handed to Registrar on registration days:
- Saturday 21 March 2-4pm at Lockwood Room at The Dome, or
- Monday 23 March 7-8.30pm at the office at the Dome.

Resources for all coaches can be found on the NSW website under “NetSetGO”. A two or five minute video can also be viewed here.

Resources are ideal for teachers to use in schools.

Fees for NetSetGO
Up to and including 10 years:
- Membership $55
- Competition $25
- Total $80

Juniors 11-17 years:
- Membership $65
- Competition $45
- Total $110

Any players playing in 11/12 years division must pay the competition fee for that division ($45).

Umpires and coaches
Free umpiring and coaching courses will be available to NSW (TNA) registered Members on Sunday 3 May. Further details to follow.

DUNGOWAN JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE
Dungowan will be holding its Registration/Come & Try Day on Saturday 7 March between 3pm and 5pm at Minor League fields.

We are looking for players from U6 through to U16. We will have some of our coaches running some skills and drills with players wishing to have a try of Rugby League.

Registration is $90 for the season which includes shorts and socks. All new players must show their birth certificate. All returning players must register online, however, you can make payment by cash or cheque at the registration day.

Any enquiries please contact Jacqui 0427713847 or Karlie 0407926132