Term 1, Week 7

Successful “Come and Try” day

A very successful “Come and Try” day was held on Tuesday with 35 pre-schoolers and their parents attending.

The children had an enjoyable time with Mrs Holcombe in the classroom while their parents were given an overview of the school’s marvellous facilities.

Enrolment forms were handed out and will need to be returned as soon as possible for future planning. If you know of any preschool aged children who wish to attend Nemingha Public School in 2016 please get them to contact the office. An enrolment committee meeting will be taking place during Term 2 so that numbers for Kindergarten 2016 can be finalised.

New committee for P&C

The P&C AGM was held on Wednesday night. Congratulations to Amanda Perkins (President), Joe Cameron and Kay Jeffrey (Vice Presidents), Karlie Tongue (Secretary) and Maryann Murdoch (Canteen Convenor). At present there is no Treasurer and anyone who would like to volunteer would be welcome.

Please feel free to contact the P&C representatives so they can bring your questions to meetings.

Thank you all past office bearers - Peter Graham, Peter Henderson and Donna Murphy - for their contribution to the P&C over the past year.

After 13 years of service to the school we thank Peter Graham for all he has done for NPS. Peter has been thoroughly involved in many committees and held a number of positions on the school council and P&C. Peter has been awarded with the DEC Education Week award for outstanding contribution by a school community member and the Graham family will be sorely missed by all at NPS.

Visible Learning

Today principals and staff from Timbumburi Public School and Bendemeer Public School attended an information session about Visible Learning. The executive presented the work we are currently undertaking at NPS and worked
with the staff on measuring their effect size. The work we are undertaking is part of a New England Alliance between four schools - Gunnedah South, Timbumburi, Bendemeer and Nemingha public schools.

**Tamworth Show**

If anyone is attending the Tamworth Show this weekend please take the time to look at the Nemingha PS display in the pavilion. The teachers created a display of artworks, photos and craft to promote our wonderful school. Each class entered up to five pieces of art in the school art competition. We hope to have some good news to report next week on our results.

Have a wonderful weekend,

**Leanne Kemp**, Relieving Principal

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**New P&C Committee Members**

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**STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM**

**Rake and Bake community group**

We will be holding our first ‘Rake and Bake’ group on the Friday 20 March from 9-11am. This will be a social group for people who enjoy gardening and cooking or who are looking to become involved in the school community.

We will be in the garden for the morning and helping out with mulching and odd gardening jobs for about two hours. If you would like to help out or know someone who would be interested in helping please let them know.

There will be a morning tea following the gardening activities to meet and greet other people who share a common interest or passion for gardening. Please bring a plate to share.

**Thank you for donations**

Thank you to the following families to have donated items for the kitchen or garden over the past fortnight.

- Ollie McCormack - donated some kitchen utensils
- Oliver Brennan - donated a rooster
- Mel Gallagher - storage bowls with lids
- Dane Pennell - bark for the garden
- Mr Train - manure

Have a great week,

**Lauren and Jo**

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**Clothing pool**

For your convenience a winter order form was sent home last week.

**Please note corrections:**

- Track jacket $34
- Track pant $24

Just return the form to the office with payment and your order will be sent home with your child. Orders with no payment can only be kept for two weeks before being returned to Clothing Pool stock.

There is some stock of pre-loved winter uniforms. Get in early as they will go fast!

Thanks

**Karen Darling**, Clothing Pool Coordinator

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**FLUTE, TRUMPET OR TROMBONE**

Expressions of interest are invited for anyone interested in learning the flute, trumpet or trombone.

If your children would be interested in any of these instruments, please contact the office.
What’s cooking in the Canteen

In 2011 DEC introduced a Nutrition in School Policy. It states that “All schools should promote and model healthy eating and good nutrition in school programs and activities relating to or involving food and drink. School canteens are required to implement the Fresh Tastes @ School - NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy”.

All food items are rated either as a Red, Amber or Green, depending on their fat, salt and sugar content. Items on our everyday menu have to be either Green or Amber.

RED items, which means they contribute excess energy, saturated fat, sodium and/or sugar to the diet should only be sold on Red Days. We advertise these in our Newslink and our next Red Day is Friday 20 March.

We are hoping all meal deals are returned tomorrow, Friday 13 March, so organising for this can begin.

A huge thank you to Chris Murphy-Robinson’s family for donating the jelly crystals for our meal deal treats! Thanks as well to the Bazal family for popcorn donations.

Red skins and milkos will be sold for 25 cents, fizzers 40 cents and pythons 70 cents (not $1.30 as previously stated due to changes in the packaging). Wicked Fizz will be 30 cents and donated cupcakes and treats will vary between 30c and $1.

Volunteers for the next two weeks are:

Mon 16/3  Mandy Hartin
Friday 20/3  Ainslie Hobson & Nanna Margaret
Mon 23/3  Michelle Lane
Friday 27/3  Billie Spanswick
Thank you,
Marion Woods, Canteen Manager
0414 766 131

RETURN OF FORMS AND PERMISSION NOTES

For many school activities we require completed forms and a due date for their return is set to ensure that students don’t miss any of the opportunities that are available to them.

When forms come in after the due date it creates problems for administration staff, who do their best to ensure that no child misses out, but there will be times when this is out of their hands.

It would really be appreciated if parents could ensure that permission notes are returned on time.
**Sports News**

**Open Boys Cricket**

Last Friday the Open Boys cricket team played Kootingal. The boys played very well and scored 4-107 off their 25 overs. Mitchell Henderson scored 43 and shared a 40 run partnership with Jack Dawson. Luke Gentle (16 no) and Oliver Brennan (15 no) also batted very well.

In reply Kootingal finished their 25 overs 7-64 with Jack Dawson, Thyla Condrick and Ryan Stewart all picking up 2 wickets each. Thyla was on a hat-trick and finished with the figures of 2-3 off 4 overs. Congratulations and best of luck in round 3.

Our girls play tomorrow against Oxley Vale. Good Luck girls.

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**COLLEGIANS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE**

2015 Junior Rugby League registrations are still open for New and Returning Players for Collegians Junior Rugby League Football Club. We are looking for players in all age groups from the 6 years (5 year olds are eligible but must be already 5 to take the field) right through to 12 years.

Registration is $100 including registration, insurance, socks and shorts. Sibling discounts available. Payment can be made by credit card online during the registration process. For Direct Deposit please call or text Lucinda Milsom 0408 676 671 for bank details. Cash or cheque payments can be made via arrangement.

Any questions please contact Tim Milsom 0429 667 141, Lucinda Milsom 0408 676 671 or Mary Jane Gavin 0427 701 708.

Tim Milsom
President
tmlsom@mitchelhanlon.com.au

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**Zone Soccer**

Congratulations to Sienna O’Mally and Zahli Wilson who were selected in the Tamworth Zone girls soccer team last Friday. The girls will now go to the southern trials on the 20 March. Chloe Thompson and Deni Baker also represented our school with distinction at these trials.

Congratulations also to Cody Barnett and Mitchell Henderson, who were selected in the Tamworth Zone boys soccer team. They will also go to southern trials on 20 March.

David Lewis, Assistant Principal

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**VOLUNTEERS ...**

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK**

Anyone volunteering or considering volunteering to help with any of our school activities now needs to complete a Working with Children Check.

This involves an online application through [www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au)

When you complete and submit the online application you will receive an application number which you must present to the Roads and Maritime Services (formerly the RTA). There is no cost for volunteers.

If you have provided an email address, the Working with Children Check number should be sent to you within a few days. You then need to provide this number to the school for their validation.