**Calendar - 2015**

**April**
- **Tuesday 21 April**  
  First day of Term 2  
  Canteen open, Clothing Pool open
- **Saturday 25 April**  
  ANZAC Day march  
  Students in full winter uniform to assemble outside Kootingal Public School at 7.45 as the march begins at 8am
- **Thursday 28 April**  
  Musical Moments  
  2.30-3.30pm in the hall  
  A demonstration of violin, trumpet and flute - all welcome. This will be an introduction to the Twinkle program.

**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 Loomberah Hall
  Tickets will be limited so start thinking about getting tables together.
- **17-19 June**  
  Year 3/4 Excursion  
  Aussie Bush Camp
- **19 June**  
  The Gruffalo’s Child  
  at the Capitol Theatre
  Permission notes will go out next term. Limited numbers.

**July**
- **Friday 17 July**  
  Athletics Carnival

**August**
- **Tuesday 25 August**  
  School Photos

**December**
- **Friday 4 December**  
  Presentation Day  
  9.45am in the School Hall
  Guests and all our volunteers are invited to morning tea.

**SERVICE AWARDS**

Congratulations to students who have received Service Awards:

- Chloe Thompson  2nd
- Isabella Cameron 2nd
- Georgie Petty  1st
- Hayley Mortlock 1st

**Congratulations to our students**

Those who were present at the assembly on Friday enjoyed seeing the large number of students who have represented our school so well in various activities being congratulated. The chess team, debating team and Science and Engineering Challenge team from Year 6 were all presented with certificates.

These occasions, as well as the many sporting opportunities, enable Nemingha students to develop teamwork and leadership skills. They also demonstrate to the community that our school is a leader in the educational and sporting fields.

These opportunities could not occur without the support of all the staff, either taking the children on the excursions, or completing extra duties here at school. I would also like to thank the parents who make themselves available to assist with transport and the other organisational roles which allow Nemingha Public School to participate in these events.

**Awards**

Assembly last week also saw a large number of students receive awards. It is wonderful to see many children obtaining their second Service Award, and I am sure it will not be long before we see someone receive a third award.

**Harmony Day**

Today all the children have participated in Harmony Day activities.

Harmony Day was celebrated on 21 March, but our school chose to mark the occasion on the last day of term, multi day. This allowed the children to wear the appropriated coloured (orange) clothes and demonstrate the meaning of Harmony Day “… inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone”.

**Farewell**

Narelle Sheppeard, our Student Learning Support Officer, has been at Nemingha Public School for over seven years. During this time she has supported many students, helping them to achieve their goals in the classroom.

Narelle is moving on to Hillvue Public School to continue with this role, and we wish her well for the future. We will certainly miss her smiling face and wonderful support to both staff and students.
**Best wishes for a happy and safe holiday**
I hope everyone has a restful, happy and safe holiday. The staff will return on Monday 20 April for the Staff Development day. During that day they will be working with staff from Timbumburi and Bendemeer public schools to create an English unit of work with learning goals attached.

This alliance will continue throughout the year with Gunnedah South joining the other schools to work on feedback.

Students will return on Tuesday 21 April.

*Leanne Kemp, Relieving Principal*

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**Clothing Pool**
During the holidays, please check uniforms you have at home to see if any are no longer required.

Any donations to the clothing pool will be gratefully received and their sale will make money for your school.

Have a wonderful Easter – the clothing pool will reopen on Tuesday, 21 April.

*Karen Darling, Clothing Pool Co-ordinator*

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**Debating teams shine**
Last Thursday 12 students from Years 5 and 6 participated in the Gifted and Talented Students (GATS) debating day at Tamworth High School. All debating topics centred around the theme ANZAC Day.

The experienced team debated first against Peel High School 7&8 team. The team consisted of Finella Palmer, Indianna Diss, Adam Batho and Isabella Cameron. The students were able to prepare prior to their debate, taking an affirmative stance on the topic ‘ANZAC Day has lost its meaning’. Unfortunately the team lost in an extremely close debate.

The novice team of Lucy Plowman, Grace Darling, Tobin Lesley and Brianna Elliott had the topic 'Modern Day Australia is losing the ANZAC spirit' and took the affirmative position. The novice team of Sol Arranz, Thomas Gallagher, Rachel Smith and Evelyn Murdoch had the negative stance on the topic ‘ANZAC day has lost its meaning’. Both teams worked well together using their hour of preparation wisely. They spoke confidently in front of 150 peers, teachers and community members.

The Premier’s debating challenge will begin next term. Nemingha will have two teams for this challenge. Students from Years 5 and 6 are encouraged to try out for the debating team next term.

*Lauren Bowman*

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**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program**
Our kitchen is almost finished and preparations are being finalised in the coming weeks. Thank you to everyone who bought fresh produce from the ‘Nemingarden’ market stall last week. The students raised around $35 which will go towards parts for a dripper watering system and netting.

*Lauren and Joanne*