Welcome back

Welcome back to another busy term. It was wonderful to see all the smiling faces on Tuesday morning ready to begin another jam-packed ten-week term.

We had five new students across the school on Tuesday with another two scheduled to begin later in the term. We welcome to the Kross and Gregory families to the Nemingha community. Please remember that if you know of anyone wishing to enrol in Kindergarten in 2016 we would like their enrolment information by the end of week two.

Staff development day

Staff development day involved Timbumburi and Bendemeer public schools joining with our staff to learn about visual literacy, learning goals and then write an English unit of work to be used later in the year.

The collegial support of these neighbouring schools has demonstrated to the Nemingha staff how much thorough knowledge they have to share with colleagues and students on a variety of educational topics. The Nemingha staff looks forward to continuing our work on quality feedback with these schools as part of the Rural and Remote Primary Curriculum Leadership Grant.

School plan finalised

The school plan 2015-2017 has been finalised and was endorsed by Ruythe Dufty, Director of Public Schools, Tamworth. This has allowed us to upload the document onto the Nemingha Public School website.

Thank you to all those people who were involved in the consultation process when the executive and staff were developing this plan. Please take the time to view the plan and feel free to discuss any aspects of it with myself or other staff members. The plan will be presented at the next school council and P & C meetings on 13 May.

Vacancy on school council

We still have a parent representative vacancy on the school council. If you have any questions about the role please do not hesitate to contact the office or Joe Cameron, Toni Petty, Kel Klepzig or Amanda Perkins. These parents are currently on the council and will inform you of the structure of these meetings and the types of information that is discussed.
Staff changes
A number of staff and role changes have occurred this term. They are as follows:

Leanne Kemp - relieving Principal for the remainder of the year
Kristine Sharkey - relieving Assistant Principal for the remainder of the year
Kylie Lacey - Year 1K after returning from long service leave
Kirsty Coombes – releasing teachers from their face-to-face teaching (RFF) and learning support teacher for Term 2
Pip Diss - Reading Recovery and learning support teacher for the remainder of the year
Joshua McDonald - Instructional Leader and Year 4 on Tuesday for the remainder of the year
Eryn Kelly – releasing teachers from face-to-face teaching (RFF) Wednesday and Year 1J on Friday, for the remainder of the year

ANZAC Assembly 2.30pm
Tomorrow will be the school ANZAC assembly. Please note the change of starting time - 2:30pm.

All parents are invited to come along and listen to a talk by Mrs Sharkey and our captains. The school choir will be performing the very moving song “Lest We Forget”.

ANZAC March
I look forward to seeing a number of students at the Kootingal ANZAC march on Saturday.

Please meet staff outside Kootingal Public School at 7.45am. All children are required to wear their full school winter uniform. The Nemingha School choir will be performing the song “Lest We Forget” at the ceremony.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Leanne Kemp, Relieving Principal

Musical Moments
Our music program is progressing very well, with students enjoying learning violin, piano, guitar and drums.

On Tuesday, 28 April a small ensemble, including our violin teacher Sam Blaxland, will give students a taste of what can be achieved if they continue with their musical education. Our violin students - Miah Brown, Ellie Sainsbury, Brianna Elliott, Riley Gentle and Abbey Greentree - will also perform.

Parents are very welcome to come to the performance, which will commence at 2.30pm and finish at 3pm.
Challenging projects for Year 6

Last term year 6 were focusing on sustainability in Science and HSIE.

We looked at sustainable sources of energy including, solar, hydro and wind power. The students were then set a task of making a solar powered car from recycled materials. Year 6 loved the challenge and used products ranging from coke cans to air fresheners to complete the task. Wheels were made from bottle tops and hand crafted pieces of wood. Students then presented their cars and raced those that actually moved.

Our English unit was focused on Z for Zachariah and the effects of nuclear radiation on the earth. We examined what it would be like to be the last person on earth as well as conflict and the desire to survive.

Students also attended the Science and Engineering challenge where we teamed up with Nundle to complete tasks throughout the day. We learned about the build-up of pressure and how pressure will be released from the weakest point. We then completed an experiment during our assembly item in which we created cannons out of film canisters and effervescent tablets.

In Term 2 we are looking at the rights of Australians and the effects of immigration and refugees in the makeup of Australian culture. We will also be focusing on deserts in HSIE, cells and muscles in Science.

David Lewis, Assistant Principal

Worms escape!

Several weeks ago our worm farm mysteriously disappeared over a weekend.

If anyone has any knowledge of where our worm farm has gone, could you please let the school know.

Staff and volunteers are doing a wonderful job setting up our garden on a tiny budget, so it is a significant loss and would cost approximately $200 to replace.

We are now trying to source another two bathtubs. If anyone can donate these or steel offcuts to make frames, it would be appreciated.

The worm farm provides value in recycling waste and producing fertiliser, which will reduce ongoing costs. It is also used as a teaching resource.

Thanks to Neuman’s Steel in Hinkler Street for their kind donation of reinforcement rod for the plant protection tunnels.

What’s cooking in the Canteen

“We make a living by what we get, We make a life by what we give.”

- Sir Winston Churchill

Our willing volunteers for the next fortnight are:

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Warm up at the canteen with hash browns, Milo drinks and beautiful chicken and gravy rolls.

Check out our full menu on the Skoolbag app and our school web site.

Thank you,

Marion Woods, Canteen Manager
0414 766 131
Clothing Pool

Welcome back!

Thank you so much for the lovely donations that have been coming in. Some of them were sold the same day they arrived!

The clothing pool will open this Friday from 1.30-2.30pm, before the ANZAC Assembly.

This is your last chance to make sure you have the full winter uniform for the ANZAC march on Saturday at Kootingal.

Karen Darling,
Clothing Pool Co-ordinator

Stewart House

Each year 1,800 public school children in need come to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT.

During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school on site for eight days of their 12-day stay. The NSW Department of Education and Communities provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school. All others costs associated with the children’s stay are met from charitable donations.

Stewart House needs your support to ensure we can continue to provide important services to children.

Donation envelopes have been sent home with this newsletter. If you wish to support Stewart House with a donation and entry in their family holiday competition, please complete details on the back of the envelope and return to the school office by 8 May. Competition will be drawn on Friday 22 May.

WESTPAC RESCUE HELICOPTER

There is currently a donation tin for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter in the foyer of the office.

Donations are to support Mrs Sharkey’s brother, Ian MacPherson, who will be riding a mountain bike from Cameron Corner in Queensland to Tamworth in late May.

Donations to this valuable service will be gratefully received.

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

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.

AFTER-SCHOOL TRAINING

If you are running training sessions after school on the school oval, please let the office have information on names of coaches and their phone numbers, and team members involved.

Please remember that training is for team members only. Coaches are reminded that the general school areas and play equipment are out of bounds while training is being conducted.