## Calendar - 2015

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<td>Chess Day&lt;br&gt;NSW Junior Chess League Competition for the North West Region&lt;br&gt;9.30am at Nemingha Public School</td>
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<td>Year 3/4 Excursion meeting for parents&lt;br&gt;5pm in the Year 4 classroom</td>
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<td>Canteen and Clothing Pool meeting&lt;br&gt;Term 2 meeting at 2pm in the staff room. All welcome.&lt;br&gt;Bunnings BBQ Stall</td>
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### Exciting excursion to Nundle

Mrs Bowman and Mrs Dockerty took Year 5 to Nundle on Tuesday to visit the Gold Mine and the Woollen Mill as part of their HSIE unit “The Gold Rush”.

The children had the opportunity to watch a demonstration of panning for gold; afterwards they all had the opportunity to try and some very determined children had a lot of fun. It was a great practical activity and linked well to the students’ work.

We also went to into the gold mine museum seeing the actual mine, the rail tracks and some replicas of large nuggets found there. All the children were very well behaved, asking relevant questions about the artefacts.

After an outside picnic morning tea we walked to the Nundle Woollen Mill. The children enjoyed a demonstration of the full process. They had the experience of feeling the raw wool then watching it go through the many processes to make the wool ready for sale in the shop.

The Nundle Woollen Mill is the oldest running mill still producing coloured wool left in Australia.

Students and teachers all had a great day of learning.

Joanna Dockerty
Alliance developing teaching skills

The executive staff from Timbumburi and Bendemeer joined with us today to continue our work on feedback as part of the New England Alliance.

The executive completed learning walks during our literacy session and were very impressed with the level of student engagement and the types of feedback that were being used.

There are four forms of feedback: task, process, self-regulation and praise.

Task level includes feedback about how well the task is being accomplished or performed, such as
- distinguishing correct from incorrect answers
- acquiring more or different information, and
- building more knowledge – reteaching opportunities.

Feedback specific to the processes underlying the tasks or relating and extending tasks. Such feedback concerns information about
- students’ strategies for error detection
- explicitly learning from errors
- cuing the learner to different strategies and errors, and
- the way students monitor, direct, and regulate actions towards the learning goal.

The capability to create internal feedback and to self-assess is part of self-regulation feedback. This includes:
- the willingness to invest effort into seeking and dealing with feedback information
- the place of self-assessment
- the degree of confidence in the correctness of the response, and
- the level of skill at help-seeking.

Praise is the final form of feedback. It can be the in the form of stickers, compliments and acclaim.

Winter Wonderland Ball

The Winter Wonderland Ball is fast approaching. I know the committee is hard at work gathering sponsorship and finalising the minor details to ensure the night is a huge success. If you are looking for a fun night out please contact Donna Murphy or the school office to register your interest. Please note the RSVP date is 1 June.

Thanks to our practicum teachers

The staff and students would like to thank the three University of New England practicum students who have been working at Nemingha over the past weeks. Adam Sipple, Joanna Dockerty and Ali Rowe have been learning from our experienced staff and complementing the teaching activities at Nemingha. These students have been involved in staff meetings, professional development, planning and teaching and will be sorely missed when they return to their studies.

Rake and Bake

The Rake and Bake group is looking to hold another information session. Please keep a look out in the Newslink for the date and bring your ideas for the kitchen and garden. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Your backing of the Rake and Bake group’s stall at the Piallamore Pickers’ day would be greatly valued.

On Tuesday, Year 5 was the first class to use the new oven. The exhaust fan has now been connected and we’re waiting for the servery to be constructed.

We are very lucky to have this program at our school and it cannot happen without the support of parents and friends. The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program is designed to be fully integrated into the primary school curriculum as it offers infinite possibilities to reinforce literacy, numeracy, science, cultural studies and all aspects of environmental sustainability.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Leanne Kemp, Relieving Principal

Fire & Rescue Open Day

Fire & Rescue NSW is hosting its annual Fire Station Open Day on Saturday, 30 May, between 10am and 2pm.

Children and their parents are invited to join their local fire fighters for
- a sausage sizzle,
- watch fire safety demonstrations,
- hop aboard the station’s fire truck,
- hold a fire hose, and
- chat with the fighters about what they do.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children and their parents to meet their local fire fighters and, with winter just around the corner - the worst time of the year for house fires, this is a great opportunity to learn as much as you can about home fire safety.

Fire stations you can visit are:

West Tamworth Fire Station
Kent Street, West Tamworth

or

Tamworth Fire Station
103 Carthage Street, East Tamworth
Year 5 showcase
What a busy term so far! This term, Year 5 have been working hard, including practising and completing half yearly and NAPLAN assessments. We have had some fantastic results across the KLAs.

Students have enjoyed the learning opportunities in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program and have continued outdoor learning in the garden with Mrs Mitchell. Students have been busy planting and maintaining the garden and learning about winter produce.

Kitchen classes have commenced and students have experienced making and eating their own food. Recipes have included Thai chicken, San Choy Bow and chicken and ginger wontons accompanied by dipping sauce, seasonal garden salad and salad dressing.

Year 5 are enjoying cooking in the new kitchen and experiencing new and exciting foods.

Last Friday Year 5 presented their assembly item. The performance centred around drama techniques which have been learnt in class this term, art (which was inspired by artists Andy Warhol and Pablo Picasso) and skipping.

Students enjoyed the opportunity to perform in front of an audience and demonstrate skills which they have been learning.

Students will have the opportunity to participate in a high school experience day at Farrer on Friday 5 June. Permission notes need to be returned to school for students to attend.

What’s cooking in the Canteen

Volunteers Week 6
Monday 25/5  Amy Gregory
Wednesday 27/5  Julie Bazal
Friday 29/5  Michelle Ninness

Volunteers Week 7
Monday 1/6  Nancy Robinson
Friday 5/6  Karlie Tongue & Bronwyn Stewart

Our Winter warmers for Term 2 are Beef Lasagne and Macaroni Cheese for $3.50.

We still have a few Cheese ‘n’ Bacon Pies available, yummy for colder days.

Don’t forget our canteen is operating next Wednesday for the chess day. All students are welcome to use the canteen, not just the chess players. It is also an advertised Red Day, and donated cupcakes and treats would be appreciated. Home-made pumpkin soup and a bread roll will be sold on Wednesday for $3.50.

We will be selling Red Skins and Milkos for 25c, Fizzers for 40c, Snakes are 70c and cupcakes 50c.

If you know of anyone who has a fridge in good condition and A1 working order, the canteen is in need of a new fridge.

Thank you,
Marion Woods, Canteen Manager
0414 766 131

P&C News
Winter Wonderland Ball
The P&C are seeking donations of goods or services, nothing too big or too small, for the auction and prizes at the Winter Wonderland Ball.

If you are able, or know of anyone able to donate, please contact Donna Murphy on 0418667202.

Tickets are available for the ball. Additional registration forms are on the Nemingha Public School web site, in the calendar section, or at the office.

Bunnings BBQ -
Friday 29 May and Friday 5 June

If you can spare a few hours for the Bunnings BBQ, we would love to have your help. Funds raised will support Nemingha Public School.

Volunteers are needed from 9am-3pm both days.

Please contact Sally on 0410 609 583.
Successful day at cross country

Nemingha had a very successful day at the Tamworth zone cross country carnival on Monday in Barraba.

We were successful in taking out the titles for the 10 years and 11 years girls’ teams events and tied in the 8/9 years boys’ events. We had nine runners successful in making it to the regional carnival to be held in Coolah on Friday, 12 June.

Our successful students and their positions were:

- Sophie Corbett 4th
- Tyhla Condrick 6th
- Sienna O’Mally 3rd
- Evelyn Murdoch 5th
- Abbey Greentree 6th
- Charlie Henderson 5th
- Monique Corbett 5th
- Robert Murphy 2nd
- Forbes Murdoch 3rd

Best of luck to all of these students at their next carnival.

Rugby Union selections

Congratulations to Jack Dawson and Mitchell Henderson who were both selected in the Southern Zone rugby union team. The boys will now trial for the North West team on Friday 29 May. Best of luck boys.

Touch football successes

We had three students selected in North West touch football teams on Wednesday. Sienna O’Mally and Isabella Cameron were selected in the girls’ team and Mitchell Henderson was selected in the boys’ team. The girls will travel to Parramatta for their state carnival and Mitchell will go to Coffs Harbour.

David Lewis, Assistant Principal

Market stall

The school Kitchen Garden program will be holding a stall at the Piallamore Pickers Market Day on Sunday 14 June (9am-1pm), to raise money for our Nemingarden!

We would appreciate any of the following items that you or someone you know maybe able to spare please:

- Trash and treasure items you would otherwise donate to charity (leftover items will go to a local charity)
- Donations of handmade ‘Market’ items (we know there are hidden talents out there – clothing, jewellery, craft, etc.)
- Donations of cakes, slices etc would also be greatly appreciated – we will be at the school between 3pm and 4pm on Saturday 13 June to collect
- Fabric/material off-cuts
- Sewing patterns (not cut up)
- Plastic knitting needles
- Dessert spoons and forks – the old-fashioned variety
- Plain paddle pop sticks
- Coloured glass flat-backed stones
- Marbles
- Old magazines or kids picture books that have had their day (around A4 size)
- Tea cups – china ones (not coffee mugs)
- Egg cartons
- Large jar lids only (for edible landscapes)
- Small figurines; e.g. animals, dinosaurs, fantasy, people, etc.

We are also chasing the following items for ongoing work in our Nemingarden:

- Manure and mulch donations – our worms are always hungry!
- Decking board off-cut lengths longer than 1m
- Carpet – to cut and cover the worms in the round bed and bathtubs

Items can be left at school or leave a message with the office for bigger items.

THANKS HEAPS

Belinda Brennan and Karli Scott

BOOK CLUB

We have started Book Club again this term and will continue once per term, starting today.

If you are interested in placing an order, please send it to the school office in a zip lock bag including the correct money.
If you are paying by cheque, please make it payable to Scholastic Australia. A credit card payment slip is another option on the order form.

The school receives books for the library as a percentage of purchases made through the Book Club. Scholastic Book Club and our annual Book Fair provide many resources through your support.