Strong performances from debating teams

Last Thursday, the debating team competed against teams from Tamworth Public School in the Premier’s debating challenge.

Topics centred around education, and whether computer skills should replace art and music in school. Nemingha Gold won their debate on this topic against a strong Tamworth Public team.

Nemingha Maroon followed and debated on the topic that all students should learn a musical instrument at school. Again, a very good and very close debate was held against an experienced Tamworth Public team. Unfortunately, Nemingha lost on this occasion.

The next debate will include the two teams from Nemingha. Good luck to both teams.

Lauren Bowman
**Exciting opportunities in the coming weeks**

Busy times are planned for the remainder of the term with many students involved in cultural, academic and sporting pursuits.

Over the next weeks our school will be involved in Multicultural Public Speaking, a chess tournament, debating, performances at the Tamworth Eisteddfod, a secondary school experience day, fundraising and numerous sporting games.

These events could not take place without the commitment and dedication of the wonderful staff. As well as providing these extra experiences for the children, the staff continue to teach, assess and report, often working long hours into the night and weekends to ensure the Nemingha students are well catered for in all educational areas. I would like to thank the staff for their devotion to the children of our school; they truly live up to our school motto of “We Care”.

**Data collection for students with disabilities**

The National Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) for School Students with Disability 2015 will take place in Term 3.

All education providers are required to comply with the Disability Standards for Education 2005 by making reasonable adjustments for students with disability where needed, to enable their access and participation on the same basis as all other students.

The NCCD draws on documented evidence based on observation, information provided by and in consultation with parents and carers, diagnostic and other data and judgements made by teachers and appropriate school staff. This evidence supports the school team to determine the levels of adjustment that are provided by the school for each student with disability.

Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all students and their families is a key priority and data collected will not be linked to students’ names or numbers.

The NCCD captures the full range of students who need adjustments to support their access and participation in learning because of disability, not just those students who have a medical diagnosis or are receiving individually targeted support.

Students with disability are defined as:

- students who have a formally diagnosed disability by a health or allied health practitioner
- students who may not have a formal disability diagnosis but have impairment, who require an adjustment or can be supported through quality differentiated teaching
- students with intellectual, physical, sensory and social/emotional disability as well as students with difficulties in learning or behaviour.

Where the students’ condition does not have a functional impact on their schooling or require monitoring for individual adjustments, the student is not included in the NCCD. For example, a student who wears glasses to correct mild vision impairment and needs no further educational assessment, monitoring or support in relation to their eyesight, is not included in the NCCD.

If you have any further questions about the NCCD, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher or the office on 6760 9225 to organise a mutually convenient interview time.

**P&C meeting - change of date**

Please note the P&C meeting for June has been postponed until Wednesday 15 July (Week 1, Term 3).

In lieu of the June meeting, the committee will be meeting at Loomberah Hall at 6:30pm on Thursday 11 June to begin decorating for the Winter Wonderland Ball. Anyone who is able to attend and assist with the decorations would be welcomed with open arms.

The school council meeting set down for 10 June will still take place at 6:00pm in the staff room.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Leanne Kemp, Relieving Principal

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**Parking in the bus bay**

Parking in the bus bay can result in a $311 fine and the loss of two demerit points.

This is not just a safety issue, it is illegal and you can be fined.
Multicultural public speaking tomorrow

Students will demonstrate their public speaking skills tomorrow, 29 May, with speeches on multiculturalism.

An interesting range of topics range from being an Australian, living and growing up in different cultures, to bullying and racism.

Students will also be asked to make an impromptu speech which will be related to racism but the topic will only be given to them five minutes before they speak.

The speeches will begin in the school hall at 12 noon with Stage 2 (Year 4), followed by Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) after lunch.

Visitors are most welcome to join the audience.

Early arrivals

We have noticed that some students are arriving at school before 8.30am.

Please note that staff are not on duty until 8.50am and there is no supervision for students who arrive early.

What’s cooking in the Canteen

Thank you for your support in the canteen on our chess day this week. The children all had an enjoyable time selecting from beautiful cupcakes and yummy slices and biscuits.

Our thanks go to the Perkins, Elliott, Murdoch, Wood, Petty, Gregory, Gallagher, Spanswick, Pennell, Williams, Henderson, Sainsbury, Newman and Burrell families for their generous donations.

We only had a few cookies left and we will sell these on Friday.

New Price!! Lasagne is now $4. Still great value!

Currently I am having difficulty getting the Golden Circle LOL drinks. Coles have stopped supplying them, as Woolworths did more than a year ago. When and if they become available again, it will be advertised in our Newslink.

Drinks currently available are: Chocolate Milk $2, Apple & Orange Poppers $1.50, Warm Milo $1.30, Water $1.

Volunteers:
Tuesday 9/6  Michelle Lane
Friday 12/6  Billie Spanswick

Thank you,
Marion Woods, Canteen Manager
0414 766 131

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea

This year, Nemingha Public School is once again supporting Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea. Funds raised will help the Cancer Council raise vital funds for cancer research, prevention and support.

This event will be held at Nemingha Public School on Friday 12 June at 10.30-11.15am.

The Year 6 class will be hosting the morning tea under the COLA of the new hall and will have tea, coffee, hot milo and a variety of cakes and slices on offer.

If you are interested in supporting the event with your attendance, a gold coin donation is appreciated on arrival to the morning tea.

If you are unable to attend but would still like to make a donation this can be done before the day at the office.

David Lewis, Assistant Principal
Sports News

Netball
Last Friday, the Nemingha netball team played in the second round of the PSSA knockout netball. The team played well together and tried their best. Unfortunately, the team lost to Tamworth South Public School 30-7.

Cross country
On Friday, 12 June our cross country runners head off to Coolah to compete at the regional cross country. Good Luck.

Rugby union
On 29 June Mitchell Henderson and Jack Dawson are trialling for the North West rugby union team. Best of luck boys.

Rugby league
On Wednesday 3 June Nemingha boys’ rugby league team plays Gunnedah South in the PSSA Rugby League knockout competition. The game will be played at Farrer starting at 10.30am. We wish the boys all the best of luck in their match.

David Lewis, Assistant Principal