### Lovely choir performances

Last week our Infants and Primary choirs performed very well at the Tamworth Eisteddfod.

On Monday, 15 June, 54 students from the Nemingha School Choir performed in a tough competition with 10 choirs entering. Some schools had more than one choir entered in this section. Our choir performed two songs - *Lest We Forget* and *Stand by Me*. We came sixth, with a score of 70/100.

The adjudicator had some very lovely comments about the students. He mentioned we sang well as a group, the song choices were excellent, a great tribute to the ANZACs, clear voices and great rhythmic sound.

On Tuesday our Infants Choir performed *Bugs and Beetles*, achieving a Highly Commended award.

The adjudicator commented on how well presented the students were, in their uniforms. She loved the song and especially the actions.

Congratulations to both choirs on their success and the wonderful way they represented our school.
Winter wonderful
A wonderful night of dancing and fundraising was had by all who attended the 2015 Winter Wonderland Ball on Saturday night.

The P&C committee and their band of helpers ensured everyone was warm, well fed and entertained throughout the night. As P&C President Amanda Perkins stated in her address, the money raised will go directly toward helping the children of our magnificent school. On behalf of the whole school community I would like to thank everyone involved in the organisation, decorating, fundraising and catering for their astonishing efforts and I look forward to attending the next ball in 2016.

Piallamore Pickers Day
Thanks also go out to Mark and Belinda Brennan and Lauren Bowman for their efforts with fundraising at the Piallamore Pickers Day. These three marvellous people gave up their Sunday to set up and run a stall raising money for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. They also spent most of Saturday cooking for the day.

Belinda reports there are some articles still left from the stall which will be available at the next assembly market day on Friday 24 July. Our school is very lucky to have such wonderful support from community, parents and staff. These two events really showcase our motto community@nps.

Excursion to Aussie Bush Camp
On a very wet Wednesday Stage 2 left for their excursion to the Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens. Mrs Sharkey, Mr McDonald and Mr Pennell loaded the bus at 6.45am and headed down the highway for this three day excursion. I am sure the children will return on Friday afternoon with lots of stories about their adventures while on camp. Please note the school will keep you undated with an estimated time of arrival, at this stage we are looking at approximately 5.30pm.

WorkCover award for professional approach
Jakayla Siemsen was presented with a participation award last Friday at the Year 4 assembly by WorkCover Inspector Ainslie Amor and District Coordinator Ian Shepherd. Jakayla might have helped save an injury or even a life by helping make the video “Working Safely with Horses”.

Jakayla was complemented by the WorkCover inspectors on her professional approach to this activity.

Multicultural public speaking
Last Thursday four students travelled to Ben Venue Public School in Armidale to compete in a local final of the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. Miah Brown, Jess Plowman, Finella Palmer and Indianna Diss performed with confidence and poise at the event. I have great pleasure in announcing that Indianna was successful in winning the Stage 3 section and both Finella and Jess were awarded highly commended. Congratulations to all the girls on their achievements. Indianna will now compete against other winners in a regional final.

Excellent eisteddfod performances
This week saw both the Primary and Kindergarten choirs attend the eisteddfod. The children participated with enthusiasm, and once again represented our school with pride. Thank you to Mrs Madelon Blaxland for accompanying the Kindergarten children on the piano. Mrs Sharkey, Mrs Bowman and Mrs Stimson were very proud of all the children.

Focus on cyber safety
With the holidays fast approaching the staff will be covering aspects cyber safety next week. They will be accessing websites to teach online safety through games. Please be aware the Department of Education provides some excellent resources on cyber safety for parents on the school A to Z website: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cybersafety/keeping-kids-safe-online.

Education Week celebration
As Term 2 is drawing to a close it is time to look forward to events in Term 3. Please claim the date of 28 July for Nemingha’s celebration of Education Week. The day will begin with a scripture service at 11.30am in the hall. This ceremony will focus on this year’s theme for Education Week of “Celebrating Local Heroes”. At the conclusion of the service parents, grandparents and friends may like to join their children for lunch in our beautiful playground. The afternoon session will consist of open classrooms. There will be a science focus, with the children participating in various experiments and engineering challenges throughout the afternoon. Visitors are welcome to assist their children complete the experiments and visit various classrooms throughout the afternoon.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Leanne Kemp, Relieving Principal
What’s cooking in the Canteen

Meal deal next Monday!
The home-made soup will be pumpkin, and served with a bread roll.
The custard cups will be also sold separately at lunch for $1. These have cake, custard, jelly, whipped cream if desired, and topped with sprinkles.
As it’s also a Red Day, our extra treats to be sold are assorted lollies.
Late orders will be accepted on Monday, especially for Year 3 and 4 as they have been away.
This week I attended the Food Fair at the TRECC, look out in Term 3 for our Fried Rice, and Honey Soy Chicken with Rice, and Potato Bake. These should be available by Week 2. All will be priced at $4.
Our volunteer roster for Term 3 will go home soon. If you wish to help in the canteen, it’s between 9.30am and 1.30pm (approximately).
Thank you,
Marion Woods, Canteen Manager
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Winter Wonderland Ball

Congratulations to everyone who contributed to the success of our 2015 school ball. A great night was enjoyed by all

These events don’t just happen and a tremendous amount of time and effort went into planning the ball. I’m very hesitant to name people individually in fear I miss someone, but the fundraising committee, along with husbands and friends, did an amazing job turning Loomberah Hall into a magical winter wonderland.

Without Hayley Ramage generously lending us her decorations and working alongside everyone, the end result would not have been possible.

The ball raised in excess of $8,000 - a final figure will be available in the next edition of Newslink.

To the parents and staff who supported the ball, thank you. Without your support it would not have happened.

It was great to see Matilda and Jasmine Shumack and Chloe Milgate, former students of Nemingha Public School, helping in the kitchen on Saturday night along with Jasmine’s two friends. Well done girls, your help was very much appreciated.

The Farrer bus, driven by Dane Parnell, enabled many people to enjoy the night and arrive home safely, not having to worry about driving. Thank you Dane and Farrer.

A few people may have found a new career path. David turned out to be a gun at cutting pumpkin with a meat cleaver (not good at cleaning up his mess though). Chris and Pete proved to be excellent roast carvers and Paul an expert at lighting the oven, even if he had to lie on the floor to do it.

Deanne, Toni and Julie added the decadent touch to the night with their lovely slices. Thanks girls.

Karlie, Donna and Amanda kept things rolling leading up to the ball and kept everyone well informed as to where we were up to.

Once again Chris Gooch’s auctioneering skills came to light and a healthy sum was raised from the auction. Thank you Chris, and to everyone who walked the streets for donations.

I can’t thank you all enough for your hard work. I’m sure everyone enjoyed the night and knowing the proceeds are going towards our children’s education, hopefully making it easier for our dedicated staff, makes it all worthwhile.

Sally Cronberger
Year 4 showcase

I do not think that Year 4 can fit any more into this term.

The students are away at the Aussie Bush Camp this week and having a fabulous time. Year 4 has had many opportunities over the term to be involved in sporting events, chess and Eisteddfod and has displayed exemplary behaviour.

This term the students have continued to learn about sustainability. The finished the unit by interviewing Year 6 students on what they knew about sustainability and then each Year 4 student wrote a letter to the student they interviewed. Year 6 students have given their feedback and Year 4 is publishing their letters, which will then be marked by Year 6 using specific criteria. This has been a fantastic exercise for Year 4 to understand and learn from students who are older.

This led to our assembly item, where we wanted to show what we have learnt about sustainability. I am very proud of the effort that the class put into their performance as they only were able to have two practices. The students chose which part they wanted to play in our performance. We also decided that, as we are a school which focuses on technology, we could use these skills to produce a video of students in the kitchen garden. Lastly, Year 4 and I enjoy humour, so like all TV shows we needed ads. The students picked these and chose which ad they would like to be in. Great fun!

We are busily completing our Genius Hour projects and will present some this term and next term. They have been extended as the students are learning through discussions with Year 6 and video conferencing with Ermington West. There are some amazing projects that we cannot wait to showcase.

The students enjoyed the excursion to the Peel Wetlands with Mrs Blanch and Mrs Stewart. They learnt a lot about the environment and water conservation, and completed some interesting bug surveys.

The students enjoyed this excursion and were well behaved while I was in Sydney with Mr Lewis and Mrs Kemp learning about lots of new and exciting ways to deliver technology and strengthen our ties with Ermington West.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday ready for another busy term.

Kristine Sharkey

Sports news

Girls basketball

Last Thursday, Nemingha Public School students participated in the girls PSSA basketball gala day at the Sportsdome. Nemingha drew Manilla Central in the first round and knew they were up against a competitive team. The girls worked well together as a team, however lost to the overall runners up 40-14.

Their next game was against Gunnedah South. Again, the girls played well together as a team and tried their best. Unfortunately, the girls lost against Gunnedah. Overall, the girls enjoyed playing against some very good competition and had a fun day out. Well done girls.

Girls soccer

Our girls soccer team has had a forfeit in the first and second rounds, meaning they will play Tamworth Public School in the third round on Friday 26 June at 10.30. This game will be played at the Gipps Street soccer fields.

Boys rugby league

The boys rugby league team also plays on Friday 26 June at 10.30 against Tamworth South in the third round of their PSSA Knockout competition.

North West representatives

Congratulations to Brianna Elliott, who was selected in the North West netball team. She will play at the state championships in Term 3 in Tamworth. Best of luck Brianna.

Well done to Sienna O’Mally and Mitchell Henderson, who in the past two weeks have represented North West at state championships. Sienna was a representative in girls soccer and Mitchell in boys rugby league. Mitchell is also away next week playing North West soccer.

Girls touch football

The fourth round of the girls touch football will be played early in Term 3 against Tamworth South Public School.