## Calendar - 2015

### August

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| Friday 14 August | Zone Athletics Carnival  
Tamworth Athletics Complex   |
| Monday 17 August | Final registrations for CAPERS 2015  
全球经济 - Ask for a note at the office |
| Tuesday 18 August | Fundraising Committee meeting  
6.15pm in the restaurant at the Longyard - all welcome |
| Friday 21 August | Assembly  
2.30pm - Year 1J item  
Clothing Pool - Open from 1.30-2.30pm |
| 24-27 August   | Book Fair 2015   |
| Tuesday 25 August | School Photos   |
| Wednesday 26 August | Book Parade  
Students will be able to dress up as their favourite book character or in the "Under the Sea" theme.  
Sausage sizzle orders and money due 14 August |
| Friday 28 August | School Photos  
School Spectacular parents' meeting  
At 5pm - to explain more about the excursion |
| Wednesday 26 August | School Spectacular parents' meeting  
At 5pm - to explain more about the excursion |
| Friday 28 August | School Photos  
Billy Tea Band Bush Dance  
In the school hall from 1.30-3pm. Notes will be sent home next week.   |

### September

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| Friday 11 September | Assembly  
2.30pm - Year 1K item  
Clothing Pool - Open from 1.30-2.30pm |
| Sunday 27 September | Dungowan Campdraft  
P&C fundraiser   |

### October

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| Tuesday 13 October | Kinder Orientation  
9.20am-12.30pm   |
| Friday 16 October | Bunnings BBQ  
P&C fundraiser - helpers needed   |
| Wednesday 21 October | Kinder Orientation  
9.20am-12.30pm   |
| Friday 30 October | Kinder Orientation  
Assembly  
2.30pm - Kindergarten item  
Clothing Pool - Open from 1.30-2.30pm |

### November

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| Friday 27 November | Gingerbread House Night  
P&C fundraiser   |

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Clothing Pool - open each Monday, 9-10am

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**Farrer Food and Fibre Day**

Last Tuesday Year 3 and 4 students spent the afternoon at Farrer learning about Food and Fibre.

The afternoon was spent rotating through six different hands-on activities. The students had the opportunity to make a milk shake and attempt to create butter and were even treated to a bacon and egg sandwich.

All students spent time in the chook sheds learning about different types of chickens. They also spent time in the yards looking at where different cuts of beef actually come from and the many products created from cattle.

Students also learnt about the history of sheep farming in Australia and about the variety of grains and seeds produced in Australia and the different products made from them.

A great day was had by all staff and students and we look forward to the opportunity to attend in coming years.

Year 3 and 4 students and staff would like to thank Martin Peeters and the staff and students at Farrer for not only welcoming us and sharing their knowledge and resources, but also for transporting us to and from the event.
Year 6 students preparing for high school

As the term is nearing the half way mark it is time for many Year 6 students to undertake transition to high school activities. Mr Lewis and I have had meetings with some of our partner high schools to ensure the children feel comfortable and ready to conquer their next educational challenges.

Orientation Day for all Department of Education high schools in Tamworth will be Thursday 3 December.

Here at Nemingha Public School we will also be providing orientation days for Kindergarten 2016. All those families who have pre-schoolers enrolled in Kindergarten have received an information flyer about the orientation process.

We have scheduled three days from Tuesday 13 October until Friday 30 October.

Review of English teaching

Next week the school will undertake a review of the practices involved in teaching English. The staff and students have completed surveys and may participate in focus groups, demonstration lessons and discussions.

Thank you to Kristine Sharkey for co-ordinating this process and Cathie McMaster, a curriculum advisor from district office, for being involved as an independent contributor to this activity. All staff will then participate in staff meetings in order to action the review findings and improve the teaching of English at Nemingha.

Learning walks

Learning walks will take place throughout Week 6 during mathematics and literacy sessions. Nemingha staff will participate on Thursday and join with staff from Timbumburi and Bendemeer public schools.

Teachers will undertake walk throughs in order to acquire knowledge about visible learning and the use of learning goals. Without the support from Nemingha staff this collegial sharing of information could not take place.

Our school is becoming known throughout the district as a leader in this educational area. We are constantly receiving requests from schools asking for information or demonstrations on visible learning.

Director’s visit

Today Ruythe Dufty, Director of Public Schools, attended Nemingha. Ms Dufty met with me to discuss the achievements of the school and she was able to view our wonderful students. She was very impressed with the primary students who were participating in the school spelling bee. Our beautiful gardens, vegetable patch and kitchen were a focus of her attention, as were our clever K-2 students who were thoroughly engaged in their learning.

Welcome to Mrs Hill

Today Mrs Moss began her long service leave. Mr and Mrs Moss will be travelling in their vintage tractor seeing some of Australia’s outback landscapes. I am sure you join with me in wishing Mr and Mrs Moss a wonderful break.

While Mrs Moss is away, Mrs Helen Hill will be keeping the school office humming. Mrs Hill has worked in many schools and brings with her a wealth of experience. Mrs Ryan will still be in the office assisting Mrs Hill. Please drop in and introduce yourselves.

Have a lovely weekend,

Leanne Kemp, Relieving Principal

Interschool Chess Challenge

Campell Spanswick, Tobin Lesley, Blake Parker, Tyhla Condrick and Ethan Dawson played in the Far North Semi Final at Farrer yesterday. The boys played extremely well against some tough competitors. I am very proud to say that they were third overall and will now travel to Sydney in September for the final.

ENGLISH REVIEW

I will be conducting a review of the school’s English program next week with consultant Cathie McMaster.

Over the past 18 months, the staff has been continually improving the English program. The staff and students have recently completed a survey about the English programs that are run at school.

I feel that it is very important to have the parents and community members contribute and would like to invite you to complete a survey using the link below. https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NTZGKBV

Kristine Sharkey
Rehearsals underway for CAPERS 2015

CAPERS 2015 will be the 8th CAPERS to be held in the Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre.

Every time this event is held, audiences leave uttering words like ‘amazing’, extraordinary, wow!’

CAPERS takes exceptional talent from public schools in the New England North West and gives these students an opportunity to perform at a regional event. Along with these performers are those from Kindergarten to Year 12 who simply love to sing, dance and play music. No auditions for them, just the opportunity and skill development to give them the experience of a lifetime.

Names like Roshani, Robert McDougall, Felicity, Chasing Bailey and many more have performed at CAPERS before they embarked on the next stage of their career. Many vocalists, dancers and musicians are now performing in professional companies across the world.

CAPERS 2015 will be displaying even more talented students. There is something for everyone in this program: a massed choir of 200 voices, massed dances - tap, and ballet, modern and contemporary, an 80-player concert band and musical performers, individual items of song, dance and drama. A feature of CAPERS is always the welcome to country and indigenous performances that follow.

This is not ‘a kids show’, it is a professionally produced event with the sound and lighting rig used at TRECC for any event, including big screens and broadcast quality video, state-of-the-art lighting with spectacular special effects and all the trimmings of a fully professional show.

It has taken 12 months of hard work to put it together and our parents and teachers have been working with the students preparing choreography, making costumes, learning songs and making art works.

It will be spectacular! Don’t miss it!

Still vacancies for CAPERS

There are vacancies for Nemingha students, across all stages, who would like to participate in CAPERS this year. This showcase of creative talent from our regional public schools is a wonderful opportunity for students.

If your child is interested in joining the performers of this spectacular event and you are prepared to commit to a small cost (bus travel for rehearsals and costumes), could you please contact the school office and complete the necessary permission note by Monday 17 August.

Jo Jones

SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR FUNDRAISING

The P & C will be selling cakes and drinks on Wednesday 26 August (Book Parade) in conjunction with the sausage sizzle. All money raised will be going towards the cost of the excursion to Schools Spectacular.

The P&C have asked for donations of cakes and slices to be handed to the canteen on the day.

On behalf of the students of the Schools Spectacular I would like to thank the P&C.

Kristine Sharkey

PARKING IN THE BUS ZONE

On several occasions there have been cars parked in the bus zone after school at 3.45pm.

The bus companies have requested that you please observe the laws regarding parking.

Bus zones operate in the mornings from 8.00 to 9.30 and from 2.30 to 4.00 in the afternoons, the same as speed limits in school zones. If these rules are not adhered to, then they may request that police patrol the area during those hours.
P&C FUNDRAISING NEWS

Dungowan Campdraft

Our P&C would like to say a big thank you to Dungowan Progress Association, who host the annual Dungowan Campdraft, for their very generous donation to our P&C, even though the draft was cancelled last year.

Nemingha P&C has been offered a shift in the canteen at the upcoming Dungowan Campdraft on Sunday 27 September from 9am-12noon. We’re looking for people to help cook the barbecue or serve behind the counter. You don’t need to be a financial member to help out.

If you are able to assist please contact Karlie Tongue on 0407 926 132.

For your diary:

Fundraising Committee Meeting – we are meeting next Tuesday 18 August at 6:15pm in the restaurant at The Longyard. New members and ideas are always welcome.

Bunnings BBQ – our next Bunnings fundraiser is on Friday 16 October. As always, we are after helpers to assist on this day.

Gingerbread House Night – our annual Gingerbread House Night is on Friday 27 November. It was an enjoyable night last year and we are looking forward to seeing you all back this year. Bring along a friend or two.

What’s cooking in the Canteen

Friday 14 August

Italian Minestrone Soup with bread roll $4

Thank you,

Marion Woods, Canteen Manager
0414 766 131

Sports Report

Girls’ football

The winning run of the Nemingha girls’ football team has come to an end with a hard-fought defeat at the hands of Gunnedah South last Thursday. The girls took to the field in cold conditions against a fast and well-drilled side. Gunnedah South started powerfully and had scored their first goal after just five minutes of play. A second goal followed by the ten minute mark and the girls knew they were in for a tough match.

Half time arrived as Nemingha seemed to be getting back into the game. Half-time oranges and pep talks followed as well as some first aid to the keeper’s knees, a result of those hard Gunnedah fields. Play resumed and despite Nemingha enjoying more possession, Gunnedah South scored their third goal early in the second half. The girls continued to play to their game plan and were rewarded with a fantastic late goal to Abbey Greentree. The final result was Gunnedah South 3 - Nemingha 1. We wish Gunnedah South well as they progress on to the next round of the competition.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Nemingha girls for their team work, sportsmanship and fair play. Well done girls it has been a real pleasure for me and I have enjoyed every minute.

Thank you to Mr Chris Thompson for his involvement in training the girls. Many thanks also to our supporters who braved the cool conditions and were able to get the girls there on time. Your efforts are appreciated.  

Pip Diss

Zone athletics tomorrow

Congratulations to the 30 Nemingha students who were successful in gaining selection to compete tomorrow at Zone Athletics. Last week I forgot to mention that Sophie Corbett is also a part of our team to compete at Zone. Best of luck to all our students. Please find Mr Lewis or Miss Davidson at the TRAC to get your name marked off in the morning.

David Lewis

Tamworth Little Athletics

The Come & Try and Sign On days for the 2015/16 season will be held on Sunday 30 August and Sunday 13 September. Watch for more details in next week’s Newslink.

Clothing Pool

School photos will take place in just over a week, so ensure that your children have their full winter uniforms, which include ties, ready.

Since the athletics carnival the lost property rack is full to overflowing! Please clearly label all school clothing as any unclaimed, unnamed items will be returned to the clothing pool to be resold at the end of term.

Karen Darling
Clothing Pool Coordinator

SKOOLBAG

Skoolbag is now available for Windows Phones running version 8.1 of Windows, and Windows devices running Windows 8.1 or 10 (eg Surface tablet, Laptop, PC etc).

This makes the app even more accessible than before with the ability to receive messages directly to a PC, Laptop, or Surface Tablet running Windows 8.1 or 10.

To install Skoolbag on your Windows device, look up “Skoolbag” in the Windows Store, and install it. Once installed you can find your school, and pin it to your Windows Home Screen. You must be running at least Windows 8.1 on your device for the app to function.

If you have any questions please email support@skoolbag.com.au