1K Showcase

We are coming to the end of yet another busy term and I would like to thank all of the parents for their help throughout this term.

1K has been working extremely hard this term to learn a variety of new skills. We have been learning about money, time, adding and subtracting and sharing objects equally in mathematics. We have also been learning how to add greater detail to our sentences and how to write imaginative texts.

Last week 1K presented their ‘Wombat Stew’ assembly item. All the students should be proud of themselves for their dedication in perfecting their parts in the play.

1K would like to say a very big thank you to Mrs Bowman for giving us a ‘Herman the German Friendship Cake’. We all enjoyed being able to use the new kitchen to cook our yummy cake.

1K would like to share some of their writing about the cake:

Yesterday we made a Herman the German cake. I got to get the salt out of the bag and all of us got to see when the apples went in the bowl.

by Henry Haling

Yesterday we cooked a cake. I mixed the flour. It was fun.

by Cooper Jones

Today I had the Herman cake and it was really yummy. It was like the best cake ever!

by Lachlan Lindenmayer

I hope everyone enjoys their well-deserved break.

Kirsty Coombes
Highlights of Term 3

Another busy term is drawing to a close. Thank you to everyone who has supported Nemingha Public School during Term 3. We have once again continued to provide many opportunities for the students in academic, cultural and sporting areas.

Some of the highlights have included open classrooms during Education Week, the Book Fair and parade, chess tournaments, participation in the Premier’s Spelling Bee, music tuition, the school choir performing for the Tamworth View Club, Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking and numerous sporting pursuits.

Spelling stars

The regional final of the spelling bee was held at Quirindi Public School.

The four Nemingha representatives competed with maturity and confidence. Jackson, Aidan, Amelia and Indianna were excellent ambassadors for our school and performed admirably. All students were awarded a certificate and are looking forward to competing again in 2016.

Students impress our Director

Ms Ruythe Dufty, Director of Education, came to school on Tuesday to look at some of the wonderful work occurring in the classrooms at Nemingha. She was very impressed with the writing tasks she viewed as well as the confidence displayed by the students.

Year 3 was able to articulate the difference between a learning goal and success criteria. For your information, learning goals are specific statements of intended student attainment of concepts and skills and success criteria are the map that guides students to achieve their learning goal. Ms Dufty also spoke with some Year 5 students about the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. She had some photos with the students in the garden and with the chickens which we hope will be published in The Land newspaper.

Great Stage 3 Cook-off

Preparations are underway for the Great Stage 3 Cook-off.

Under the expert eye of Mrs Bowman, Years 5 and 6 will prepare a menu and tomorrow their cooking skills will be judged by the staff.

This will be the concluding event in the school’s Food and Fibre project. A huge vote of thanks goes to Mrs Bowman for her coordination of this project.

I look forward to joining with Year 5 and Mrs Bowman in Week 3 when we travel to the TAFE to present our work from the Food and Fibre pilot.

Thank you to Mrs Hill

Thank you to Mrs Helen Hill for doing a stellar job working with our school during her time as the School Administrative Manager over the past five weeks. We welcome back Mrs Moss in Term 4 after her long service leave. I am sure she will have lots of photos and stories to share about the “great outdoors”.

Mufti day tomorrow

Tomorrow is mufti day. As was stated on the Skoolbag app the children will need appropriate footwear for sporting activities and cooking. Due to the warm weather, covered shoulders and hats are also required. A gold coin donation will need to be provided for being out of uniform, with the proceeds going toward the Year 6 gift to the school.

Have a wonderful holiday,
Leanne Kemp, Relieving Principal
**Clothing Pool**

The clothing pool will be open on Tuesday 6 October, 9am-10am, for all your summer uniform needs.

Please check the lost property rack as all unnamed, unclaimed items will be re-sold through the clothing pool. All non-uniform items will go to charity.

Have a terrific holiday. Clean out those cupboards as Orientation Day is almost here!

Karen Darling,
Clothing Pool Coordinator

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**School Banking**

There will be no banking during the first week of next term.

First banking day will be the Monday of Week 2 (12 October)

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY ROAD SAFETY**

With the school holidays approaching, daily routines will soon change. Different play locations and holiday destinations mean different traffic environments.

So to help keep our children safe, families are reminded about these key road safety points:

1. **Stop, look, listen, think every time you cross the road**
   If your child is aged 8 years or younger hold their hand when walking near or across roads. If your child is 9-10 years old always actively supervise them.

2. **It’s the law that everyone wears a helmet when riding a bike in a public place**
   It makes sense to wear a helmet when riding scooters and skateboards too!

3. **Click clack front ‘n’ back every person for every trip**
   Everyone in the car must be securely buckled up in the right seatbelt or child restraint.

4. **Talk to your child about being a safe road user**
   Reinforce safe road behaviours by being a good role model! Children learn safe road behaviours from the adults who care for them. Talk about what you are doing to be safe when near roads, in the car and when riding.

5. **Point out road safety differences and dangers in new environments**
   This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths, parks, carparks, bike tracks and bike lanes may look different in holiday areas.

The best way to keep your child safe is to actively supervise them.

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**Korean pen friends**

Year 5 have been video conferencing with our sister school Daebuyun Elementary School in South Korea this year and received their first pen pal letters recently.

At the beginning of term, Year 5 were given a pen friend from grades 3-6 and wrote a letter introducing themselves and their families, and listing interests and hobbies.

Last week, students were excited to receive responses to their letters, which included a photo of their pen pal. Students commented on their excellent grasp of the English language and enjoyed the opportunity to write to them again this week.

Students have been video conferencing our sister school regularly using the Tiered Learning Area and have taken turns to research and prepare Powerpoint presentations on Australian the culture, music, animals and landmarks. We have learnt about culture and the country of South Korea in return.

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**P&C Fundraising News**

**Dungowan Campdraft**

We are still after helpers to assist during our shift at this year’s Campdraft. We are required on Sunday 27 September from 9am-12 midday.

Contact Karlie on 0407926132 if you are able to help.

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**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden**

**Working bee next term**

As another busy term wraps up we are already in the preparation and planning stages for next term.

There will be a working bee in the garden on Sunday 11 October to install a dripper watering system. This will allow the garden program to be more sustainable by using resources carefully. Keep an eye out for more information in the first Newslink next term.

Thank you to Beau Turner and his family for their donation of an electric juicer and deep fryer.

Year 5 have begun planting spring seedlings which will be ready for harvest in summer.

Have an enjoyable break.

Lauren Bowman
**Touch football**

On Thursday our girls’ touch team played Gunnedah South Public in the 6th round of the PSSA touch knockout competition.

The game was very close, with Gunnedah scoring first and then leading 2-1 for a lot of the first half. Nemingha played very well and came away with the win 6-2 by the final whistle. Sienna O’Mally, Nellie Palmer, Isabella Cameron and Brianna Elliott scored the tries for our team.

The defence was again outstanding with the girls covering for each other. The girls will now play Warialda in the last 16 of the state (regional final). Best of luck girls.

Isabella Cameron directed the girls around the park well and Nellie Palmer, Brianna Elliott and Sienna O’Mally scored our tries. Congratulations to the girls for making it so far in this competition. You should be very proud of your efforts. Thank you also to Mr Steve Corbett who coached the girls.

**Girls’ cricket**

Our girls’ cricket team plays today in Narrabri West in the regional final. I will let you know how they went early next term.

David Lewis, Assistant Principal

**Rugby league gala day**

Our Under 10 and Open rugby league teams enjoyed a wonderful day of rugby league yesterday in the West Leagues Challenge.

Our students played well, showing good sportsmanship and determination.

Mr Zac Russ has been conducting rugby league clinics here at school and at other primary schools in Tamworth. This culminated in this rugby league gala day at the Plain Street fields.

Thank you to Mr Peter Henderson and Mr Paul Tongue, who kindly gave up their time to coach the teams and support them during the day. Also thank you to the parents and supporters who, without them, these events could not take place.

Tracy Gooch

**TAMWORTH HOCKEY CONGRATULATIONS**

I would like to congratulate all Nemingha hockey players for their efforts and behaviour on and off the field for the hockey season this year. They represented Nemingha Public School in an exemplary manner and showed excellent sportsmanship in each game.

It was rewarding to see the improvements in each player and how far they have personally progressed throughout the season. The Minkey players ended their season with a busy round robin and resulted in a team of very tired kids! The Under 11 girls and Open Primary boys did a fantastic job for the year which resulted in their making the semi-finals. The Under 11 girls also represented Nemingha and Tamworth proudly at carnivals throughout the season.

The team coaches would like to also thank the parents for their assistance and support throughout the season. It was much appreciated.

Andrea Smith, Tudors Hockey Association