Welcome to Kindergarten

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new Kindergarten parents and students to the 2016 school year. The children all seemed very eager to begin their education on Monday, although a few parents looked a little wary.

Please be assured our experienced and wonderful kinder teachers and school staff will take very good care of your babies. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to ask, we would like you and your family to feel comfortable and well informed throughout your time with us at Nemingha Public School.

Please keep a lookout for the letter from Miss Levingston, Mrs Holcombe and Mrs Stimson informing you which class your child will work in for this year - Kinder Red or Kinder Blue.

Information night

In order to ensure all families are up to date we will be holding our annual “Information Night”. These nights will take place on Monday 8 February for K-2 classes and Tuesday 9 February for 3-6 classes.

These meetings will begin in the library and then move on to your child’s classroom. This is your opportunity to meet your child’s class teacher and become aware of the class routines. Although the school practises school-wide rules, each teacher has their own procedures.

Welcome barbeque

I would also ask that you check your diaries and note that the “Welcome Barbeque” will take place on Thursday 25 February at 5.30-7.30pm. This is your chance to meet other parents from the school and mix with the staff in an informal setting.

Please keep a lookout in your child’s red folder for notes about ordering sausages for the evening. We look forward to seeing you then.

P&C and School Council

I would like to draw your attention to the upcoming P&C meeting. The first meeting for 2016 will take place on
Wednesday 10 February at 7pm. This meeting will be held in the staffroom.

The P&C is a committee of parents who join together to discuss issues, raise money and buy resources to ensure the school and the students are prepared for education in the 21st century.

Nemingha Public School also has a School Council. Due to children moving on to high school and members completing their terms, there will be a number of vacancies on the School Council. Please give this some thought and see Nicolette in the office for a nomination form.

**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden**

As most of you would know, we have been working hard to raise money towards the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. I am extremely happy to announce that the school and the students are prepared for education in this program, each class will be timetabled to water and look after the gardens at school. We feel this will allow all students to have the opportunity to experience the kitchen.

Once again Stages 2 and 3 will participate in this program on a weekly basis.

In order for the school to provide kitchen and garden utensils, ingredients and plants, we ask that each child pays the minimal price of $1 per week to supplement this course. Invoices will be sent home shortly.

To ensure all students have the opportunity to experience this program, each class will be timetabled to water and look after the gardens at school. We feel this will allow all children to enjoy ownership of this wonderful resource.

If any parents, grandparents or friends have a green thumb or are Master Chefs please keep a look out for your invitation to attend the “Rake and Bake” meeting being held with Mrs Bowman and Mrs Stirling on Tuesday.

**Welcome Mr Baldwin**

We welcome Mr Robert Baldwin back to Nemingha for 2016. Mr McCahon has taken leave for 12 months from his position as General Assistant. Mr Baldwin began work during the holidays and will continue to be at school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Mr Baldwin was ably assisted during the holidays by Michelle Lane. Michelle, Louisa and Alex watered the gardens and looked after the chickens. When Michelle was doing this she was busily covering readers for the K-2 classes. Without helpers like Michelle our school would not function. I am sure you all join with me in thanking Michelle for her tireless efforts. If anyone else has some spare time on their hands we now have a number of new resources that need covering in contact. Please contact the office for further information.

**Please stay informed**

Please check your child’s red folder daily for notes, download the Skoolbag app and read the weekly Newslink to keep informed. I look forward to working with you and your child throughout 2016.

Have a lovely weekend,

*Leanne Kemp, Relieving Principal*
Nemingha P&C

Welcome back to another busy and exciting year!

Our first meeting for the year is next Wednesday, 10 February, at 7pm in the School staffroom. Our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month during the school term.

Our P&C is a great way to:

- have a say in the development and implementation of various school activities
- contribute to the school's resources through various fundraising projects
- meet other parents.

We welcome new members at any time. To become a member, you must pay the $2 fee, which makes you a financial member up until the end of the approaching AGM.

Annual General Meeting

Our next AGM is scheduled for Wednesday 9 March, so if you are a new member wishing to vote at the 2016 AGM, you must pay your $2 at the February meeting. It will then be another $2 to make you a financial member until the end of the 2017 AGM.

Karlie Tongue, Secretary

School Banking

School Banking will be proceeding again at Nemingha this year.

If you would like your child or children to participate, we would prefer that you open your child’s account by visiting our local Commonwealth Bank and stating that you wish to open a Dollarmite account. You will need to take along your child’s birth certificate. You will then be handed a welcome pack with their account number, Dollarmites deposit book and deposit wallet. You are then ready to participate in School Banking.

Your child is to hand their completed deposit wallet in at the canteen before school each Monday. The wallet will then be returned to your child’s classroom on Tuesday.

The first banking day will be next Monday, 8 February.

School Banking Co-ordinators

Swimming carnival

The swimming carnival will be held next Friday at Kootingal pool.

Please read the program inside Newslink this week so you know when events are on. The individual medleys will start early, so students need to be there at 8.45am if they wish to participate in those events.

If the carnival is going to be cancelled due to weather I will advise on radio 92.9 at 8am.

We would love parent help so if you are available it would be greatly appreciated.

Students are encouraged to bring sunscreen and lots of water.

There will be lots of opportunities for students to get involved and participate in the day and there will be constant lifeguard supervision of both pools. If you have any questions please contact me through the front office.

David Lewis, Assistant Principal

Thank you to... Michelle Lane

Thank you to Michelle Lane (mother of Louisa and Alex Hawkins) who spent the holidays covering all the new take-home readers we purchased late last year.

Michelle also shared the responsibility of looking after the gardens and chickens with Mr Baldwin.

We really appreciate your dedication and help Michelle.

VOLUNTEERS ...

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

Anyone volunteering or considering volunteering to help with any of our school activities now needs to complete a Working with Children Check.

This involves an online application through www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au

When you complete and submit the online application you will receive an application number which you must present to the Roads and Maritime Services (formerly the RTA). There is no cost for volunteers.

If you have provided an email address, the Working with Children Check number should be sent to you within a few days. You then need to provide this number to the school for their validation.
**Dungowan Junior Rugby League**

Now that school is back, it is time to start thinking about the sports that your children will play for the year. Dungowan Cowboys is a family-friendly club with strong country values. Our seniors spend time with the junior teams, who are made up of players from many different schools around Tamworth.

If your son or daughter is interested in playing rugby league this year, please email dungowancowboysjuniors@outlook.com or find us on Facebook to receive further information on the upcoming season.

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**Tamworth Basketball Association**

**Vacancies in the Year 3/4 team**

There are vacancies in the Tamworth Basketball Association’s Year 3/4 team for this year as students from last year’s team have moved up to fill the Year 5/6 team.

The first two trial games are on 10/11 and 17/18 February and the official competition starts on 25 February.

For more information contact

Mel Gallagher, 0404 073 433

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**Kootingal & District Soccer Club**

*“Northern Inland Club of the Year 2014”*

**Information and sign-up day for new players**

12.30pm-4pm Saturday 5 March
Kootingal Bowling Club (BBQ Area)

Open to boys and girls of all skill levels from kindergarten up. Why not introduce your child to Tamworth’s and the world’s most popular team sport.

For further information call - Craig Johnston, 0447 186613
Noel Corey, 0412 619345

K.D.S.C. is proudly sponsored by Kootingal Bowling Club

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**Tamworth Football Club**

Players from all ages are welcome to register to play football (soccer) with Tamworth FC for the 2016 season.

Online registrations can be completed at www.myfootballclub.com.au.

Registration days will also be held at Gipps Street fields:

- Tuesday 9 February 4pm-5.30pm
- Tuesday 23 February 4pm-5.30pm
- Saturday 27 February TBA
- Tuesday 8 March 4pm-5.30pm

If you would like any further information in regards to the 2016 season registrations, please contact the club via email at tamworthfc@northerninlandfootball.net.au.

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**Days for Nemingha PSSA sporting team trials**

We will be having trials for all the Nemingha PSSA sporting teams in the next few weeks. Parents and students are reminded that according to the school’s policy we will pick the best and most skilled players for each team, not necessarily the oldest students to trial. If we do not get the numbers for some of the teams then we will withdraw from that competition.

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