### Calendar - 2016

**February**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Friday 12 February</td>
<td>Swimming Carnival&lt;br&gt;9.30-2.30 at Kootingal pool</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 19 February</td>
<td>Assembly and Captains' Induction&lt;br&gt;2.30pm - Year 6 item - all welcome</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22-24 February</td>
<td>Best Start interviews for Kindergarten&lt;br&gt;Notes have been sent home</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 24 Feb</td>
<td>Tamworth High School Gifted and Talented (GAT) information night&lt;br&gt;6.30pm-8pm in the THS library - all welcome</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday 25 February</td>
<td>Welcome Barbeque&lt;br&gt;5.30-7.30pm - meet other parents and staff&lt;br&gt;The P&amp;C will be selling soft drinks, icy-bites and chips.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 26 February</td>
<td>Zone Swimming Carnival - Scully Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday 29 February</td>
<td>NRMA Kindergarten Bus Safety Program</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**March**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 1 March</td>
<td>Tamworth High School Junior Success&lt;br&gt;Workshop: &quot;Understanding the changes between Year 5 and Year 8&quot;&lt;br&gt;7.30-9pm THS library - Yrs 5-8 families welcome</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 2 March</td>
<td>Tamworth High School Yr 7 2017 Info Night&lt;br&gt;6.30-8pm in the THS cafeteria - all welcome</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 8 March</td>
<td>Darling Dental for Year 1&lt;br&gt;Free dental health check for Year 1 students</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 9 March</td>
<td>P&amp;C annual general meeting&lt;br&gt;7pm in the staff room</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 16 March</td>
<td>School Council annual general meeting&lt;br&gt;6pm in the staff room</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 18 March</td>
<td>Assembly - Year 5 item&lt;br&gt;2.30pm - all welcome</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 22 March</td>
<td>Come and Try Day - for Kindergarten 2017</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 25 March</td>
<td>Good Friday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday 28 March</td>
<td>Easter Monday</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**April**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Friday 8 April</td>
<td>Last day of Term 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 26 April</td>
<td>Staff Development Day</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed 27 April</td>
<td>Start of Term 2, 2016&lt;br&gt;Students return to school for Term 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 29 April</td>
<td>Lorin Nicholson performance&lt;br&gt;9.30am in the hall</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**December**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Friday 9 December</td>
<td>Presentation Day&lt;br&gt;9.45am in the hall - everyone welcome</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Clothing Pool - open each Monday, 9.30-10.30am and on assembly days at 1.30pm

---

### Parents welcomed at information nights

It was wonderful to see so many parents at the information nights, which were held on Monday and Tuesday.

We enjoyed being able to give you a personal overview around some of the practices and events that will be taking place in your child’s classroom this year. If you were unable to attend either of these sessions please do not hesitate to ask for clarification at the office or make an appointment to speak to your child’s teacher.

#### Rake and Bake

The “Rake and Bake” meeting on Tuesday was also well attended. As was mentioned at the meeting, we have been successful in gaining a grant from the Environmental Trust to build a greenhouse and complete upgrades to the watering system in our school garden. As the old saying goes - “many hands make light work” so we would love to hear from any other interested helpers to assist in the garden or the kitchen.

#### Thanks to the Moss family

Thank you to the Moss family for their kind donation of fertiliser for the playground. The grounds are being well cared for by Mr Baldwin and he spread the fertiliser in the rain last week to ensure we achieved the benefits from both the water and the fertiliser.

#### School numbers

Our school numbers were submitted to the department on Wednesday. As of yesterday we have 209 students. We will be notified later in the month if this enables us to receive an increase in staffing.

#### Swimming carnival on tomorrow

I look forward to seeing lots of excited students and parents at the annual swimming carnival on Friday. Thank you to Mr David Lewis for his organisation and to the Kootingal and District Swimming Club members who assist Mrs Sharkey with the computer records during the day.

Please remember if you can spare some time to assist with the many jobs that occur at a swimming carnival you
can see David or the K-2 staff on the day. Participation is encouraged, but only children who are 5-7 years are able to take part in the activities in the wading pool.

Sunscreen will be provided for the children but it is advisable to bring your own and practise the sun safety message.

Have a lovely weekend,
**Leanne Kemp**, Relieving Principal

---

**Stephany Alexander Kitchen Garden Program**

**Garden taking shape**

Another busy year is approaching and our garden is beginning to take shape.

Students from 3-6 have been planting seedlings in the garden this week, which will be ready to use in the kitchen later this term. If anyone is able to donate any manure or hay for the garden it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all who attended our rake and bake meeting on Tuesday afternoon. If you missed the meeting and would still like to help out you can contact Mrs Stirling or Mrs Bowman.

---

**We Care committee**

Our We Care committee donated meals to more than a dozen families last year, and was very much valued by those families.

We would like to continue again this year so we can help school families who are going through testing times (the loss of a close family member, illness, or with a newborn baby).

If you are interested in being placed on a roster to cook a meal or slice, please email neminghapandc@outlook.com with your name and mobile phone number. Last year we had enough volunteers that most people had one turn only. Many of us have been in one of these situations, and know that this service would be much appreciated.

---

**Clothing Pool**

The Clothing Pool will now be open from 9.30 to 10.30 every Monday morning.

If you can’t make it during these times, you are able to leave an order with the office. You should leave your order in an envelope with the correct money or a cheque. The office staff will pass it on to the Clothing Pool to fill the order and give to your child. If the size isn’t quite right, you can organise an exchange as usual.

---

**What’s cooking in the Canteen**

Welcome back to the school canteen news for 2016.

This week our price list and menu went home. Prices have not increased this year, so take advantage of our great value items we supply.

**Added to our menu were Chicken Salad Wraps for only $3.50.** Thank you to the staff who have enjoyed this latest addition and have supported the canteen.

Multigrain bread is also now available for those wanting a healthier option but this needs to be marked on your lunch order, otherwise white bread is supplied.

Thanks to our happy volunteers who have returned to help out. Also a welcome to two new mums, Jess and Victoria. Its never too late to volunteer. If your circumstances allow, helpers are needed from 9-9.15am until around 1.30pm, on Mondays and Fridays.

Thank you,
**Marion Woods**, Canteen Manager
0414 766 131

---

**School Banking**

A parent information pack went home yesterday with all the information needed for the year. If you didn’t receive your envelope, there are spares at the office.

We had 23 children make a deposit on Monday, with four new children beginning banking through Nemingha. We are thrilled to see new children enjoying banking.

Please remember that 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.

We require one more volunteer on the first Tuesday of each month to help Dominique count and record the deposits. This takes place in the library from 8.30-9.15am. If you are available at this time, please email neminghapandc@outlook.com, with your name and contact details.

School Banking Co-ordinators
Primary choir

This year the primary choir will be run by Miss Levingston.

Members of the choir will be selected through an audition process.

Auditions will be held over the next few weeks of this term and Miss Levingston will notify students if they have been successful after all interested students have auditioned.

Any primary child who would like to be considered for the choir should write their name on the list outside Miss Levingston’s room (Kindergarten Red).

If your child is interested in auditioning, they should write their name on the list before the end of next week (Friday 19 February).

Students do not need to prepare anything for the audition.

Choir will be held on Fridays during the afternoon session. Sometimes lunch time or recess rehearsals will be necessary, especially prior to the eisteddfod and any other performances.

Please speak to your child about whether they are prepared to commit to this as this will mean they will miss some play time.

---

I Am Important
(a kids self-esteem program)

A FREE 2 week self-esteem program for children aged 10 to 12 years

Self-esteem can affect our happiness, our performance in tasks, how we interact with others and our quality of life.

I am Important is a self-esteem program which looks at:

- What self-esteem is
- The role that self-esteem plays in a person’s life
- Ways to develop self-esteem

I am Important also includes components on feelings, resilience and problem solving.

Registrations are essential.
Courses and workshops may be cancelled 7 days prior to commencement if there are insufficient registrations.
PSSA basketball selections

Congratulations to the following boys who were chosen to represent Nemingha at the PSSA basketball day:

James Sainsbury
Sol Arranz
Thomas Gallagher
Ryan Stewart
Kai Gregory
Fletcher Pennell

Congratulations also to the girls who were successful in their selection for the PSSA girls’ basketball team:

Evelyn Murdock
Emelyn Haling
Abbey Greentree
Ellie Sainsbury
Amelia Hawes
Lucy Plowman

We look forward to following the progress of these teams throughout the season.

David Lewis, Assistant Principal

COLLEGIANS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

Registration Day

Saturday 20 February 2016
10.30am-12.30pm

Tamworth Minor League Fields, near the club house, Plain Street, Tamworth

Rugby League development skills, jumping castle and BBQ

Children a little unsure if they would like to play rugby league can come along and participate in the development skills without any obligation.

Registration can be completed by filling in the information required on the sportingpulse web site. (You will find it simpler to locate the registration form by opening this newsletter online via the school’s web site and following the link.)

Registration is $100 for the first child, sibling discounts available - $95 for the second child and $90 for any other children from the same family, this includes insurance, shorts and socks. Payment options are cash, cheque, direct deposit or credit card.

If you would like any further details please contact either Tim – 0429 667 141 or Mary Jane – 0427 701 708.