Calendar - 2016

February
Friday 19 February  Assembly and Captains’ Induction
2.30pm - Year 6 item - all welcome
22-24 February  Best Start interviews for Kindergarten
Notes have been sent home
Wednesday 24 Feb  Tamworth High School Gifted and Talented (GAT) information night
6.30pm-8pm in the THS library - all welcome
Thursday 25 February  Welcome Barbeque
5.30-7.30pm - meet other parents and staff
The P&C will be selling soft drinks, icy-bites and chips.
Friday 26 February  Zone Swimming Carnival - Scully Park
Monday 29 February  NRMA Kindergarten Bus Safety Program

March
Tuesday 1 March  Tamworth High School Junior Success
Workshop: “Understanding the changes between Year 5 and Year 8”
7.30-9pm THS library - Yrs 5-8 families welcome
Wednesday 2 March  Tamworth High School Yr 7 2017 Info Night
6.30-8pm in the THS cafeteria - all welcome
Tuesday 8 March  Darling Dental for Year 1
Free dental health check for Year 1 students
Wednesday 9 March  P&C annual general meeting
7pm in the staff room
Wednesday 16 March  School Council annual general meeting
6pm in the staff room
Friday 18 March  Assembly - Year 5 item
2.30pm - all welcome
Tuesday 22 March  Come and Try Day - for Kindergarten 2017
Friday 25 March  Good Friday
Monday 28 March  Easter Monday

April
Friday 8 April  Last day of Term 1
Tuesday 26 April  Staff Development Day
Wed 27 April  Start of Term 2, 2016
Students return to school for Term 2
Friday 29 April  Lorin Nicholson performance
9.30am in the hall

December
Friday 9 December  Presentation Day
9.45am in the hall - everyone welcome

Great day at swimming carnival

The Kootingal pool was a hive of activity last Friday with the annual swimming carnival being held.

It was wonderful to see many new faces at the carnival and I was extremely pleased to see the way in which the children competed, displaying positive team spirit. Thank you to David Lewis for his organisation of the carnival and Tracy Gooch for her co-ordination of the Infants’ Carnival.

Congratulations to all our age champions and the Emus on their highest point score victory. We now look forward to hearing about the exploits of our swimming team at the PSSA zone swimming carnival on Friday 26 February at Scully Park Pool.
**Kinders off to a great start**

The staff have been extremely busy this term ensuring all children are accessing the curriculum at their level and feeling confident in all aspects of their schooling.

I am very excited to report that Kindergarten have already begun literacy rotations and are demonstrating exceptional skills in all areas of their academic journeys.

Please keep a look out for notes about Term 1 interviews. Kindergarten classes will be holding their Best Start Feedback interviews next week, while the Year 1-6 class interviews will take place in week 11.

**Welcome barbeque and disco**

All the staff at Nemingha Public School would like to invite students, parents and siblings to the “Welcome Barbeque and Disco”.

This is the staff’s chance to mix with the community in an informal setting and our parent’s chance to meet other carers in their own children’s classes. This event will take place on Thursday 25 February from 5.30-7.30pm. The staff will be giving up their own time to attend, as they did last week when they were available for you all at the parent information nights.

There is a misconception that school staff only work 9.30-3.30. I would invite you to drive past the school on any given weekend, after hours, or during school holidays. You will see numerous staff vehicles parked outside the school. The Nemingha staff are a very dedicated group of professionals and I ask you appreciate the efforts each one of them go to in order to make NPS a leading school.

**Busy day tomorrow**

This Friday is a very busy day at our school. We have a soccer gala day being provided by the Kootingal Kougars Football Club as well as the start of scripture and our first whole-school assembly for 2016.

If you have a spare hour, please come along to see the captains, sport captains and seniors being inducted at 2.30pm. Year 6 are also very excited about entertaining the school community.

**STEM Conference**

I look forward to reporting back about the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Conference that Mrs Bowman, Mr Lewis and I are attending in Sydney next week. This is further evidence of the cutting-edge programs NPS delivers to all students.

Have a lovely weekend,

**Leanne Kemp, Relieving Principal**

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**Congratulations to our swimmers**

**Congratulations to all students who participated in the Nemingha swimming carnival last Friday. Everyone had a great day.**

Emus were the successful house on the day winning by 8 points from Wombats.

Our 50m Age Champions were: Sol Arranz, Luke Gentle, Abbey Greentree, Charlie Henderson, Amelia Hawes, Forbes Murdoch and Kallie Mitchell.

Our 25m Age Champions were: Oliver Brennan, Charlotte Murray, Kai Gregory, Holly Austin, Robert Murphy and Isabel Murray.

We had 28 students successful in making it through to zone for next Friday’s carnival. These students were:


**David Lewis, Assistant Principal**
What’s cooking in the Canteen

Thanks again to all the parents who volunteer their time in the canteen.

If you aren’t able to volunteer but would like to help with the canteen, you might like to donate items.

Suggested donations include: tin of Milo, Uncle Tobys Cheerios (cereal), small freezer bags, Coles pk 4 BBQ trays, Coolpak Popcorn, teatowels or steel wool. If you have any questions, please text me.

Some reminders:
Recess times: 10.50-11.15am
Lunch times: 12.30-1.15pm

Please when writing out lunch orders, be sure to write your child’s name, class and teacher. This is most helpful to our volunteers as we have two classes of Kindy and Year 2. This will ensure lunches are sent to the correct room.

Thanks to Hayley Mortlock’s mother, Michelle, for making our brightly coloured placemats. They certainly have freshened up our baskets and counters.

Thank you,
Marion Woods, Canteen Manager
0414 766 131

School Council - nominations sought

Nominations are being sought for two parent representatives on the School Council.

The term of office for elected members will be two years, with an option to be re-elected for a further two years. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6-7pm in the staffroom (immediately prior to the P&C meeting).

If you are interested in nominating for one of these positions, please contact the office for a form and information sheet. Nominations will need to be handed to the office by Friday 4th March. If there are more nominations than positions available, a ballot will need to be held in the following week so that the elected members can attend the Annual General Meeting, which will be held on Wednesday 16 March.

We would like to thank Mrs Kellie Klepzig for her contribution over the past four years, and Mr Joe Cameron who stepped in last year.

Before the label on your child’s red communication folder gets smudged or faded, cover the entire label with clear contact. This keeps it in great condition until the end of the year.

Book covering day

Anyone who has time available on Tuesday morning from 10.30am you might like to come and give us some help covering library books.

You’ll be given instruction on how to do it, and morning tea will be provided.

It shouldn’t take more than a couple of hours, and any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated.
Cricket team selections

Congratulations to the following boys for being selected in the Nemingha Open boys cricket team.


The boys will play either Manilla or Kootingal in the second round in coming weeks. Best of luck boys.

David Lewis