Nemingha was the place to be

Although the weather was warm, the 2016 Welcome Barbeque and Disco was the place to be last Thursday.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. It was lovely to see the way the children and adults were mixing throughout the evening.

The P&C did a marvellous job keeping everyone hydrated and the staff worked together as a team to provide nourishment and entertainment.

It is lovely to hear positive feedback, so thank you to those families who have contacted me or other staff members with their comments about the night.

Learning for the future

The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) conference in Sydney provided Lauren, David and me with a lot of valuable connections with schools throughout the state as well as a thorough understanding of this project.

There is a national focus on STEM in school education to ensure all young Australians are equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to participate in 21st century occupations. This project recognises that schools need to support the development of skills in cross-disciplinary, creative and critical thinking, problem solving and digital technologies. The National STEM School Education Strategy has been endorsed by the Australian Education Ministers and has a timeframe of 2016-2026.

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| 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 |
| Thursday 24 March | Scripture Service  
2.45pm in the hall - all welcome |
| Friday 25 March | Good Friday  
9.30am in the hall |
| Monday 28 March | Easter Monday                                    |

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| Friday 1 April | Canteen and Clothing Pool meeting  
2pm in the staff room |
| 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 |

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| Tuesday 19 July | Start of Term 3, 2016  
Students return to school for Term 3 |

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| Monday 10 October | Start of Term 4, 2016  
Students return to school for Term 4 |

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| Friday 9 December | Presentation Day  
9.45am in the hall - everyone welcome |
| Friday 16 December | Last day of Term 4                                     |
| 19 and 20 December | Staff Development Days                                 |
At Nemingha we plan to use project-based learning in Stage 3 to guide the students to investigate the topic of sustainability. During Term 2 the students will receive information from guest speakers, use technology to research and attend workshops in order to gain information about their personal interests in sustainability. They will research, conceptualise, construct and design a project that will then be presented to their peers and the school community at the end of the term.

Further information about this presentation evening will be passed on closer to the date. It is envisioned that project-based learning will be rolled out to Stages 1 and 2 later in the school year.

**P&C Annual General Meeting**

Please remember that the P&C annual general meeting will be held next Wednesday, 9 March, at 7 pm in the staffroom. All positions will be declared vacant and after the AGM a general meeting will take place. This is your opportunity to learn more about the school and make some connections with parent and community members. I am looking forward to seeing lots of new faces at the meeting.

**Friends of the Library**

On Tuesday Coralie Moss, Sophie Cotrell, Kristie Train and Natalie Flemming came to the school library to assist with the covering of our new resources. The P&C kindly donated $4,000 towards the purchase of books to support the teaching of English throughout the school.

These lovely ladies, along with Karlie Tongue, have become our “Friends of the Library” and are ensuring that these reading materials will be able to be used well into the future. The staff and the children thank you for giving up your time to enable us to use these books in the classrooms.

Have a lovely weekend,

**Leanne Kemp, Relieving Principal**

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**Help needed**

The P&C Fundraising Committee are catering for the Moonbi Motor Show at the Moonbi showgrounds from 11-13 March.

Helpers are required for the following events:

- Friday night, 11 March, dinner between 4pm and 8pm
- Saturday 12 March, barbecue between 9am and 2pm
- Sunday 13 March, barbecue between 9am and 2pm

If you can help, even if it's only for an hour, it would be greatly appreciated.

We stand to make a healthy profit for the many resources the P&C purchase for our students. This will be one of our major fundraisers this year.

Please contact Donna Murphy on 0418 667 202 or return the slip (sent out previously) to the office as soon as possible.
CLOTHING POOL
Due to unforeseen circumstances the Clothing Pool will not be open this coming Monday (7 March). If you have urgent requirements, please send in an order with the money to the office.

SOCCER BOOTS
There are two pairs of soccer boots for sale ($20) in the school office - sizes 10 and 13. There is also a pair size 1½ to give away. Please contact the office for more information.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
Nominations are still being sought for two positions of Parent Representative on School Council. This can be a rewarding way of contributing to our school and we would encourage anyone interested to contact the school office for further information and nomination forms.

The annual general meeting of School Council will be held on Wednesday 16 March and new members would be expected to attend.

GOING HOME ARRANGEMENTS
Please remember to ring the school before 2:30pm if afternoon going home arrangements for your child have changed. The silver seats have been returned to the hall COLA and parents are reminded to wait in that area for their children, not in the quadrangle.

We also remind parents that the top parking area is for staff only. Please do not enter and leave the school through that carpark. These rules are in place for the safety and wellbeing of your children.

ICAS COMPETITIONS
ICAS is an independent, skills-based assessment program which offers testing to interested children in Years 3-6 in Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Mathematics. The cost for these assessments ranges from $8.80 to $18.70.

Information on sitting dates and costs are available from the office. Entries and money will need to be back at the school by 24 March.

Kootingal & District Soccer Club
“Northern Inland Club of the Year 2014”

Information & Sign-up day for New Players
11am - 4pm Saturday 5th 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  or Noel Corney  0412 619345

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

Last Friday we had 28 students go to Scully Park swimming pool to represent Nemingha at the zone swimming.

Thirteen students (pictured) were successful in being selected to attend the regional trials on 7 March in Armidale.

The successful students were:

- Kallie Mitchell
- Charlie Henderson
- Jeb Newman
- Forbes Murdoch
- Campbell Elliott
- Amber Mitchell
- Cheyanna Norman
- Raeya Mitchell
- Fletcher Pennell
- Robert Murphy
- Max Gallagher
- Thomas Gallagher
- Luke Gentle
- Kallie Mitchell was also awarded Junior Girl Champion for the day. Congratulations to all those students and best of luck in Armidale.

Cricket

Milo cricket got off to a very hot start last Friday with students enjoying learning new skills. This cricket program runs for the next four weeks.

Zone basketball selection

Congratulations to Sol Arranz, who was selected in the Tamworth Zone Basketball team. Sol will now take part in the regional trials in Tamworth on 3 March for selection in the North West team. Best of Luck Sol.

Boys’ soccer

Congratulations to the following boys for being selected in the boys soccer team. They play Armidale City in the first round:

- Luke Gentle
- Riley Gentle
- Oliver Brennan
- Charlie Henderson
- Ryan Stewart
- Jayden Wise
- Fletcher Pennell
- Jock Button
- Jack Thornton
- Adam Davis
- Jeb Newman
- Harry Klepzig
- Baden Lewis
- Tom Leslie
- Sol Arranz
- Thomas Gallagher

Girls’ touch football

Congratulations to the following girls for being selected in the touch football team:

- Abbey Greentree
- Monique Corbett
- Emelyn Haling
- Jess Plowman
- Kallie Mitchell
- Lucy Plowman
- Amber Mitchell
- Jorja Norton
- Amelia Hawes
- Evelyn Murdoch

The girls will play in a gala day in Term 2.

David Lewis, Assistant Principal