Staff go back to school

The staff at Nemingha have been busy updating their professional knowledge in many areas to ensure they are at the forefront of current educational trends.

Last Thursday was the concluding three-hour session on understanding difficulties in reading.

Staff members came together after school for three-hour long professional development meetings on three occasions as well as completing online readings and research.

This, coupled with child protection and work, health and safety updates and curriculum training, further demonstrates the NPS staff's commitment to being able to provide high quality experiences for all our students.

Generous donation

The Gallagher family generously donated a book to the library for all the children to enjoy.

This resource will be in the library for all children to borrow and also be used to complement teaching and learning programs about community services.

This picture book was written and illustrated by a local couple and gives children an insight into the amazing job the Westpac Helicopter Service provides for the local area.

Clothing Pool - open each Monday, 9.30-10.30am and on assembly days at 1.30pm
**Success at Tamworth Show**
The Tamworth Show was held last weekend and students from Nemingha were successful in the school art and sustainability sections.

Thank you to Mrs Bowman and Mrs Stirling for co-ordinating the building of scarecrows during lunchtimes and in garden classes and to everyone who provided equipment to make the scarecrows.

Maddison Train, Macie Thornton, Lakota Clarke and Alice Murdoch were successful in receiving second place for their creation. They won $50 which will be used to purchase seedlings for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden.

**Come and Try Day**
Our annual “Come and Try” Day will be held on Tuesday 22 March from 11.30am-12.30pm.

Pre-schoolers from the surrounding area will be spending an hour in one of our wonderful kindergarten classrooms while their parents and carers are treated to an information session provided by the school executive and then taken on a tour of our delightful school surroundings.

Enrolment applications will be handed out during this time so please ensure all your friends know about this day so we can start to get processes happening for the 2017 school year.

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**P&C Annual General Meeting**
Last night the P&C Annual General Meeting was held. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing committee for all their hard work during the 2015 year and congratulate the 2016 committee of:

- **President**: Amanda Perkins
- **Secretary**: Karlie Tongue
- **Treasurer**: Abbey Brookes
- **Vice Presidents**: Sally Cronberger and Donna Murphy
- **Canteen Convenor**: Maryann Murdoch
- **Clothing Pool Coordinator**: Lesley Purdy
- **We Care Committee Coordinator**: Karlie Tongue
- **School Banking Coordinator**: Dominique LePla
- **Publicity Officer**: Natalie Flemming

The school council AGM will be held next Wednesday at 6pm in the staffroom. It is not too late to get a nomination form for the parent positions. Please see Nicolette in the office for more information or discuss the school council with your parent representatives - Toni Petty, Kellie Klepzig, Stacey Brown-Carter and Amanda Perkins.

Have a lovely weekend,

Leanne Kemp, Relieving Principal

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**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program**

**Kitchen and garden classes underway**

We have begun kitchen classes this week in Stage 3 and Stage 2 have been busy in the garden.

Students have enjoyed learning about mulching, plants and seeds.

Students have also gained tool and wheelbarrow licences which allow them to use these items safely in the garden.

Thank you to Dane Pennell for the donation of wood chip and to the families who have spent time helping out with the watering system and fixing the chicken coop.
Come and try our wonderful, caring school

Parents of children ready to start Kindergarten in 2017 are invited to a “Come and Try” morning at Nemingha Public School.

Children will have the opportunity to join a class and find out what the “big school” is like, while parents are able to meet the principal and staff and enjoy a tour of the school’s wonderful facilities and beautiful, spacious grounds.

At Nemingha Public School the focus is on community, opportunity and excellence. The involvement of parents and the community is welcomed, with learning being a genuine partnership between our students and their families, and our caring staff.

Primary school is a time for children to explore their individual talents and interests, and Nemingha students are able to experience a wide range of academic, sporting, performing arts and technology programs.

The highly qualified and dedicated teachers have a continued focus on their own professional learning, ensuring that the teaching at Nemingha remains second to none. Gifted students are supported and challenged, while those who need that little extra help receive support through a range of literacy and numeracy programs.

The “Come and Try” day will be held on Tuesday, 22 March, 11.30am-12.30pm.

Please encourage anyone you know who is thinking about enrolling for Kindergarten 2017 to come along to this day.

Siblings of current students are also welcome to come along and join the class.

Please contact the office if you are intending to come along.

SCORRIPUTURE TEACHER REQUIRED

If any parent is interested in contributing to Scripture teaching at Nemingha Public School, they are welcome to express an interest in teaching Combined Protestant Scripture to a Grade 1/2 class, commencing in Term 2.

The class will run each Friday from 11.15am to midday, and teaching material is supplied.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Janelle Tongue on 0428 421 206.

What’s cooking in the Canteen

A big thank you to Thomas & Max Gallagher and Isabella Graham for donating milo this week. Also to Brock Casey for his generous donation of a dozen new tea towels. Your kindness and helping hand at the canteen is greatly appreciated.

A quick reminder that if you are ordering recess and lunch, these need to be on separate bags. If you do not have brown lunch bags at home, it would be helpful if you could write the order onto a piece of paper so it can be quickly stuck onto a bag at school. The cost to buy a lunch bag is 20 cents.

Look out for fruit and custard cups next week. Only $1 each.

Thank you,

Marion Woods, Canteen Manager
0414 766 131

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Sports News

Boys’ cricket team score win over Kootingal

Congratulations to our boys’ cricket team who had a win over Kootingal on Tuesday.

We were in early trouble at 5-28 but Thomas Gallagher and Baden Lewis put on a partnership of 47 to help us reach 79 by the end of our innings. Riley Gentle also contributed well with 12.

We then bowled Kootingal out for 67 with Oliver Brennan taking 5-5 from his five overs and Luke Gentle taking 2-2 from his five overs. The boys will now play Timbumburi in the third round next week.

State swimming qualifications

Congratulations to Charlie Henderson, Kallie Mitchell and Jeb Newman who all qualified for state swimming on Monday in Armidale. They will now head to Homebush for the state titles in April.

Basketball selection

Congratulations to Sol Arranz on his selection last Thursday for the North West Basketball team.

He will now represent North West at the state championships in Sydney. Best of luck at this tournament Sol.

Girls’ soccer team

Congratulations to the following girls who have been selected in the Nemingha PSSA soccer team.

Charlotte Murray
Lucy Plowman
Emelyn Haling
Evelyn Murdoch
Jorja Norton
Jess Plowman
Chloe Moss
Jessica Jeffrey
Paige Breen
Charlotte Harvey
Jessica Haling
Erin Stirling
Abbey Greentree
Amelia Hawes

Best of luck in your first game next term girls.

David Lewis, Assistant Principal

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.