Nulkaba News

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Principal 's Banter

Parent Helper Thankyou Morning Tea

For all those Parent helpers out there including Grandparents, Aunts/Uncles etc the school would like to say a

big big thankyou

by inviting you to our helper morning tea.

On Friday 11th December.

The morning tea will be held in the Canteen Hall starting at 11:00am.

For all those helpers wishing to attend the morning tea please let your student's classroom teacher know or leave your name at the office.

There will be a special Christmas Concert on after the morning tea – this will feature class performances. Our music students will also perform.

More information on this next week.

Yours in Education,
Ian Foulstone

Library Borrowing

Well, it's time to start checking out Cessnock Library as our school library comes to a close for 2009. Today – November 20 – is our last borrowing day, with **ALL BOOKS TO BE RETURNED BY FRIDAY NOVEMBER 27.** Mrs Morris will sending out overdue and reminder notices soon – but why not make an early start and have a good look around at home for any library items to be returned.

As a special reward to the class who returns all their library books quickest, a pizza lunch is up for grabs. 5/6L were the lucky recipients last year – can they win back-to-back rewards or will they be beaten to the line?????? Help your class earn this special reward by making sure all your library books find their way back to the library by the end of next week!

ATTENTION ALL YEAR 5 PARENTS

Required for Meeting

Year 5 Parent Meeting to discuss Year 6 Farewell Details.

On Monday 23rd November 2009 in 5/6B classroom (Mrs Buckley's Room)

@ 3:15pm

See you there, Mrs Gurr & Mrs Buckley

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School calendar

Fri 20th November	Kinder 2010 Orientation **Session 3**
	Library - **No more Borrowing**
Mon 23rd November	AASC –**Kinder to Year 2 – Multi skills**
Wed 24th November	School Banking
Thu 26th November	AASC – **Year 3 to Year 6 – Archery**
Fri 20th November	Library - ***All books must be returned***
Mon 30th November	AASC –**Kinder to Year 2 – Multi skills**
Wed 2nd December	School Banking
Thu 3rd December	AASC – **Year 3 to Year 6 - Archery**
Fri 4th December	SURF LIFE SAVING ***YEAR 2***
	Year 7 2010 Orientation MVH ***9:30am to 11:30am***
Mon 7th December	SURF LIFE SAVING ***6M & 5/6L***
	AASC –**Kinder to Year 2 – Multi skills LAST DAY**
Tue 8th December	SURF LIFE SAVING ***5/6B & 5G***
Wed 9th December	Presentation Day at MVHS
Thu 10th December	P&C Xmas meeting & dinner - **Pedens**
	AASC – **Year 3 to Year 6 – Archery LAST DAY**
Friday 11th December	Helpers Thankyou Morning Tea
	Christmas Concert
Tue 15th December	Year 6 Farewell at ECBC
Wed 16th December	***Last Day Term 4 for Students***
17th & 18th December	Staff Development Day – ***Pupil Free***

Important Information from Rover Motors re purchasing of bus passes for those students not eligible for free travel

Next year, the Ministry of Transport will be introducing a new fare structure for students who are not eligible for free bus passes, but who wish to buy a pass for school travel (to & from parent's work/carer's house etc).
The new fares are:

90c per trip
$7.60 for a weekly pass
$45.10 for a term pass

The driver will be able to issue the weekly and term passes, but there will no longer be yearly, half-yearly or pro-rata tickets available.

Rover Coaches has to comply with Ministry of Transport regulations, and will be implementing these changes from 2010.

November Book Club

This year's final Book Club issue has been distributed this week, and it again has some wonderful items available. If you're thinking of Chrissie presents that you want to keep as a surprise, please let Mrs Morris know and you'll be informed of your item's arrival. All orders and payments need to be handed in to Mrs Morris by:-

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 25TH.

Safari Book Fair

A big THANK YOU to all those families who supported our recent Safari Book Fair. It was quite the success with just over $1000.00 being raised towards the purchase of new library items. It was also especially generous of several families who purchased items to donate to the Library - a very thoughtful and appreciated gesture. Even parents of our incoming Kinder students made generous donations - Thank you!!!!

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

TICKETS
$2.00 EACH

ADDITIONAL TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE

YOU CAN ALSO PURCHASE TICKETS FROM THE OFFICE

7 PRISES INCLUDING

3 ACCOMMODATION PACKAGES

A ROUND OF GOLF

DINNER FOR 2

2 WINE PACKS

PLEASE RETURN ALL TICKETS SOLD OR UNSOLD TO SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER

RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN ON THE 11TH DECEMBER

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* Present newsletter to receive offer.

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School Awards Medallions

All awards are beginning to come in steadily. Most students to receive medallions this year will be from Stage 3 as it takes some time to collect the required number of certificates. Two Principal's Awards are required for a Medallion.

We will need to have a cut off date of **Monday 23rd November** for medallion applications for organisational purposes.

Thanks, Cath Larkman

Newsletters items

Items for the newsletter can be emailed to the school - articles must be submitted by Monday Afternoon each week

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Premier's Reading Challenge

We have 2 more early birds in the 2010 Challenge. Amy B 3L and younger sister, Molly B 1K helped each other achieve their goal and handed in their completed records together. So well done girls!

We will soon be receiving our copies of the 2009 Honour Roll, which includes a copy of the 2010 Booklist. Some 262 of our students will have their name listed in this year's Honour Roll – the highest ever result! Copies of the Honour Roll and Booklist will be distributed to participants in early December.

Congratulations to all the Winners for this week

YELLOW AWARDS

(3 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS)

Kindergarten	Zane P
Kindergarten	Zoe H
Year 1	Lachlan H
Year 2	Ryan S
Year 3	Jake S
Year 4	Ethan M
Year 4	Connor M x 4
Year 5	Jacob S x 4
Year 6	Mackenzie D

SAMARITANS CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The children at Nulkaba Public School and their families have always been generous supporters of the Cessnock Samaritans Christmas Appeal. Each year classes have a decorated box in their classrooms and the children are asked to donate non perishable food items and toys to be distributed to families in need this Christmas.

Every year Mr Bothwell from the Samaritans Christmas appeal comments on how generous and thoughtful the families of Nulkaba are. I'm sure this year will be no different. Boxes are being organised for classrooms, so please start sending in your donations.

Thanking you
Vicki O'Hearn.

FIJI APPEAL

Recently while visiting Fiji, I was invited to a school in a small village call Natadola. The school has a population of 96 students with only one child wearing shoes. The school has open classrooms and class resources are very limited eg: students share a small piece of a single ruler, Readers are falling apart and might start at page 63 or 89 and front pages are missing.

If during your cleanups, you come across items that the students could use in their school, please send them along to the office. I will arrange for these items to be sent to Fiji.

Thankyou
Sylvia Ryan

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Kindergarten	Kate B
Kindergarten	Chloe B
Kindergarten	Jacob H
Kindergarten	Cooper P
Kindergarten	Lucy S
Kindergarten	Jazmyn R
Kindergarten	Lilly S
Year 1	Hannah S
Year 1	Elijah B
Year 1	Ella R
Year 1	Aspen B
Year 1	Joshua J
Year 2	Lily L
Year 2	Harvey N
Year 2	Cody H
Year 2	Ryan S
Year 2	Jocelyn K
Year 3	Teliyah W
Year 3	Jonty M
Year 3	Kiritea CG
Year 3	Emily S
Year 3	Thomas W
Year 4	Emillie K
Year 4	Caitlin R
Year 4	Matthew G
Year 4	Jack B
Year 4	Cody M
Year 4	Andrew C
Year 5	Liam K
Year 5	Laura L
Year 5	Josie S
Year 5	Mitchell K
Year 5	Ally C
Year 5	Damon D
Year 6	Dylan M
Year 6	Arianna C
Year 6	Elyssa C
Year 6	Sophie O
Year 6	Jye N

Uniform Shop

THE UNIFORM SHOP IS OPEN
FRIDAYS 2:30PM
TILL3:30OM

ORDERS CAN BE LEFT AT THE OFFICE

Items available for sale include

School Jacket..... $50.00
School Track Pants..... $25.00
School Sports Shorts..... 16.00
School Bucket Hat $7.00
School Library Bags $10.00
Junior School Back Packs $45.00
Senior School Back Packs $55.00

NULKABA NIBBLES

CANTEEN ROSTER
Week D

Monday 23rd November till Friday 27th November

Day	Date	Names
Monday	*23rd November*	K Gilbert
		N Dehn
		J Alexander
Tuesday	*24th November*	K Westwood
		A Westwood
		D Sharpe
Wednesday	*25th November*	T Archbold
		D Rafferty
		VACANCY
Thursday	*26th November*	K Edwards
		J Longworth
Friday	*27th November*	C Foulstone
		VACANCY
		VACANCY

IF YOU CAN HELP FILL OUR CURRENT VACANCIES PLEASE CONTACT LINDA ON

4930 4583

OR

0420 260 069

Support your school by volunteering in the canteen once per month

P&C News

Interactive White Boards
For several months we have been going through the process of ordering 3 more IWB's Since then we have raised more money and the P&C has decided to purchase 3 more IWB's which when combined with the 5 that the school will be purchasing, every classroom will have a IWB in 2010. This will be a great achievement.

Kinder Orientation
I had the opportunity to attend the second Kinder Orientation day on 13th November and met a lot of new parents. I hope these parents and children have as much pleasure and enjoyment at Nulkaba School as I and my children have had over the years. I hope everybody makes them welcome next year.

Canteen
With this year coming to an end, volunteers who will not be returning next year or who wish to change their day for 2010 could you please fill out the form at the back of the Newsletter and return to the office as soon as possible. We would like to have the roster for 2010 finished before the end of term.

Fundraising – Nulkaba School Fair – 12th March 2010
A Fair Meeting will be held on 26th November 2009 at 2pm in the Staffroom. Arm bands will go on sale from the beginning of term 1.

General
Christmas is not far away so our P&C Christmas Dinner will be held on Thursday 10th December at Pedens Hotel. All P&C members who wish to attend are asked to leave their names at the office (from next week) so numbers can be booked.

We have decided that the best option for the current Netball area will be to concrete and the school has organized surface specialist to visit and advise our best options with regards to the drainage and surface damage. If possible this work will be carried out during the Christmas break.

The school hall is to start on 23rd November 2009.

The basketball backboards and rings have been on order for a couple of months and they have told us that they should arrive soon.

I'd like to thank Sarah Lewis for her many years of hard work towards the school. Sarah will be leaving us at the end of the year as her daughter has been accepted into Hunter Valley Grammar School.

Our next P&C meeting is on Thursday 10th December 2009 at Pedens Hotel.

If you have any enquires feel free to come and see me.
Regards

Terry Archbold - P&C President

GOOD SAMARITAN DONKEY SANCTUARY PRESENTS:

"THE FIRST CHRISTMAS" — 28 NOVEMBER, 2009

Santa and all will make your evening even more special.

Little donkey, big story.

Add to the magic of your Christmas by joining us for a unique re-enaction of the Nativity. Capturing all the traditional beauty of the story, our pageant also includes the vital part played by Abib — the small donkey that carried Mary into Bethlehem.

The retelling begins with Joseph acquiring this wondrous little fellow, continues on as the Archangel Gabriel appears before Mary, and concludes with a glorious celebration of the birth of Jesus in the manger.

Adding to the spectacle of **'The First Christmas'** will be the angelic voices of the Clarence Town Singers with their lilting cards and fames.

The magic commences from the moment you arrive when you're welcomed into our "Bethlehem" by BBQ volunteers in their resplendent costumes and complete with their marvellous two-legged companions.

Adding mightily to the fun and realism of the evening, **our donkeys and other farm animals will feature throughout the show. And, as Santa will join us be sure to bring a camera and have your photo taken with them.**

FOOD Give everyone relief from the cooking chores and savour some of our very tasty BBQ'ed sausages before the show begins. They're made especially for us and there'll be plenty on-hand as we're serving until 7.45pm.

FRUITS To complement our BBQ delights we'll be offering delicious hot and cold coffees, chocolates and other wicked treats from the Kpresso van (*'ill the evening closes)

OPENING TIME Our Pinkbrush Sanctuary's gates will open at 6pm (please ensure you arrive before they close at 7.30pm). This'll give you time to meet the donkeys, enjoy a BBQ and get in place for the pageant.

WHAT TO BRING To ensure your comfort we suggest you bring a blanket, cushions, chairs, and importantly, a torch with good batteries. Sorry, as fire doesn't mix well with straw, we **can't permit open-flames.**

Your big break

Get even more involved in the festivities of the evening by coming in costume.

You'll be amazed how much your simple biblical attire will add to everyone's enjoyment — especially for children who always enjoy dressing up (and you can't tell where bears assets will be)

Can't sew? Don't worry, just cut a hole in the middle of 3 metres of plain material, maybe an old sheet, tie a cord around your waist and perhaps even add a simple head piece. **You're ready!**

ENTRY **Adults $8**
Children $4
Family* $25

Please register to attend and get directions

There's a lot to prepare so it's essential we know you're coming please call **Jo-Anne 02 4996 5596** or **donkeysanctuary@bigpond.com**

You can even register on Nov 25th. And be sure to tell us if you prefer vegetarian fare.

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Challenged by your child's asthma?

'Parenting Children with Asthma'

Researchers from the University of Queensland are investigating the challenges faced by parents of children with asthma. This project involves a survey examining the factors that parents believe make management of childhood asthma more difficult.

What does participation involve?

Parents of children with asthma, aged *3 to 12 years*, can participate by completing a set of online questionnaires about their family, their child, and their child's asthma. These questionnaires will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

You can complete the survey at:
http://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/asthmaparents

For more information, please contact Caroline Gregory (ph: 07 3365 9186, email: caroline.gregory@uqconnect.edu.au)

Your participation will be greatly appreciated!

Naae-Wanni

Aboriginal Maternal Infant Health Service
The Maitland Hospital

Naae-Wanni is an Aboriginal Maternal Infant Health Service, which provides culturally appropriate care before, during and after your pregnancy. This service is for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Women or Women who have an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander partner.

We will be holding Antenatal clinics at Koe-nara, (Corner Rawson & Quarrybylong Streets) on a fortnightly basis, starting from Monday 23rd November 2009.

Monday 7th December 2009.

From 10am – 2pm

We will be continuing our service in 2010, and will advise accordingly once we have confirmed dates.

Appointments can be made by contacting Naae-Wanni on 49392494 or the Antenatal Clinic at The Maitland Hospital on 49392468. Alternatively, you can "drop in" to any of the clinics, but you may have to wait.

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NEW SOUTH WALES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Presentation Day Permission

Presentation Day is on Wednesday the 9th of December. The P&C have kindly donated the cost of our bus transport to and from Mount View High. Buses will leave at 9.10am and return at approximately 11.30am. Leaders and some ensemble performers may need to get private transport to the venue a bit earlier. *More information will be sent home closer to the event.*

Cost for: ***FREE***

Date: ***Wednesday 9th December 2009***

Bus Departs: ***9:10am for 9:30am*** ***start***

Bus Returns: ***11:30am***

Thankyou
Cath Larkman - AP

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I give permission for my student/s.....

in class's..... to attend Presentation day at Mount View High school on:-
Wednesday 9th December 2009.

My students Medical condition/requires the following special needs:.....

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Parent/caregiver signature .....Date.....

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Nulkaba Canteen Roster 2010

Help is needed once again for our new canteen roster in 2010.
Therefore could I please ask all Mums, Dads , Aunts, Grandmothers etc to please fill out the form below stating what day per week, fortnight or month you can help out in the canteen for 2010
Like every year we will be losing most of our year six mothers as their children progress onto high school.
Your help is very much appreciated, we could NOT RUN our School Canteen without you all.

NAME.....

CHILDS CLASS.....

PHONE NO: .....

DAY.....WEEKLY , FORTNIGHTLY , MONTHLY
(PLEASE CIRCLE)

COULD YOU PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE OFFICE ASAP SO AS I CAN GET THE NEW 2010 CANTEEN ROSTER OUT
THANK YOU.

Kind regards
Linda Mugridge
(Canteen Manager)