

Nulkaba News

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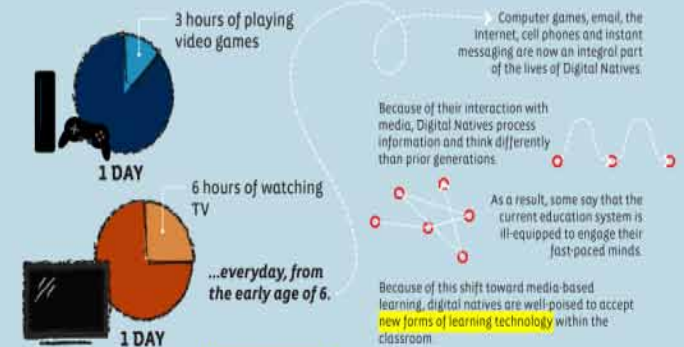
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Principals Banter

Mrs Anderson (Miss Asquith) and I have recently been seconded to work with a select group of teachers and principals to design professional development conferences for the Hunter Central Coast region in the 'explicit use of technology in the classroom' and 'engaging students and the community through technology'. I came across this article and found it thought provoking, so decided to share it.

It was estimated in 2001 that college grads had spent 10,000 hours of their life playing video games and 20,000 hours watching TV. This averages out to about:

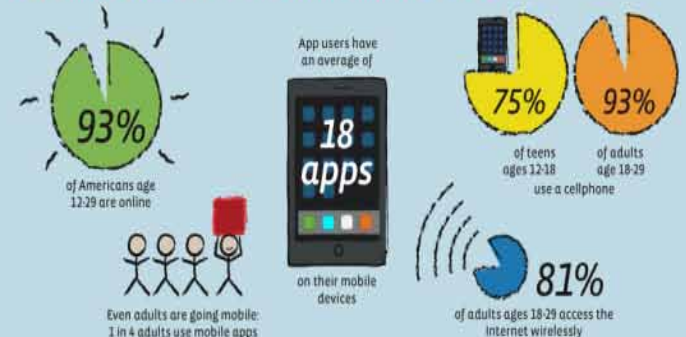


What is Mobile Learning?

MOBILE LEARNING, according to one study is:

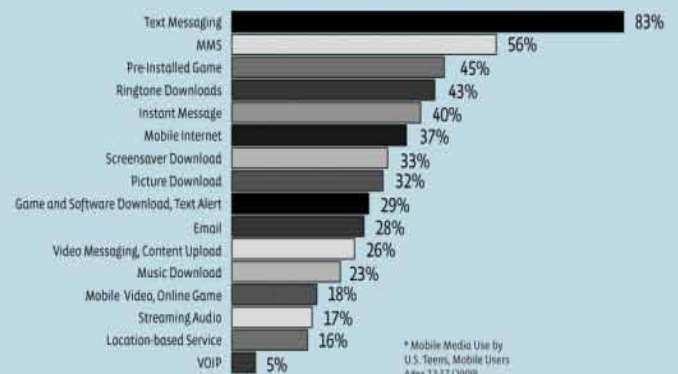
"Any sort of learning that happens when the learner is not at a fixed, predetermined location, or learning that happens when the learner takes advantage of the learning opportunities offered by mobile technologies."

HOW ARE DIGITAL NATIVES STAYING CONNECTED ONLINE AND WITH THEIR MOBILE DEVICES?



Mobile technology is an increasingly important tool for digital natives.

Here is what they are doing with their mobiles devices: *



ARE WE WIRED FOR MOBILE LEARNING?

HOW DIGITAL NATIVES ARE A BIT AHEAD

WHO ARE THE DIGITAL NATIVES?

Marc Prensky is a writer and speaker on learning and education, coined the term "digital native" in 2001.

DIGITAL NATIVES, as defined by their favorite source - Wikipedia: "A digital native is a young person who was born during or after the general introduction of digital technology, and through interacting with digital technology from an early age, has a greater understanding of its concepts."



AN ARCHAIC SYSTEM OF EDUCATION?

According to Marc Prensky, Digital Natives face problems in the current education system as a result of being brought up with the Internet and online technologies.

Digital Natives are "no longer the people our educational system was designed to teach."

- Marc Prensky



THE EVOLUTION OF CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY

Classroom technology has come a long way since the invention of the chalkboard and pencil. Today, students are utilizing mobile technologies with devices such as the iPad.



The iPad and other mobile devices open up learning to the exciting and evolving world of social media and apps.

SOCIAL MEDIA



Twitter has proven to be a great place for educators to grow a strong professional community as they share their ideas, events, learning experiences, and more.



Language classes are using Skype to speak up (literally) from their native countries.

APPS



Most importantly, these mobile learning platforms can easily be used both in and outside of formal educational settings. Thanks to mobile technology, our current location can always be transformed into a classroom.

MOBILE LEARNING SUCCESS STORIES



TWITTER IN THE ITALIAN CLASSROOM

In one study, an Italian class was told to use Twitter to communicate with each other and native Italian speakers. The positive response was overwhelming.

90%

agreed that posting tweets helped build their confidence in writing Italian

79%

agreed that Twitter made the course more interesting

68%

agreed that the tweets increased their knowledge of Italian grammar and vocabulary, and that they got more time on the class than they were in a regular classroom of Twitter

63%

agreed that they learned more about Italian culture than if they had been in another class, and that Twitter reduced their anxiety in learning Italian



IPHONES IN THE ESL CLASSROOM

One teacher, Jen Green, uses the iPhone to record her students and play the recording back to them. She has seen results in literacy minutes. Her students also use their iPods to play letter games that help them learn how to read.

"Within 10, 20 minutes, they fix their problems. I mean, the first reading you can't understand it at all, and then 10 minutes later you can."

— Jen Green



IPADS IN THE UNIVERSITY CLASSROOM

In a study conducted by the University of Notre Dame, iPads replaced textbooks in an undergraduate Project Management course. The findings show that the greatest value of the iPad is its "capacity to function as a consolidator or aggregator of information". A majority of students felt the iPad.



Makes class more interesting



Encourages exploration of additional topics



Provides functions/tools not possible with a textbook



Helps students more effectively manage their time

Library Borrowing and Overdue Items

Students have been reminded many times in recent months in regards to items that have not been returned to the library on time. As the library's annual stocktake period draws closer, it is important for library materials to be returned as soon as possible.

This week, overdue notices have been sent home with those students who have long-term overdue items. It would be greatly appreciated if items are quickly returned. Where items have been lost or are not in the possession of students, the notices should be signed and returned to Mrs Morris as soon as possible.

Thankyou.



Year 6 Orientation Day

Friday 25th November 2011

9.15am – 11.30am

Mount View High School has a great tradition of academic, performing, creative arts and sporting success. Come along and meet our dedicated, friendly teachers and support staff to find out about school uniforms, sport, routines, student expectations and procedures.

Parents are also invited to the presentation "Parenting Your Alien" and will have the opportunity to purchase next years' students book packs.

Mount View High School offers:

- Wide range of subjects catering for the needs of a diverse range of students
- Extra-curricular activities including musicals, debating, public speaking and dance
- Outstanding enrichment opportunities
- After school Homework centre and Aboriginal Tutoring Program
- Learning Support Teams & supportive student welfare and leadership programs



ATTENTION YEAR 5 PARENTS

Application for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2013

Application is required in November 2011 for parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2013.

There are 17 fully selective and 23 partially selective high schools, a virtual selective class provision (Western NSW Region) and 4 selective agricultural high schools in NSW offering places in Year 7. Three of the agricultural high schools offer boarder places.

Parents with internet access are requested to apply online. Online application will be available from

**24 October to
21 November 2011.**

Application information is available on the internet at:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

For parents without internet access, application forms will be available in schools, school education group offices and some state office locations from 25 October.

Please don't hesitate to contact our school office.

Karen Baker
Deputy Principal
Nulkaba Public School



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CITIZEN OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER

School Junior Citizen: - Jack G - KZ
School Senior Citizen: - Sarah H - S2V

CLASS WINNERS

KP: Emilie M	S2C: Hannah S
KZ: Junior Winner	S2G : Dianna L
KH: Max C	S2V: Senior Winner
1Q: Grace F	S2S: Brodie G
1P: Emily S	S3B: Hamish B
1/2O: Ariana F	S3A: Jonty M
2B: Tasmin B	S3S: Jack S
2S: Chelsea W	S3P: Khadija A



Enter to win Year 6 fundraiser raffle, brilliant prizes to be won.

1st Prize- 6 Pack of Peppertree Wines

2nd Prize- \$100 Voucher at Cessnock Veterinary Centre and Hospital

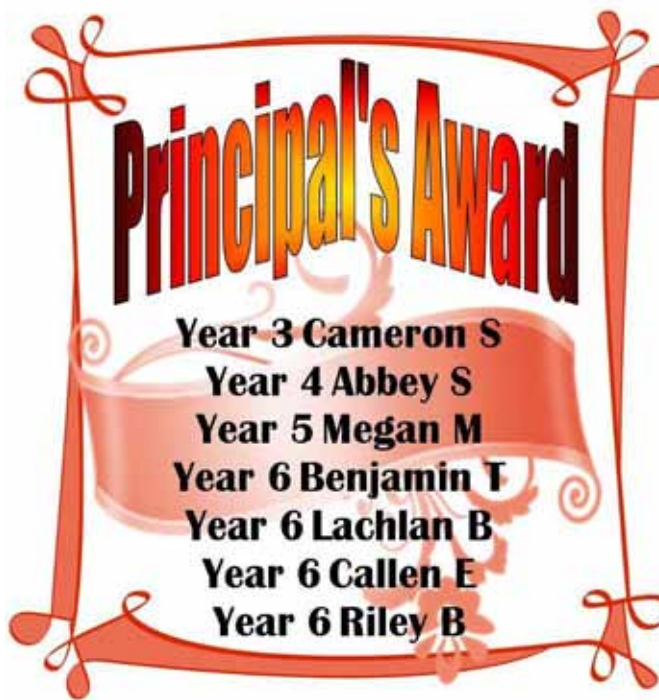
3rd Prize- \$80 dinner voucher at Brickworks Brassiere (Potter's Hotel and Resort).

4th-8th Prize- Family passes to Hunter Valley Christmas Lights Spectacular.

9th-11th Prize- Craft laptop trays with lights

TICKETS COST A \$1 PER TICKET OR 6 FOR \$5.

RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN ON THE 30TH OF NOVEMBER AT THE SCHOOL DISCO.



IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE CANTEEN

LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL
 (12/12/11–16/12/11)
 THE CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED FOR

RECESS

AND

NO LUNCH ORDERS

WILL BE TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING
 DAYS

WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER
 THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER
 FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER

For all those who are interested in volunteering
 at the canteen next year please complete the
 form attached to this newsletter



Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

Christmas Raffle

First Prize
 Latest 50 inch Plasma Television
 Courtesy of Domayne Kotara

Second Prize
 Latest iPad
 Courtesy of Domayne Kotara

Third Prize
 Nespresso Pixie
 Courtesy of Domayne Kotara

Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5
 Drawn 16th December 2011

These raffle tickets are available at the office and are to support the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service that frequents this area often.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEK WINNERS

Kindergarten Harry O
 Kindergarten Ayva H
 Kindergarten Macy P
 Kindergarten Jack B
 Kindergarten Dellainie D
 Kindergarten Connor S
 Kindergarten Ruth C
 Kindergarten Sean P
 Kindergarten Koby C
 Kindergarten Noah B
 Kindergarten Anabelle J
 Year 1 Beau C
 Year 1 Alison K
 Year 1 Eden S
 Year 1 Saraya B
 Year 1 Tali Q
 Year 1 Austin T
 Year 1 Tamara V
 Year 1 Amarli E
 Year 1 Jazmyn R
 Year 1 Jared H
 Year 1 Chloe D
 Year 1 Isaac P
 Year 1 Jenna M
 Year 1 Jarrah E
 Year 2 Kate B
 Year 2 Caitlin J
 Year 2 Joshua W
 Year 2 Shakira R

Year 2 Will I
 Year 2 Sophie P
 Year 2 Aiden B
 Year 2 Miranda M
 Year 2 Dekoda M
 Year 2 Chloe B
 Year 2 Sam Y
 Year 2 Imogen S
 Year 3 Aspen B
 Year 3 Zac M
 Year 3 Mackenzie S
 Year 3 Molly B
 Year 3 Zoe R
 Year 3 Adam C
 Year 3 Beatrice N
 Year 3 Rachael P
 Year 3 Molly W
 Year 3 Damien N
 Year 3 Ashley W
 Year 3 Mackenzie F
 Year 3 Cooper B
 Year 3 Kai L
 Year 4 Jarryd M
 Year 4 George C
 Year 4 Zach S
 Year 4 Connor W
 Year 4 Jed C
 Year 4 Boston M
 Year 4 Mikayla H

Year 4 Imogen E
 Year 5 Teliyah W
 Year 5 Hannah P
 Year 5 Meg R
 Year 5 Thomas W
 Year 5 Marni R
 Year 5 Mariah G
 Year 5 Macy L
 Year 5 Sophie N
 Year 5 Logan B
 Year 5 Brandon T
 Year 5 Ethan D
 Year 5 Fletcher R
 Year 6 Jesse B
 Year 6 Gabrielle R
 Year 6 Jack B
 Year 6 Declan M
 Year 6 Eva N
 Year 6 Isaac H
 Year 6 Grace Y
 Year 6 Benjamin W
 Year 6 Emily C
 Year 6 Caitlin R
 Year 6 Jesse K
 Year 6 Mary-Jane M
 Year 6 Jessica T
 Year 6 Toby L
 Year 6 Samuel W
 Year 6 Cody M



★☆☆ END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS DISCO ★☆☆

Wednesday 30th November, 2011

...PARENT HELPERS WANTED PLEASE...

If you can spare some time to help cook the BBQ, sell food or novelties on the night of the disco at either of the sessions (or both) please contact Kathryn on 0420539468

Your help is always greatly appreciated...look forward to hearing from you ☺

Band and Guitar Ensemble Performance

On Thursday 27th of October the band, the guitar ensemble and a selection of music students performed in a concert.

The band played first. They played *Smoke on the Water* and *Watermelon Man*. The piano soloists played next. They were Sarah who played *10 little Indians*, Patrick who played *Evening* and Jack who played *Row Row*.

The next group to play were the guitar ensemble. They played *James Bond/TNT*, *12 Bar Blues* and *Sunshine Of Your Love*. Then there were the guitar soloists. Amy played *Study 6*, Ryan played *France* and Isaac, Remy and Tristan played *Wonder Wall* with Tristan singing. (At our school we have a guitar teacher called Tristan, a piano teacher called Rowena, a band teacher called Mr Thompson and a Drum teacher called Josh.)

We would like to say THANK YOU so much to the music teachers and a big thank you to Miss O'Hearn and Mrs Harman for putting together the Band and the Guitar Ensemble performance.

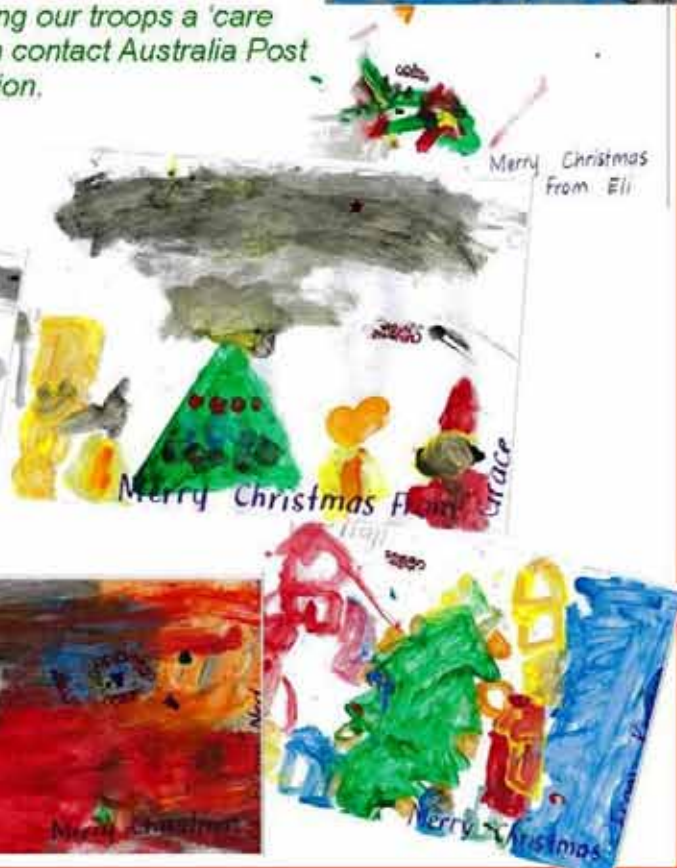
By Amy and Sarah.



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A child's drawing of a Christmas tree. The tree is green with a brown trunk and branches. It is decorated with brown dots representing ornaments. The background is yellow and orange, and the base is decorated with red and blue ornaments. The text "Merry Christmas" is written in the bottom right corner.

The image displays two separate children's drawings. The top drawing features a green Christmas tree, a yellow star, and several red and black flowers. The text 'Merry Christmas' is written in black ink. The bottom drawing shows a red flower and a blue body of water. The text 'Merry Christmas' is written in black ink. The word 'from' is written vertically on the right side of the bottom drawing.



NULKABA NIBBLES**CANTEEN ROSTER****Week D**

Monday 21st November to Friday 25th November 2011

Day	Date	Names
Monday	21st November	G Moore K Mitchell K Gilbert
Tuesday	22nd November	R Beckett T Broadbent C Webb
Wednesday	23rd November	A Murray A Crampton L Way
Thursday	24th November	E Townley S Gough
Friday	25th November	HELP NEEDED

Week A

Monday 28th November to Friday 2nd December 2011

Day	Date	Names
Monday	28th November	K Edwards R Marchant D Swan
Tuesday	29th November	A Raywood B Cunningham
Wednesday	30th November	C Percival
Thursday	1st December	T Minchinton
Friday	2nd December	K McMahon K Ambrum E Neville

Week B

Monday 5th December to Friday 9th December 2011

Day	Date	Names
Monday	5th December	W Saywell J Vivian S Boyd F Lanser
Tuesday	6th December	A Smith K Laybutt
Wednesday	7th December	R Meyers N Galvin
Thursday	8th December	Mrs Slater K Wadwell
Friday	9th December	K Coen R Alexander

IF YOU CAN HELP TO FILL OUR CURRENT
VACANCIES PLEASE CONTACT

LINDA ON

0457 514 786

*Support your school by volunteering in the
canteen once per month*



Spend time with the ones you love this festive season

Redsalt has a range of events this festive season. Leave the planning to us so you can enjoy time with loved ones.

Celebrate Christmas with a grand buffet and all the trimmings, plus Santa will be making a special visit for the children.

On New Year's Eve listen to live entertainment as you enjoy the lively atmosphere and our decadent degustation menu.

For more information visit www.crowneplazahuntervalley.com.au



GIVE THE PERFECT PRESENT THIS CHRISTMAS A VINTAGE GIFT CARD...



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TRIVIA/AUCTION NIGHT

for our Cessnock Relay for Life team
'Bec's Dragonflies'

Wednesday 23rd November 2011



at
Potter's Brewery
Wine Country Drive
Nulkaba



Sign in at 6.30pm for 7pm start. \$5 per person.
Tables of 4 or come by yourself.

Lucky Door prize

Great Auction items such as

A week's accommodation in a fantastic 2 bedroom unit in
Tuncurry with great waterviews

Winery Tour for Two

Crusty Demon Tshirt and signed cap by Crusty Demon Daniel Hall
Wallabies Shirt

and
much more.....

Please come along to a fun night with your friends (or make new friends) and support a great cause.

Please contact Rachel on 0432398088 or jeaniez@tpg.com.au



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NULKABA SCHOOL CANTEEN ROSTER FORM 2012

Mums, Dads, Grandparents or any other relative of a child that is attending Nulkaba School next year and would like to help out in the Schools Canteen could you please fill in the form below. Once you have done that then return it to the Office or the Canteen ASAP so as I can organise the Rosters for next year thank you.

Kind regards

Linda Mugridge

Canteen Co-ordinator

Ph: 0457 514 786

NULKABA SCHOOL CANTEEN ROSTER FORM 2012

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

MOBILE: _____

CHILDS NAME: _____

DAY PREFERRED: _____

MONTHLY FORTNIGHTLY WEEKLY CASUAL (PLEASE CIRCLE)

PREFERRED PERSON TO BE ROSTERED WITH _____

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL CANTEEN CO-ORDINATOR

LINDA MUGRIDGE - 0457 514 786