# **Nulkaba News**

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# Issue 74: Term 4 – Week 2

Friday, 16 October 2015

### **Dear Parents and Carers**

Welcome back! Term 4 is an incredibly busy term with presentation day, thank you morning tea, surf day, year 6 farewell and party day; please keep an eye on the calendar for dates, this is available in our newsletter and on the school website.

# Renovations

As I mentioned in our last newsletter renovations to A Block (stage 2 building) have started during the school holidays. Our demountable (next to the library) also received an upgrade with a wall removed for a computer bank, new paint and carpet. This was ready for our first day and 3/4R has settled in. A Block should be ready for the classes in 2016. Please be careful around the site as we have lots of fencing around the front and back of the building. If you have any questions please come and see me.

### **Reminder: Parents on School Grounds**

This is a very important message for all parents/adults on our school grounds. Under no circumstances are you to approach another child to ask questions or discuss behaviour issues at school. It is very intimating for a child to be approached by an adult especially in an aggressive manner or tone. I will not accept any of our children being intimated or feeling scared at school. If there is any behaviour like this I will have no other option but to issue the Inclosed Lands Protection Act, which will mean you can no longer access the school grounds. If you have any concerns please speak with your child's class teacher or stage assistant principal.

# **School Ball**

Saturday 10th October was our annual school ball and I must say congratulations and thank you to the P&C school ball committee, it was a fantastic night with lots of money raised to support our school. If you would like to join the P&C group and come along to the meetings they are held the second Tuesday of each month (dates are on the school calendar). It's a great way for you to be involved with your child's school and discuss any ideas you may have as a parent group.

# **Kinder Orientation**

Our Kinder Orientation is almost over and our new students for 2016 have very much enjoyed their visits. We have our teddy bear picnic next Wednesday where our Year 4 students lead various sport activities on the last orientation day. This gives our 2016 Kinder Buddies the chance to meet and greet our new kinder students for 2016 and begin to get to know them. I know the Year 4 students have worked hard in their groups to make sure the morning in full of fun.

### Year 6 Disco

We have our school disco coming up in Week 3. This disco is organised by our Year 6 students and teachers, I know they are very excited to see our K-6 students' and staff dance the afternoon away.

# **Grandparents Day**

We will be holding our annual Grandparents day on Friday 23rd October. Information will be sent home with more about the morning. We look forward to welcoming all of our grandparents and showing you all how much we appreciate everything you do.

# **Book Fair**

Week 4 will see our annual book fair where you and your child will get to see a range of books and activity items for sale. Mrs Morris will send more information about the week, along with viewing times and sale day information.

Mrs Hunt is back next week (week 3) and I will be returning to my class. I have very much enjoyed the relieving position and thank you for your support during this time.

Lesley Burley Relieving Principal Nulkaba Public School



C	oming Events				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	19 Oct	20 Oct	21 Oct	22 Oct	23 Oct
Week 3		Happy Tooth Visit Kindergarten	Kinder Orientation; Kinder Teddy Bear Picnic	Disco	Grandparents Day Celebrations
	26 Oct	27 Oct	28 Oct	29 Oct	30 Oct
Week 4	Swim School;	Swim School;	Swim School;	Swim School	Swim School;
	Book Fair - Viewing Day 1; Police Visit - Stage 3	Book Fair - Viewing Day 2	Kinder Orientation; Book Fair - Sale Day		Red Day - Day for Daniel
Week 5	2 Nov	3 Nov	4 Nov	5 Nov	6 Nov
	Swim School	Swim School	Swim School; Kinder Orientation	Swim School	Swim School; Sat 7 Nov: Aerobics - Spring Challenge

For more information please visit our website: http://www.nulkaba-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar

# **Nulkaba Parents and Citizens Association**

At the October P&C meeting, the Committee voted to release sufficient funds for the completion of the following projects:

• \$1805 for ASO Library Subscription for 2016.

Anyone with objections should address them in writing to Mr Gary Wills, P&C President.

# **Commonwealth Bank School Banking**

# Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update - Please Read

Following the decision last month to recall the Cosmic Light Beam Torch due to a potential safety issue, a decision has been made to also withdraw the upcoming Lunar Light Band reward from the School Banking Rewards Program.

To avoid disappointment there is a new reward item available for redemption in Term 4 while stocks last. Students can now test their skills with a game of frisbee with the new Galaxy Glider!

Once students have collected 10 tokens, they can simply include a note, along with their 10 tokens in their deposit wallet on banking day to advise that they would like to redeem their tokens for the Galaxy Glider reward item.

Don't forget the Outer Space Savers Money Box is also available in Term 4.

# **Cessnock City Library**

Cessnock City Library subscribes to a tutoring service called Yourtutor. Through this service students from Year 3 to Year 12 and TAFE can access from tutoring in English, Maths, Science and assignment and research help. To be able to use this service all your students need is a Cessnock City Library card. Students with assignments can also upload their assignment to the service and receive feedback from a tutor with qualifications in the assignment subject area within twenty-four hours. All tutors who work at the service are working with children approved and have qualifications in their subject area.

The same subscription allows the library to provide a service called Lifelong Learning, for students/adults who are in the job market. This service provides help with skills in Job searching, writing and finding information. To access this service students/adults need a library card.

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If you can help to fill our current vacancies please contact

Phone Linda on 0457 514 786

Support your school by volunteering in the canteen once per month

# **Library News**

# Book Club Issue 7

Brochures for the latest issue of Book Club have been distributed this week. With Christmas approaching, each Club brochure includes Christmas stories and activity books - just right for filling up those Christmas stockings! Of course, there are lots and lots of really great titles available as usual, with something for everyone. Order forms and payments should be handed in at the Library by THURSDAY OCTOBER 22ND. Parents wishing to take advantage of the online LOOP ordering and payment system should also place their orders by THURSDAY OCTOBER 22ND.

# "Borrow and Buzz Off Time!"

Please remember that we now have altered borrowing times for most students, due to the renovations taking place in A Block. Mrs Morris is calling our altered times "Borrow and Buzz Off", since the idea is that students visit the library to quickly borrow after lunch, and then 'buzz off' back to class. Additionally, all students are able to borrow items at lunchtimes, with K-2 students still required to have a library bag for carrying their library books.

# Overdue Library Items

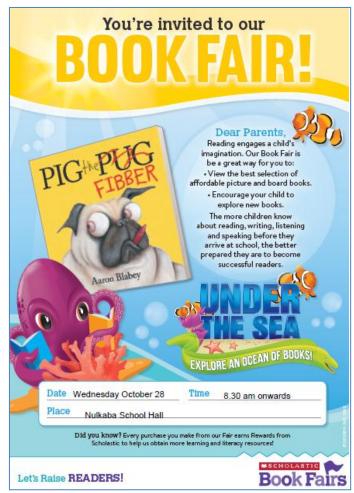
Many thanks to those families who have replied to the letters recently sent out regarding overdue loans. The letters that are sent out are really to confirm that the noted item is not at home, and then further checks of the library shelves can be made. Overdue letters are sent out to alert parents that a library item has not been returned on time, but also serve to help save time on continually searching for an item which hasn't been returned because it is still with the borrower. The next round of letters will be sent out in the next couple of weeks - with the year drawing to a close, it is important that the number of overdue items is kept to a minimum.

# Don't forget our annual Book Fair is on soon!

Brochures will be sent out next week, showing some of the terrific items that will be available.

Why not drop in to the school hall for a look-see on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> of October? Students are sure to be busy filling out their wish lists, ready to make a purchase from the Fair on Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs Morris is also organizing some competitions for us - with Book Fair Vouchers as prizes. There will be colouring competitions, scavenger hunts and a special guessing competition. The Fair will be open all day - so call in at a time that suits you best. EFTPOS facilities will be available, and



since orders can be taken for any item that sells out, no-one need worry about missing out on their favourite item! So we will see you there!

Kindergarten Students for 2016 are invited to our Term 4 School Disco.

When - Thursday 22nd October 2015

Where - Nulkaba Public School Hall

Time - 4.30pm-6.00pm

Cost: Gold coin donation at the door

Sausage sizzle, drinks, chocolates, lollies and novelties will be on sale during the afternoon.

We hope to see you there!

# Class 2Z: It's all about 'Cheese, Cheese, Cheese.'

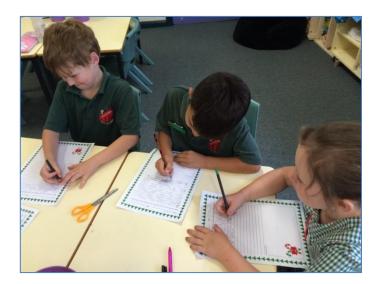
This term 2Z are doing an insane amount of learning. We are looking at Christmas. We are looking at Australian Animals. We are looking at Workers in our Community, and we are looking at Cheese! It has been a hive of activity already! The kids have been enthusiastically setting up our Science experiments and our discussions around cheese production have been awesome. The photos show the set up process for our experiments. We are looking at mould production and where mould will be produced and at what rate. It is always exciting to see what engages the students and this term has been awesome!





# 1C Term 4

1C came back from their holidays keen and enthusiastic and ready for the challenges of Term 4. This term will be a busy term as the students finish their last term of Year 1 and begin preparations for Year 2. We will continue to participate in Literacy Groups every morning and have begun Guided Writing groups Tuesday and Wednesday to enhance the writing skills of all students. There are photos below showing the students hard at work during their writing time. We are looking forward to studying our Theme topic "Udderly Cheese" and learning about the different workers in our community. All students are looking forward to celebrating their many successes at our party day at the end of the year.





# News from the Classroom (continued)





# 3/4R Teaching, Learning and Having Fun With Our "Buddy Class KO"

Each week on a Tuesday, 3/4R has been working with our buddy class KO. The older students in 3/4R love to read to the younger Kindergarten students and share time together to develop friendships. This term 3/4R has been teaching and playing games with KO. This week we focussed on throwing games. The goal of the game was to throw three bean bags into three different hoops and score 1, 2 or 3 points. Kindergarten loved this game, and enjoy spending time with their buddy class. Each week 3/4R students will teach Kindergarten a new game and skill and continue to develop wonderful friendships.

Mr. Richardson









# Class 5/6M

5/6M are gearing up for another busy and exciting term. It's hard to believe that for year 6, it's their final term of primary school! There are lots of great things we're taking part in such as surf day and party day as well as getting dressed up for the year 6 farewell and presentation day towards the end of the term.

In the first couple of weeks we've been really busy working hard on our writing. In Accelerated literacy we are studying the book 'Tyger! Tyger!' which is about a small community of Thai Buddhist monks who are committed to saving tigers from extinction in their country. Students have researched and written very impressive discussions on Trophy Hunting. They are now working in their technology time on researching the major threats to Tiger survival and what strategies are in place to help save these creatures.

If the first couple of weeks are anything to go by, 5/6M are set to make term 4 even more productive and successful than the term before.

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Trophy hunting should be made illegal
By Fletcher T
Currently in the Community there is a debate over whether or not traphy hunting Should be Made illegal Recently Cecil the lian who lived in Zimbatwe Hwange National park was Stalked for 40 hours shot and then skinned and beheaded by American Dentist Walter James Palmer He was not a Serious threat to human and was part of an oxford university Study that had can since 1999 This has increased Calls to outlaw trophy hunting.
Trophy hunting is already illegal in some Countries. Thousands of tourists visits African Countries each year. The animals Such as
Lion's Hippos, Rhinos, Giraffes and Zebra. Trophy hunting Should  not be a Sport As you have already seem the well known  lion in Africa Called Cecil was a Massive tourist attraction.  Cecil was shot by a bow and Stalked.
On the other hand Tourists who vist for traphy hunting are aguired to pay large amounts of money Trophy hunting asises funds for the local Communities, for example food, Shelter, water and Challing without the money the Communities will struggle.
At the Same time if we allow trophy hunting to Continue our Ecosystem will be act of balance. At least 200 Rhino's are killed each year. Did you know Cecil was apart of the artford funiversity Study. That was in operation Since 1909 we want to protect the animals, not kill them.
However Trophy hunting Can be a good thing if done Correctly Some of this money goes towards dangered animals. Only hunt animals that Can't reproduce, and proceeds go to Conservation humanterian efforts, then Swely its not a bad thing.
After looking at both Sides I reckon you should not be killing animals Instead the money usefully like a holiday or a Car or something else.

# 'Day for Daniel' - Child Safety Awareness

# 'Day for Daniel' is held Friday, October 30th.

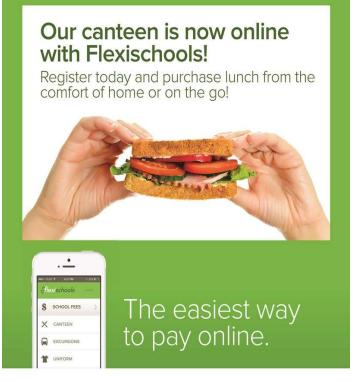
This year is the 11th year of the Daniel Morcombe National day of action. It is held each year to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention. It is about educating children about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to 'Recognise, React and Report' if they feel something is not right.

We ask that students wear something red and bring in a gold coin donation for this wonderful cause.

# All money raised will be donated to The Daniel Morcombe Foundation

Thankyou, SRC.







# **Canteen News**

# **Online Lunch Ordering is now HERE!**

The NPS canteen is excited to introduce a new online canteen lunch ordering system called Flexischools. The system is NOW available for all recess and lunch canteen orders.

Flexischools is well established and tested, already operating in hundreds of school across Australia.

Flexischools allows parents and staff to place orders from home, work or school at any time via your computer, phone or tablet (you can even add the Flexischools website as a homepage on your mobile or tablet, which will work just like an app! See directions on the Flexischools website, <a href="www.flexischools.com.au">www.flexischools.com.au</a>, under the FAQs section).

# Why Use Online Ordering?

- The payment is managed online so less paper bags, cash and envelopes are sent via your child to school.
- By paying online there is no fumbling around with coins in the morning or sending kids to school with excess cash.
- As well as being convenient for parents, the online orders are much faster and easier for our canteen volunteers to process.
- Online canteen orders are more accurate giving parents peace of mind that their child's canteen order and payment is received and processed correctly.

So it makes everyone's life a little easier!

# How do I start?

Getting online is easy and it only takes a few minutes to register.

- 1. Simply go to <a href="www.flexischools.com.au">www.flexischools.com.au</a> and click "Register Now".
- 2. Add your student, their school and class to get started.
- 3. Top-Up your account via Visa, Mastercard, PayPal or direct deposit.
- 4. Make an order by selecting from the menu range.
- 5. Make payment for the order listed in your order pad.
- 6. Review Orders by logging back in to your Flexischools account.

Once registered you can start placing orders immediately and you can set recurring orders, view transaction history or cancel orders via your Flexischools login.

Please note that online ordering closes at 9.30am each day – any orders after this time need to be directly handed to the canteen volunteers.

If your child already has a cloth canteen lunch bag then please make sure they place it in the lunchbox outside the canteen each morning when they've placed an online canteen order.

# What does it cost?

There are a number of payment options including Paypal, Visa and Mastercard (credit and debit) or direct bank transfer.

**Online Ordering Fees** – at this stage the NPS canteen will be absorbing the \$0.25 online order fee – <u>this means there is no cost to submit your canteen order online</u>.

Account Top-Up Fees Direct Deposit - free, Credit card (Visa or Mastercard only) - \$0.29, PayPal - \$0.35.

If you have any questions Flexischools provide a helpdesk on 1300 361 769, or contact our Canteen Manager Linda Balazic on 0457514786.

The system is now available so we look forward to seeing your next canteen order online!

# Sample school newsletter item

# What Gonski means for your child

National Gonski Week is taking place from July 28 to August 1 and it is an ideal opportunity to focus on what the benefits of additional resources are for your child and our school.

Gonski, as you may know, is a way of funding schools based on the needs of students. It was recommended by the Gonski Review that found too many students were missing out due to a lack of resources.

For us, the additional Gonski funding over the next six years will allow us to really expand the educational programs and learning support we know will make a difference in what our students achieve.

(Insert details of your plan or modify text below)

With this funding we will be able to:

- put in place additional literacy and numeracy programs and provide one-on-one assistance to students at risk of falling behind
- increase the specialist support and assistance for students who really need it — such as those with disabilities or special learning needs
- take a whole-of-school approach to building the skills and knowledge of teachers
- provide extension programs that will help teachers really push our smartest students to do even better.

**The one problem we have** is that the Federal Government, in the May Budget, announced it will only provide the Gonski funding we are relying on for four years, not six. That is a serious issue because only one-third of the funding comes in the first four years.

Teachers and parents are working hard to try to get the Prime Minister to change his mind on this critical investment. You can learn more at **www.igiveagonski.com.au** 

Authorised by Sue Simpson, Acting General Secretary, NSW Teachers Federation, 23-33 Mary Street, Surry Hills 2010. July 2014. 14217





X13" FAMILY

PORTRAIT

# Dear Families,

We are holding a portrait fundraising day and would be delighted to receive a donation from you in return for a framed 10"x13" family portrait (of your family – valued at \$90!) by Laura Jean.

How long has it been since you had your family together for a group photo? Update your family pics with their relaxed and fun photographers - view gorgeous samples for ideas or check out their available packages online at:

laurajean.com.au 🙆 facebook.com/laurajeanfundraising

Every family can receive this personalised photographic service, close to home. Flexible options include portrait choices, complimentary 3-pose sitting and obligation free additional portraits to suit your needs (see back for more details).

We will receive 100% of funds raised from the special framed family portrait, plus heaps of extra bonuses when more families participate.



When we get 25 families participating there will be a complimentary 3-pose portrait pack + CD up for grabs.

How can you help us get there?

- Petum your voucher ASAP
- Invite a friend with additional voucher below
- Encourage more families to book

# INSTRUCTIONS

- Complete Voucher
- Place into envelope with do nation (cheques made out to your organisation)
- Mark envelope 'Family Portraits'
- Return to office
- Invite a friend to help our fundraiser
- Appointment time confirmed soon!

# ORGANISATION:

NULKABA PUBLIC SCHOOL

# RAISING FUNDS FOR:

NULKABA PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C

### CONTACT:

CORALEE - 0455 333 499 - coralee.constable@live.com

Booking & Payment please COPY THIS LINK:

http://www.trybooking.com/160765 (30c bkg fee applies)

# DONATION:

\$20.00 and receive a FRAMED 10"x13" portrait

### PHOTO DATE:

SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER



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Preferred time: \_

Voucher for 1 Framed 10"x13" Family Portrait at Special Fundraising Price"

Oldest child's full name: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile or home no: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Very special limited offer - please see back for details



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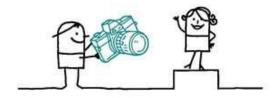
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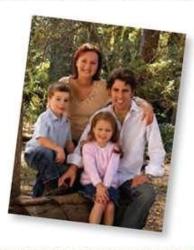


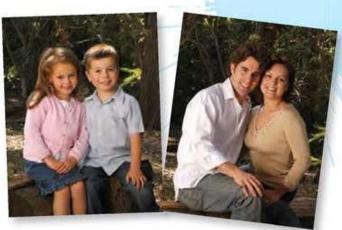
# THE STORY BEHIND THE OBLIGATION-FREE ADDITIONAL PORTRAITS

Laura Jean's professional photographers believe that a quick, fun, 15 minute portrait sitting with your family will create the best expressions possible.

18+ families are photographed on location, avoiding studio rental costs. This is passed on to offer us all great savings on professional portraits. The photo shoot is relaxed, fun, natural and easy.

3 pose portrait packs (17 portraits) are available for \$189.00 or can be broken down separately per sheet. The portraits are viewed back on our premises less than 3 weeks later. CDs, canvases and reorders are also available.





- \*No refund for failure to keep appointment.
- \*One voucher per family/person nobody can appear twice for this special offer.
- \*Parent/Guardian must be available to view own portrait or postage and handling shall apply.
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# Crunch&Sip

Please ensure your child has a water bottle filled with water and a piece of fruit or vegetable every day. For more information visit: http://www.crunchandsip.com.au





**Nutrition Snippet** 

# The simplest way

...to get organised for school lunches.

Over the course of your child's school life, you will pack around 2,500 school lunches!

Follow our six-step method to make school lunches easy, healthy and eaten every day!



- Always include a serve of fruit (cut up if your child is young)
- Always include a serve of vegies (don't forget legumes like baked beans count, too!)
- Always include a drink of water
- Always include a serve of wholegrains (bread, rice or pasta leftovers)
- Always include a serve of reduced-fat dairy (cheese, yoghurt)
- Always include a protein (egg, chicken, tuna).

See our website and facebook for more ideas!

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

