

Nulkaba News

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are half way through the term and things are moving at a frantic pace. Some much to complete and organisation for 2016 is happening too. Remember to keep checking our calendar on the website for up to date news and dates.

Stationary Fees

I brought up the fact that this year we have only had half of the stationary fees paid and asked for suggestions on how we could improve this. I received some great thoughts. We will be sending home a survey to gauge the views of the wider school community as well. You would have received an invoice for these, as well as any outstanding monies owed to the school. We would appreciate this being addressed as soon as possible as we conclude this year's banking at the end of November. Stationary fees are in lieu of school fees. These allow us to purchase pens, pencils, paper, glue sticks, books etc. for your children to use. When the survey is sent home please make sure you fill it in so we can make it easier for you.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Isla, Mali and Aubrey B for their wonderful trampolining results and to the Aerobics teams and Cooper for their fantastic results at the Spring Challenge last Saturday. More details are provided later in the newsletter.

Speech

As we are part of the CCGPS (Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools), we have been fortunate enough to have had a wonderful Speech program at our school. We have decided to fund this and even to expand to include some extra support in Stage 1. Once again this screening process will occur for all our Kindergarten students at the same time as their Best Start assessments. This is an amazing service which is producing great results. A big thank you to All Areas Speech.

Sick Leave

It is very important that you let the school know if your child is sick or on leave. You can do this by phone, email, message or a note given to the class teacher. This should be done within two days of the sickness especially if they are likely to be having a larger quantity of time off. If it is a large quantity then a medical certificate is required. These are DEC rules. We are required to send a reminder letter home if this information is not received.

Speeches

I had the pleasure of listening to all the Year 5 children, who are endeavouring to become a school leader for 2016, give their speeches to their peers. They were fantastic, I was so proud of the students. The top 10 girls and boys, according to their peers' votes, will now speak to the whole school on the 23 and 24 of November. Good luck.

Approaching the School

I have had a number of concerns raised with me over this issue this week. This extract comes from our Approaching the School document. On occasion, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety for parents. At such times it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere. Please Note. No parent should directly approach another person's child. The school will deal with issues between students as part of the school's Wellbeing policy. Students should also not approach parents of other students.

Please be mindful of this. I will send the full document home again at the beginning of 2016. My door is always open.

Narelle Hunt

Principal

Nulkaba Public School



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Coming Events					
Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7	16 Nov	17 Nov	18 Nov	19 Nov	20 Nov
	Stage 3 Surf Day 5/6M and 5/6J	Stage 3 Surf Day 5/6P and 5/6S	Mount High View ATSI Transition		
Week 8	23 Nov	24 Nov	25 Nov	26 Nov	27 Nov
	2016 Boy's Leaders Speeches to School - Vote	2016 Girl's Leaders Speeches to School – Vote; MVHS Jump Start Session 2			Samaritan's Christmas Donation Collection Day
Week 9	30 Nov	1 Dec	2 Dec	3 Dec	4 Dec
	Leader's Camp			MVHS Year 6 Orientation Day and Parent Meeting; Kinder Christmas Craft	

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

Canteen Roster					
Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7	16 Nov	17 Nov	18 Nov	19 Nov	20 Nov
	J. Kylie L. Williams	R. Beckett T. Broadbent C. Webb	S. Clark R. Procter	C. Gilmour L. Williams	J. Borghero M. Wills
Week 8	23 Nov	24 Nov	25 Nov	26 Nov	27 Nov
	F. Lanser K. McDonald M. McLellan	B. Cunningham L. Edwards	C. Holland M. Knight	W. Jenness C. Vickers	W. Saywell J. Slatter
Week 9	30 Nov	1 Dec	2 Dec	3 Dec	4 Dec
	L. Eather S. Gough D. O'Brien	A. Grant K. Watson V. Williams	K. Hicks Y. Pallett	A. Burke K. Saunders A. Trowbridge	M. Harrington L. Hirst

Week 7 = Roster D Week 8 = Roster A Week 9 = Roster B

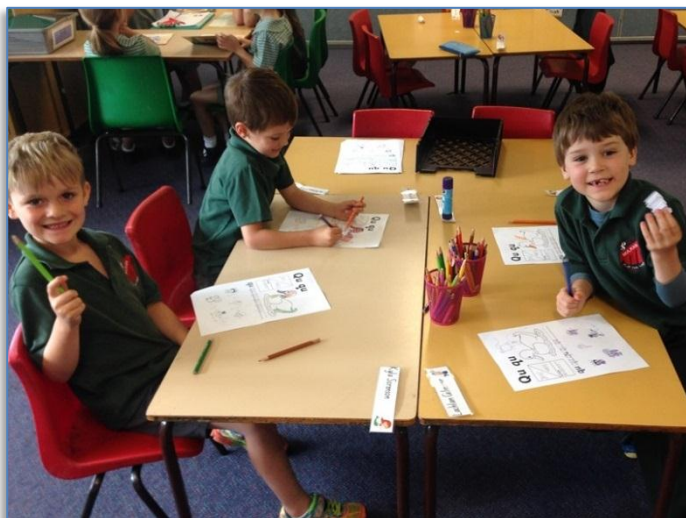
If you can help to fill our current vacancies please contact

Phone Linda on 0457 514 786

Support your school by volunteering in the canteen once per month

Class KP

KP hit the ground running in Term 4 and it's hard to believe we're already more than half way through! We've been busy learning about lots of new and exciting things, but the thing that we are most proud of at the moment is something we have been learning about all year, **reading!** The children love the variety of activities they get to participate in during Literacy Groups and their hard work at our 'reading table' is certainly paying off. Well done KP!

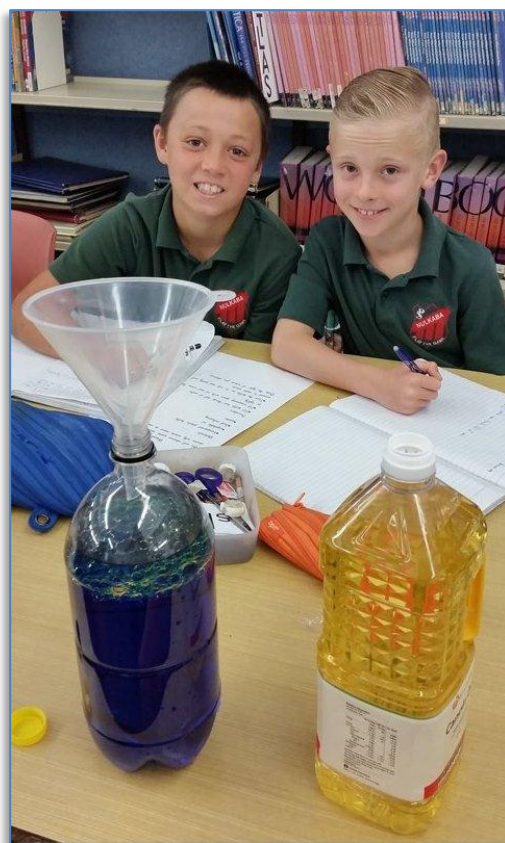


Class 3/4S

3/4S have had a fabulous 4th term. We have been enjoying reading with our buddy class 1/2B twice a week. The Aboriginal garden is a beautiful place to sit and enjoy books together.



3/4S have been learning about Natural Disasters in Science. We have investigated the earth's structure, rocks, earthquakes, volcanoes, bushfires and Tsunamis. We created waves in a bottle to help us understand and observe water moving in waves.



Class 5/6P

This term our HSIE topic is 'Australia - Values and Identities', as part of this unit we have been completing artworks based on Australian landscapes and Aboriginal artworks. We used images of the outback to help us produce our silhouettes in the desert. Students also completed a research task on Uluru before designing our mixed media artworks. The class identified that Aboriginal artwork is a very important aspect of the Australian culture and the students spent time looking at famous artworks from Aboriginal artists. The class enjoyed making the circle dot paintings using paint and various tools to recreate their piece of art.



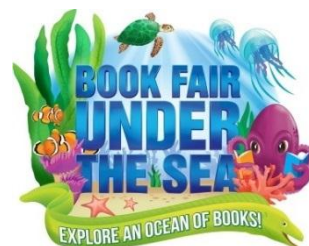
Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge Certificates

Our 2015 Premier's Reading Challenge participation certificates have now become available. This year we had 348 students complete the Challenge, with some 32 of those eligible for the Gold Level certificate and 14 eligible for the Platinum Level certificate. All of our Gold and Platinum awardees will be presented with their certificates towards the end of the term at one of our special assemblies. Due to the number of participation certificates to be presented, students will have these presented over a few days, usually during our daily message lines, in the coming weeks.

Another Book Fair Helps Our Library!

Our recent Book Fair proved to be another success, with a little under \$5 000.00 in sales achieved. Thank you to all those families who paid us a visit and found some terrific titles to take home. The sales achieved at this year's Fair have given the Library approximately \$1700.00 worth of new titles for inclusion in our Library Collection. This is a great boost to the range of material our Library has for students to borrow. All the new titles gained via the Fair will be available for student borrowing next year.



Library Borrowing and Overdue Notices

As the year draws to a close, it is necessary to finalize all student borrowing for the year, and to send out reminders regarding overdue library loans.

Firstly, all student borrowing will cease on Friday November 27th – this will be the last day on which students will be allowed to borrow for 2015. Students will then need to return all library items no later than Monday December 7th. As in previous years, Mrs Morris will be allocating a ticket to every student who returns all library items by December 7th, and will be holding a special prize draw for those students who have returned all items – but more about that in our next newsletter.

Secondly, letters have been distributed this week to all students who have an overdue library item still recorded against their name. Often, library items get muddled up with books at home or in the classroom, or can be missed when returned items are being rescanned into the library – it is important to have confirmation that an item is no longer at home. This can save much time in preventing the continued searching of library shelves for an item that is not there at all. Most importantly however, confirmation that an item is no longer at home, will mean that the item is removed from the student's name and no longer appears as a borrowed item. It would be appreciated if overdue items are returned as soon as possible to the library, or where an item is definitely no longer at home, for the letter to be signed and returned to Mrs Morris as soon as possible also, so that student records can be adjusted.

Issue 8 Book Club

Brochures for this year's last issue of Book Club will be distributed next week. As usual, there are lots of terrific titles available. *Don't forget that if any items are ordered for Christmas presents that **should not be sent home** with students,* just be sure to let Mrs Morris know and items will be held in the Library office until "Santa" can pick them up. Orders can be placed online via the Scholastic LOOP set-up, or can be placed via the school. **All orders should be placed no later than Wednesday November 25th** – to allow time for orders to be received well before the end of term.

Samaritans Christmas Appeal

Every year the students, parents and staff have been wonderful supporters of the Samaritans annual Christmas Appeal. This year instead of having collection boxes in each classroom there will be boxes in the foyer of the staffroom for the children to place their donations of non-perishable foods and new toys. A representative from the Samaritans will come to the school to collect our donations and thank the children for their continuing generosity. Donation will be collected on the 27th November 2015.

Thank you for your support.

Nulkaba Public School Aerobics

On Saturday 7th November our aerobics girls travelled to Broadmeadow to participate in the School Aerobics Spring Challenge. The girls were outstanding and they achieved awesome results. We had 4 girls compete in the Auditions section which resulted in Grace F coming 1st, Chloe B 2nd, Isla B 5th and Cooper W 6th. Our Silver Stars competed in the Future Legends section and received 1st place, Cooper W competed in the Single Female and Male section and received 2nd place, the Silver Angels came 2nd in the Primary Aerobics Section and the Silver Jets placed 2nd in the Primary Open B section. All our aerobics competitors should be proud of their dedication, commitment and achievements this year.



Thank you!

Thank you to all the students who wore red and donated a gold coin for our 'Day for Daniel'.

We raised \$410!

All money raised has been donated to

The Daniel Morcombe Foundation

Bounce High!

Last weekend Isla, Mali and Aubrey B all travelled to Belmont High School to represent Nulkaba Public School at the Schools Trampoline Championships. All three represented the school beautifully and all three had a highly successful day. They competed in trampoline, tumbling, single mini and double mini. Aubrey was awarded gold in all four sections. Mali received gold in three and a silver in her fourth. While Isla received two gold and two silver all within the championship division. On the day Nulkaba Public was placed 3rd overall, with only three competitors, which is a huge achievement. Huge congratulations from all of Nulkaba Public School to all three students and it was wonderful to be able to see the gold medals at message lines on Monday. Great job!



Nulkaba School Canteen



Canteen Roster 2016

We rely on volunteers to keep the canteen open every day and without these wonderful people (parents and grandparents) who give up their time to help out, our canteen can't keep going.

Our Canteen Coordinator, Linda Balazic, is currently preparing the canteen roster for 2016.

If you can help in the canteen regularly (most of our volunteers commit their time for one day every 4 weeks) or casually, please fill out the attached form or give Linda a call on 0457 514 786.

In particular, we are in need of volunteers who are available on a Friday.

The canteen relies on the goodwill and input of all of our volunteers and we would really appreciate your help (and your kids will love it)!

Flexischools Online Ordering

The Flexischools system is NOW available for all recess and lunch canteen orders.

Flexischools allows parents and staff to place canteen orders 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, www.flexischools.com.au, 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.
- 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.
- At this stage the NPS canteen will be absorbing the \$0.25 online order fee – this means there is no cost to submit your canteen order online.

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 www.flexischools.com.au and click **"Register Now"**.
2. Add your student, their school and class to get started.
3. Top-Up your account via Visa and/or Mastercard (29c fee), PayPal (35c fee) or direct deposit (free).
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 10.30am each day.

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.

Nulkaba School Canteen 2016



Volunteer Details

I would like to be a **CANTEEN REGULAR VOLUNTEER** once every 4 weeks on:

Possible Day: ☐ Mon ☐ Tue ☐ Wed ☐ Thu ☐ Fri

If possible I'd like to be rostered on with: _____

AND / OR

I'd be happy to be contacted as a **CANTEEN CASUAL VOLUNTEER** on:

Possible Day: ☐ Mon ☐ Tue ☐ Wed ☐ Thu ☐ Fri

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Student's Name: _____



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to make healthy chicken nuggets + chips

Most kids love this fast food favourite – here's a healthy version that will satisfy even the fussiest eater!

Ingredients

½ kilo chicken breast, breadcrumbs,
1 egg - lightly beaten, ½ kg pumpkin,
½ kg potatoes, 1 tablespoon olive oil.



Method

- Peel + chop pumpkin and potato into wedges
- Coat the wedges in olive oil, place onto tray and bake at 180 degrees for 60 mins
- Meanwhile, cut the chicken into bite size pieces
- Dip the chicken pieces into the egg, then coat with breadcrumbs
- Place chicken nuggets onto tray and bake in the oven at 180 degrees for the remaining 20 mins
- Serve wedges and nuggets with a garden salad - delish!

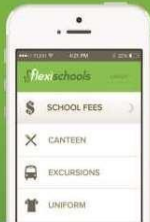
Giving your kids fruit + veg every day will help them stay healthy and strong, and help protect against some diseases like cancer.

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



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The easiest way to pay online.

Take advantage of this convenient new service. Go to flexischools.com.au and click register.

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Join us for a Guinness Book of Records **WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT** for most people dressed as **Christmas Elves!**

Friday 4th December - Baddeley Park, Vincent St, Cessnock

Gates open from 5^{pm} - world record attempt 6^{pm}

Download your free ticket from
www.stickytickets.com.au/28710

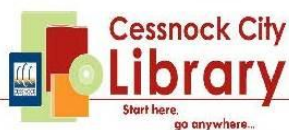
Keep up to date with all the info at
www.facebook.com/projectcessnock

Elf hats will be available to purchase for \$5 each from ECBC, LJ Hooker Cessnock and Memo Office & Art with 100% of the proceeds going to 'Jodie's Place' - Women & childrens refuge.



Children aged from birth to High School can join in the fun this summer at the Library from **TUESDAY 1st DECEMBER.**

www.cessnock.nsw.gov



- ◆ Register at Cessnock or Kurri Kurri Library
- ◆ Read for the chance to win prizes!
- ◆ Try the online activities & competitions

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