

Nulkaba News

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Dear Parents and Carers

I cannot believe how fast the end of year is approaching and there is still so much to fit in before we finish.

P&C Dinner

There is an invitation from the P&C, to attend the annual Christmas dinner, later in this newsletter. Please come along, it is a lovely night. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the P&C for all their hard work and support this year. The time and effort you put in, in support of our school is amazing. A big thank you, as well, to all the parents who support the many fundraising events and working bees we hold.

Leaders Camp

Our school leaders will have the pleasure of attending a special leaders camp next week as a thank you for all the hard work they have completed. Mrs Burley and Mrs Petrysen will accompany them. Thank you leaders for a wonderful year.

End of Year

Please make sure any outstanding monies are paid to the office. Invoices have been sent home if you have any monies owing. We have been a little disappointed in the number of families who have paid their stationary fees. These fees are critical for us to supply our students with pens, pencils, paper, glue etc. Next year we will be sending out a green note relating to these fees, an explanation of what the money is used for and also options on how to pay. We do not charge school fees. As you know excursions are expensive which is why we have payment plans and student assistance if you need this support.

End of Year Reports

Your child's end of year report will be sent home to you at the end of Week 10. If you have any concerns please make sure, in the first instance to make an appointment to discuss with your class teacher. If there are further concerns please make an appointment to talk to your child's stage Assistant Principal.

Newcastle Herald School Newspaper Competition

Congratulations to all the students from 5/6S who completed the Nulkaba Grapevine entry into the competition this year. As always it was a wonderful read and I am very proud of all of those students as well as Mr Somerville and Mrs Burley. A special mention must go to Chelsea Webb and Lucy Saywell. They received a Highly Commended in the editorial section. Well done girls.

Boys and Girls Leaders Speeches

What a wonderful job all the students did with their speeches. From the very large group that delivered their speeches to Stage 3 to the 10 girls and 10 boys who delivered them to the whole school. Voting has occurred and the successful 10 students have been told. They will be recognised at Presentation Day. Congratulations to all. Sports Leaders have also been decided and will be acknowledged on our Special Assembly.

Dates to Remember

Just a reminder of the important dates coming up: Presentation Day – 7 December; Special Assembly and Thank You Morning Tea – 9 December and Party Day – 14 December. I look forward to seeing you at these events.

Narelle Hunt

Principal

Nulkaba Public School



Education &
Communities

Coming Events					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	30 Nov	1 Dec	2 Dec	3 Dec	4 Dec
Week 9	Leader's Camp				
		North Rocks Public School Performance 9:30 – 10:15am	Kinder Information Session in the School Library 3:15pm	MVHS Year 6 Orientation Day and Parent Meeting; Kinder Christmas Craft	
	7 Dec	8 Dec	9 Dec	10 Dec	11 Dec
Week 10	Presentation Day - Mount View High		Thank You Morning Tea; Hunter Sports Awards; Reports Home	Year 6 Farewell	
	14 Dec	15 Dec	16 Dec	17 Dec	18 Dec
Week 11	Party Day		Students Last Day	Staff Development Day	Staff Development Day

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

Canteen Roster					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	30 Nov	1 Dec	2 Dec	3 Dec	4 Dec
Week 9	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
	7 Dec	8 Dec	9 Dec	10 Dec	11 Dec
Week 10	M. Pagan	S. Parker P. Twentyman	P. Goldstraw D. Harris	S. Harrison A. Niven	D. Belcher P. Burtan M. Knight
	14 Dec	15 Dec	16 Dec	17 Dec	18 Dec
Week 11	J. Kylie L. Williams	R. Beckett T. Broadbent C. Webb	S. Clark R. Procter	Staff Development Day	Staff Development Day

Week 9 = Roster B Week 10 = Roster C Week 11 = Roster D

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



YEAR 6 ORIENTATION DAY FOR STUDENTS ACCEPTED TO ATTEND MVHS IN YEAR 7 2016

Mount View High School would like to welcome your child.

Orientation Day will help students and their parents familiarise themselves with some of our many curriculum options and give you some idea of what life is like at Mount View High School.

Thursday 3rd December 2015
Mount View High School hall
9am – 11am

To make the move to high school easier you will hear from key staff members including the Principal Ms Pfeffer, Deputy Principal Mrs Smith who will provide you with the information you need to give your child a successful start to the year. You will hear about school uniforms, Year 7 camp, immunisations, sport, school attendance, how to contact us and the chance to purchase book packs and pay 2016 school fees if you wish to.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to our school community.

Nulkaba P&C Christmas Dinner

You are invited to Nulkaba P&C
Christmas Dinner.

Date: Tuesday 8th December, 2015

Meeting: 6pm followed by dinner at
6.30pm

At The Australia Hotel

Hope you can make it

RSVP: To School Office

Ph: 49 901 805

By Friday 4th December

Merry Christmas



Class KH

KH have been enjoying participating in the Sports in Schools program this term. We have been practising our fundamental movement skills and love using the sports equipment. Paul is the name of the gentleman who organises all of the equipment and activities for Kinder on a Monday and Wednesday. He has been teaching KH some basic skills that we need in order to play cricket. We would like to thank him for organising such a wonderful sporting experience.



School Library News

Library Borrowing

Library borrowing for students has now ended for the year. Students need to now return all items that have been borrowed by Monday December 7th. Mrs Morris, as in previous years, has been gathering some lovely 'prizes' and will be holding a draw with the names of all the students who have returned their library books by the above date. 'Prizes' include some terrific books (of course), as well as a cuddly Santa pillow pet, a snowy Christmas bear and a few other surprises - maybe even that cute fellow named Pug the Pig! Just be sure to bring those Library items in and your name will be in the draw!

On a more serious note - many, many thanks to the families who have been able to return overdue library items after notices were sent home earlier this month. Returning the notice and/or the books noted, is very important as it just lets us know that any mentioned book is nowhere to be found at home - when the notice is returned, the book is removed from the student's name. This then gives students a 'clean slate' for next year. Further notices will be sent out soon so that we have as many items returned before the school holidays. Please see Mrs Morris if you have any concerns at all.

Community News

Volunteer Grants Now Open

Grants between \$1,000 and \$5,000 are available to help not for profit community organisations support their volunteers through practical measures such as the purchase of small equipment items, reimbursement for volunteers' fuel and transport costs, and contributions towards the cost of training and background screening checks.

The grants provide a valuable opportunity for local organisations to support their volunteers.

The Volunteer Grants 2015 Application Pack is available from the Department of Social Services' website or alternatively, you can contact the Volunteer Grants 2015 Hotline on free call 1800 183 374 or email vg2015@dss.gov.au

Applications for Volunteer Grants 2015 close at 2pm AEDT on Wednesday, 9 December 2015.



(Branxton Croquet Club received \$1814.00 in the 2012 Volunteer Grants.)

Cessnock Pool's 80th Birthday

Thank you to Jan Williams and all involved in the organisation of the Cessnock pool anniversary celebrations. It was a great occasion appreciated particularly by those like me, who have been regular users of the facility, all our lives.

I pay tribute to those charged with managing, supervising and keeping the pool and its amenities clean and tidy.

I've enjoyed a swim in pools right around the country and indeed, overseas. I've found no more clean and pleasant pool than Cessnock's.



Beware of Scammers

Please beware of scammers imitating Department of Human Services or Centrelink officers to trick you into handing over your money or personal details.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission has received a spike in contacts about fake rebate scams in which the scammer claims to be from Centrelink or the Department of Human Services.

If you receive a phone call out of the blue from someone claiming to be from a government department and they claim that you are entitled to money, hang up. If you have any doubts about the identity of any caller who claims to represent a business, organisation or government department, contact the body directly. Don't rely on numbers, email addresses or websites provided by the caller – find them through an independent source such as a phone book or online search.

Never give your personal, credit card or online account details over the phone unless you made the call and the phone number came from a trusted source. If you think you have provided your account details to a scammer, contact your bank or financial institution immediately.

Nulkaba School Canteen



Canteen Roster 2016

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

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

As with every year, this year we have lost a large number of volunteers who have children in Year 6 who will be going off to High School. As a result we are now looking to fill their places.

In particular, we are in need of volunteers for the following dates:

Week A

- Wednesday - 2 volunteers needed (Term 1 2016 dates – 17/2/16 and 16/3/16)
- Friday – 1 volunteer needed (Term 1 2016 dates – 19/2/16 and 18/3/16)

Week B

- Thursday - 1 volunteer needed (Term 1 2016 dates – 25/2/16 and 24/3/16)

Week C

- Monday - 2 volunteers needed (Term 1 2016 dates - 1/2/16, 29/2/16 and 28/3/16)
- Wednesday - 1 volunteer needed (Term 1 2016 dates - 3/2/16, 2/3/16 and 30/3/16)
- Thursday - 2 volunteers needed (Term 1 2016 dates - 4/2/16, 3/3/16 and 31/3/16)

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.

At this stage if we can't fill the vacant days the canteen may need to consider closing a day each week.

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)!

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 pizza, healthy!

Healthy pizzas are easier to make than you think...

What you need

- multigrain English muffins/or pizza bases
- tomato paste
- diced vegies, i.e.:
diced mushroom,
diced tomato,
diced capsicum,
pineapple pieces,
grated carrot,
olives
- reduced-fat grated cheese



Method

- spread tomato paste on muffin
- place vegies on top and sprinkle with cheese
- bake in oven/ under grill until cheese melts and is golden...watch your kids enjoy eating vegies!

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



Summer Holiday Activities @ your Library

Pre-booking essential - no phone bookings, tickets on sale mid-December.
Numbers strictly limited

Santa Story time – ages 2-6

Tuesday December 15	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE
Wednesday December 16	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE

Christmas themed storytime with a very special visitor!

Christmas Craft – ages 5-12

Monday December 21	Cessnock Library	4.00 – 5.00	FREE
Tuesday December 22	Kurri Kurri Library	4.00 – 5.00	FREE

Come along to this free craft session and make some special Christmas decorations

Movies @ the Library – ages 8+

Monday January 11	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE
Wednesday January 13	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE
Monday January 18	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE
Wednesday January 20	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE

These holidays, we'll be attending a very well-known school for wizards in the first week, then shooting off to a galaxy far, far away in the second week!

Wizards Workshop – ages 5-12

Thursday January 14	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	\$3.00
Friday January 15	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	\$3.00

All aspiring young wizards and witches welcome – learn to cast a spell or two and take home your own magic wand!

Wii and Board Games – ages 7+

Thursday January 14	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 - 4.00	FREE
Friday January 15	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE

Bored? Join us for an afternoon of board games and battling it out on the Wii!

Mad Scientist Workshop – ages 7+

Thursday January 21	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	\$3.00
Friday January 22	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	\$3.00

Explore scientific principles in this hands-on, seriously messy kitchen science workshop. Warning – wear old clothes!

Jedi Beginner's Workshop – ages 5-12

Thursday January 21	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 3.00	\$3.00
Friday January 22	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.00	\$3.00

Begin your Jedi training and make a light sabre – may the force be with you!

Our regular Rhymetime and Storytime sessions will continue as normal throughout the holiday break, except when the library is closed over the Christmas break – last Story time will be on Wednesday 23rd December at Kurri Kurri. Sessions will recommence with Rhymetime on Monday 4th January

Please ring Cessnock Library 49 934399 or Kurri Kurri Library 49 371638 to enquire, or visit our website at www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/library.

Sandy Ryan
Childrens Services Officer
Cessnock City Library
PH: 49934384
EMAIL: Sandra.ryan@cessnock.nsw.gov.au

Mathers

Back to School

WILLIAMS

Support for growing feet AND your school!

With the same level of importance we place on fitting the school shoes of over 200,000 children every year, we believe in the significance of supporting the school environment they spend so much time in.

That's why in 2016 we will make a donation to participating schools for every approved school shoe purchased by a member of that school's community.

How can your school get involved? It's easy!

Simply let us know you're interested, and we'll provide you with a barcode unique to your school for you to publish in your school newsletter or other communications. When parents bring this barcode in to one of our Williams or Mathers stores, we will donate 5% of the price paid to your school for every pair of school shoes they purchase.

Dates

Program runs from 1 December 2015 to 29 February 2016.

Purchases will be collated and payment made directly to the school by 31 March 2016.

Barcode can be published in school newsletters and online from 1 November 2015.

Things to note

Only approved participating schools prior to program commencement will be eligible for donations. Only approved school shoes as designated in stores will be eligible.

The barcode must be scanned at the time of purchase for the donation to be registered.

5%

of the value of any school shoe sold at Williams Capalaba Park Shopping Centre will be donated to the school.

EXAMPLE ONLY

Shop 95, Capalaba Park Shopping Centre, Redland Bay Rd, Capalaba

Get a better fit at
WILLIAMS & Mathers



Cessnock Carols in the Park

Proudly supported by Newcastle Permanent and Cessnock City Council

Baddeley Park

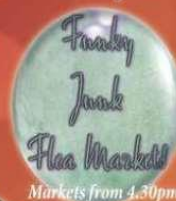
Friday 4 December 2015

From 6.30pm (fireworks at 8.30pm)

FREE family event!



MC Tara Naysmith



Markets from 4.30pm



Help us break the Guinness World Record from 5.30pm



NEWCASTLE PERMANENT



Cessnock Mayor, Cr Bob Pynsent, invites you to a fun-filled family evening of local entertainment not to be missed.

Bring your picnic blanket and seats, but please leave your alcohol and glass at home.

For more information please visit www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au or call Council on 02 4993 4210.

Tennis Holiday Camp

Ambrose Tennis Academy

**From- 9am - 3pm
or half day from**

9am - 12.30pm

Miller Park

Branxton

Dates

Dec

7th - 11th

14th - 18th

21st - 23rd

Jan

11th - 15th

18th - 22nd

Available to all kids 5 years and above

Before and after care available if organised prior

Morning tea provided - Please provide own lunch and hats

Please note tennis camp will still be on if raining

- please see our facebook page for alternate

drop off point



Half day - \$45
Half day week - \$190

Please reserve your spot early to help confirm numbers

To Jason on 0467 553 193 or jason.tennis@hotmail.com

Full day - \$60

Full week - \$240

A Very Merry

Sebel Christmas



Family Christmas Lunch

Reservations for 12.30pm or 1.00pm

Adults	\$170
Teenagers (13 - 17 years)	\$95
Children (5 - 12 years)	\$50

Spoil the family this Christmas and enjoy our Christmas Carvery Buffet Luncheon. All beverages are included and your day will be complete as the kids enjoy our craft room, there will even be a visit from Santa!

Deluxe Infuzion Lunch

1.00pm Seating	
Adults	\$190
Teenagers (13 - 17 years)	\$95

Enjoy a truly sophisticated and intimate dining experience this Christmas in Infuzion Restaurant. Your 4 course luncheon will commence with a selection of fresh seafood and a glass of champagne on arrival. A deluxe beverage package is included of hand selected local wines and beers.



Book early to avoid disappointment:
(02) 4998 7680 or h8797-sb4@accor.com
<http://www.sebelhunternvalley.com.au>
336 Oakey Creek Road, Pokolbin NSW 2320

Summer fun in nature around Port Stephens

Join our *Discovery* Rangers to experience a different side to Port Stephens and Tomaree National Park this summer holiday. There's something for everyone.

Tomaree's WilderQuest treasure trail

Thursday 7 January 2016, 9am–11.30am

Discover the sights, sounds and heritage of Tomaree as you step back to the time of World War II.
www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/Guided-tours/wilderquest-tomaree-treasure-trail

WilderQuest wild world of rockpools

Friday 8 January 2016, 1.30pm–3.30pm

Explore amazing rockpool creatures on Boat Harbour's headland.
www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/Guided-tours/wilderquest-wild-world-of-rockpools

Spooky night walk

Wednesday 13 January 2016, 6.30pm–8.30pm

Experience stories by dusk, the haunting ambience 'behind the scenes' of Tomaree's World War II gun emplacements, and then return by dark.
www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/Guided-tours/spookynight-walk

WilderQuest bush to beach family discovery

Thursday 14 January 2016, 3pm–5pm

Enjoy nature with fantastic family activities. For the young and young at heart.
www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/Guided-tours/wilderquest-bush-to-beach-familydiscovery

Bookings and information

Bookings for all NPWS Discovery Tours are essential.

Book online following the links above, or phone 13000 PARKS (13000 72757).

All tours between \$12 and \$15 per person and families between \$36 and \$45.

For more information on tours, such as meeting points, please follow the web links or ask on booking. For general enquiries, phone Sue Olsson on (02) 4984 8210 (after 7 December 2015), or email

suzanne.olsson@environment.nsw.gov.au



Child Dental Benefits Schedule

An Australian Government Dental Scheme

YES WE BULK BILL!!

Families that receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or other eligible government payments can receive **\$1000** basic dental treatment for children aged 2-17 years.

For eligibility phone Medicare **132 011**
For appointments call us today!

