

# Nulkaba News

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Dear Parents and Carers

The end of the year has arrived and there have been many events on in this past two weeks.



## P&C

We had our last meeting and a Christmas dinner this week, which was a lovely way to end a very successful year for the P&C. It was wonderful to see our life members there too and we inducted Jeremy Scarborough into the life members at this event. Once again thank you to all the members of the P&C and to all who have helped with the events this year.

## Presentation Day and Recognition Assembly

It was wonderful to see so many families at both these events. It seems we have nearly outgrown Mt View High's hall. Congratulations, again to all the children who were given an award, well done to those who have achieved our school medallion. We have so many talented students at Nulkaba Public School.

## Thank You Morning Tea

We do try to make sure we thank our outgoing families who have worked at the school; in the Canteen, with working bees, in classrooms and as a member of the P&C. We seem to have missed many of the parents on that day. Their names were read out but they were not in the hall. We will try again at the Year 6 Clap out on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> at 2.45pm.

## Year 6 Farewell

What a fantastic night this was. Despite the earlier weather we managed to get some fantastic photos. The girls looked gorgeous and the boys were very handsome. The Captains made fantastic speeches and Year 5 and Year 6 performed their dance routine beautifully. I am sure all the parents and grandparents were very proud. I know I was. I wish all our Year 6 students all the best for their journeys into High School. Please keep in touch.

## Music Performance

How lucky are we that we have such amazing musicians and teachers who come to Nulkaba to teach our students. It was fantastic to see the improvements they all have made at their annual concert. A big thank you to Mrs O'Hearn who organises the program and the concert evening each year.

## Hunter Sports Awards



Once again one of our students was honoured at these awards. Will received an Achievement Award for basketball and Football. Will is a lovely young man who not only excels on the Sporting Field but has been an excellent school leader and a fantastic student.



## Reports

School reports went home at the end of this week. I had the pleasure of reading and signing them all. They should all be very proud of their achievements this year. Remember as always if you have any questions or concerns please contact your class teacher to set up an interview.

## Leaders Camp

Again this year our leaders were fortunate enough to attend the adventure camp at Forster. They had a wonderful time and it was a fitting thank you for all their hard work this year.

Once again thank you for all the support this year. As I have said before I feel blessed to be Principal at such a wonderful school, where the whole community work together to provide the best quality learning outcomes for all the students.

Have a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends, a safe and happy holiday break and I look forward to working with all of you next year. Teachers return on 27/1 and students in Years 1 to 6 on 28/1. All new Kindergarten students for 2016 will have received their Best Start times in the mail.



**Narelle Hunt**  
**Principal**  
**Nulkaba Public School**



## School Library News

### Library Loans

Earlier this week, eight students were lucky enough to win a prize in the end-of-year prize draw for returning all their library items. The lucky winners were – Oliver B and Hayden S in Stage 3; Alec G and Jack B in Stage 2; Blake S and Tayah K in Stage 1, and Tyler A and Cooper S in Kindergarten. These students were very lucky as there were a lot of names entered – it is wonderful that so many students have made sure that their library items have been returned, ready for the new school year.

We do still have students who are yet to return their library items, and those students will be receiving notices about the items that need to be returned. It is very important that we can account for all library items – so anyone receiving a notice should return library items by next Wednesday or return the notice, signed by a parent to say that an item cannot be found. Please see Mrs Morris if you have any questions re library items.

## School Banking



The last day of School Banking for 2015 will be **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December!**

If you haven't already, you can still redeem your 10 tokens for a reward.  
Any rewards ordered after the 2<sup>nd</sup> December will be sent home in the first few weeks of term 1 next year!

A huge thanks to all of our school bankers – you have done a great job raising money for Nulkaba School whilst saving up for your future!

Your saving efforts so far this year have raised:

|              |                        |
|--------------|------------------------|
| Term 1       | \$286.78               |
| Term 2       | \$252.04               |
| Term 3       | <u>\$160.72</u>        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b><u>\$699.54</u></b> |



**Have a Merry Christmas and Fabulous New Year!**



| Coming Events    |            |                                  |                       |                             |                       |
|------------------|------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
|                  | Monday     | Tuesday                          | Wednesday             | Thursday                    | Friday                |
| Week 11          | 14 Dec     | 15 Dec                           | 16 Dec                | 17 Dec                      | 18 Dec                |
|                  | Party Day  |                                  | Students Last Day     | Staff Development Day       | Staff Development Day |
| 2016 School Year |            |                                  |                       |                             |                       |
| Week 1           | 25 Jan     | 26 Jan                           | 27 Jan                | 28 Jan                      | 29 Jan                |
|                  |            |                                  | Staff Development Day | Students Return; Best Start | Best Start            |
| Week 2           | 1 Feb      | 2 Feb                            | 3 Feb                 | 4 Feb                       | 5 Feb                 |
|                  | Best Start | Kindergarten's First Day;        |                       |                             |                       |
| Week 3           | 8 Feb      | 9 Feb                            | 10 Feb                | 11 Feb                      | 12 Feb                |
|                  |            | P&C Meeting 6.30pm in Staff Room |                       |                             |                       |

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

| Canteen Roster   |  |                                       |                        |                                   |                         |
|------------------|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
|                  | Monday                                 | Tuesday                               | Wednesday              | Thursday                          | Friday                  |
| Week 11          | 14 Dec                                 | 15 Dec                                | 16 Dec                 | 17 Dec                            | 18 Dec                  |
|                  | Canteen Closed                         | Canteen Closed                        | Canteen Closed         | Staff Development Day             | Staff Development Day   |
| 2016 School Year |  |                                       |                        |                                   |                         |
| Week 1           | 25 Jan                                 | 26 Jan                                | 27 Jan                 | 28 Jan                            | 29 Jan                  |
|                  |  |                                       | Staff Development Day  | Students Return<br>Canteen Closed | Canteen Closed          |
| Week 2           | 1 Feb                                  | 2 Feb                                 | 3 Feb                  | 4 Feb                             | 5 Feb                   |
|                  | Canteen Opens<br><b>2x Help Needed</b> | A. McLewwan<br>P. Twentyman           | K. Ward                | <b>2x Help Needed</b>             | P. Burtan<br>M. Knight  |
| Week 3           | 8 Feb                                  | 9 Feb                                 | 10 Feb                 | 11 Feb                            | 12 Feb                  |
|                  | J. Kylie<br>L. Williams                | R. Beckett<br>T. Broadbent<br>C. Webb | S. Clark<br>R. Procter | C. Gilmour<br>L. Williams         | J. Borghero<br>M. Wills |

Week 11 = Roster D    Week 1 = Roster B    Week 2 = Roster C    Week 3 = 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***

# 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 pack a creative lunch box!

Don't feel like you have to send the same old vegemite sandwich every day. Here are some of our best tips for making lunch boxes interesting for you, and your kids!



- **Make fresh spring rolls** – they're great for dinner and can be used as leftovers, too! See [eatittobeatit.com.au](http://eatittobeatit.com.au) for a free recipe
- **Cut vegies into thin sticks** – send with a small container of hummus
- **Make a fruit salad** – dice whatever fruit you have into small pieces
- **Make a roast vegie sandwich** – leftover roast vegies are delicious on fresh bread
- **Add fruit to yoghurt** – split a large tub of reduced-fat yoghurt into small containers, and add pieces of fruit for a sweet twist.

For more information visit  
[www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au)  
 or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://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 23<sup>rd</sup> December at Kurri Kurri. Sessions will recommence with Rhymetime on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/library).

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# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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**  
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