



NULKABA NEWS

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Issue 114: 2017 Term 4 Week 8

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are coming into the final two weeks of 2017. The year has certainly flown by with so many wonderful events and achievements occurring throughout the year.

Project Reference Group (PRG)

Our final formal meeting was held last week looking at final plans and arrangements. All is progressing smoothly with the relocation of classrooms for the start of 2018. Colours and facilities look amazing. There will be one last **Information Booth at 8.30am on Tuesday, 12 December 2017**. This is just before the Recognition Assembly so come along a bit early and have a look at the designs. We will have another meeting looking at furniture on Thursday, 14 December 2017. Next year will be a bit chaotic but it will be so worth it when the wonderful new facilities are complete.

School Leaders 2018

This year I was only able to hear the girls' speeches. I would have been very happy to have any of those wonderful girls as school leaders. They all spoke with confidence and would certainly have displayed our school values with great pride. Congratulations to the leaders both boys and girls for 2018. I am sure you will make excellent leaders.

Music Night

Once again, our fantastic music students performed in a showcase for parents and friends. It is amazing to see how much they have improved since this time last year. Thanks to Tristen for all the hard work he puts into the students, the results speak for themselves. Our guitar ensemble was a definite highlight. Thanks Nathan for the support with piano and to Michael for drums. Hamish's solo was another highlight.

Special Assemblies

It was great to see so many parents here to see their children receive their special awards. So many of the children received the School Awards as well as the Principal Awards. I could only attend the K-2 Awards afternoon and the Junior Choir performed brilliantly. Congratulations to all the award winners.

AET Leadership

The members of our Aboriginal Leadership Team had a wonderful day with all the other school's AET teams last week. Mrs Carr went with them. They spent time learning about leadership and connecting with culture. This is a great opportunity for our indigenous students. We are very lucky to be supported by a strong AECG and excellent DoE personnel.

Date Reminders

Just a reminder re important dates for the end of the year. **Presentation Day** – Wednesday, 6 December 2017 at MVHS; **Recognition Assembly** – Tuesday, 12 December 2017 at NPS (Information Booth 8.30); **Party Day** – Wednesday, 13 December 2017.

2018

School will resume on **Monday, 29 January 2018** for **teachers only**. **Years 1-6** will resume on **Tuesday, 30 January 2018**. **Kindergarten students** for 2018 will receive a letter very soon giving them a date and time for their Best Start and Speech assessments. They will then commence school on **Friday, 2 February 2018**. Please remember that Kindergarten finish 30 minutes early for the first five weeks

Narelle Hunt
Principal
Nulkaba Public School



Coming Events - 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	4 Dec	5 Dec	6 Dec	7 Dec	8 Dec
Week 9	Library Assistant Morning Tea	Mt View - Orientation Day	Presentation Day	Year 6 Farewell	
	11 Dec	12 Dec	13 Dec	14 Dec	15 Dec
Week 10	Reports Home	Recognition Assembly and Morning Tea; 6:30p P&C Meeting	Whole School Party Day; Hunter Sports Awards		Last Day for Students
	29 Jan	30 Jan	31 Jan	1 Feb	2 Feb
T1 Week 1	Staff Development Day	Year 1-6 Students Return; Best Start	Best Start	Best Start	Kindergarten Start
	5 Feb	6 Feb	7 Feb	8 Feb	9 Feb
T1 Week 2					

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

Canteen Roster - 2017

Week 9 = Roster A

Week 10 = Roster B

Week 1 = Roster X

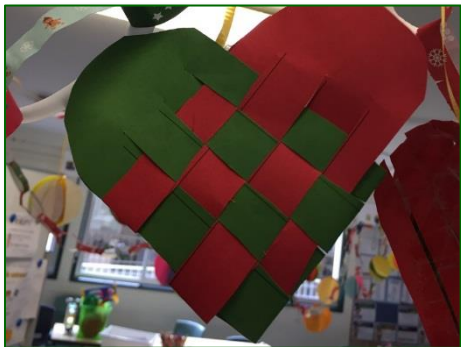
Week 2 = Roster X

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	4 Dec	5 Dec	6 Dec	7 Dec	8 Dec
Week 9	Jess Mijatovic Lorraine Williams	Hayley Berends Patricia Twentyman	Christine Downie Colleen Downie	Jess Mijatovic Jodi Studdert	Leeta Davies Help Needed
	11 Dec	12 Dec	13 Dec	14 Dec	15 Dec
Week 10	Amanda Platt Samantha Wharton	Renae Beckett Linda Kerr	Bianca Bartlett Kristy Mac	Danielle Codd Alex McGregor	Lynda Hirst Sue Hirst
	29 Jan	30 Jan	31 Jan	1 Feb	2 Feb
T1 Week 1					
	5 Feb	6 Feb	7 Feb	8 Feb	9 Feb
T1 Week 2					

If you can help to fill our current vacancies, please contact **Linda on 0457 514 786**

Class 1H

Jingle Bells! Jingle Bells! Jingle all the way! 1H have started the Christmas festivities early to coincide with our AL text "An Aussie Night Before Christmas". Every Wednesday afternoon we complete a new Christmas craft/art activity and hang it up in our room to get us all in the Christmas spirit.



We loved participating in the "Sports In Schools" program every Monday and Mrs Hill has realised that students in 1H are a lot stronger than she is! There are many talented Gymnasts in 1H! We have been focusing on teamwork and cooperation and we are reminded that it is ok if our team does not win. The resources and activities that we completed were amazing and all students were engaged.



1H loved having our grandparents come and visit us on Grandparents day. Mrs March assisted 1H to make 'the best scones in the world' and many of our visitors requested the recipe so that they could make the scones at home. We enjoyed asking our grandparents questions and even went outside to do some activities. 1H students were lovely hosts on the day and Mrs Hill enjoyed meeting all of the lovely grandparents that she hears so much about.



Since the 2017 school year is coming to an end we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful parent and student helpers who have volunteered to help 1H in anyway this year. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Thanks Mrs Hill and Mrs Anderson

Class 5-6W

Wow! What a year it has been in 5/6W. It is hard to believe that the year has come to an end. We have had an absolute blast this year, making many wonderful memories. Our favourite highlights include our Canberra trip, surf day, discos, math fun day, science day, book week parade and so much more inside the classroom.

We cannot wait for the Year 6 farewell and party day in the next two weeks.

We look forward to a wonderful 2018, where we will take on Year 6 and 7. Best wishes to our 18-amazing Year 6 students that are heading to high school.

Miss Woodbury and 5/6W.



School Library News

Are Your Library Books All Returned?

It is our big prize draw on Monday! Every student who has returned any borrowed items so that their library loans list is empty will have a ticket entry into the draw. Mrs Morris has put together some lovely prizes for those with all loans returned. Be sure to see her early on Monday morning if you still have a book to return! Any students who have not returned library items by Monday, 4 December 2017 will be receiving overdue notices next week.

'The Boy Who Lived' Production DVD

Thank you to those families who have already sent in their orders for the DVD. Orders should be going home this week. If you still want to order a copy of the DVD, please send your order in by **THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2017** – this will ensure that you have your order filled before the end of the term.

Book Week Parade

As promised in the last newsletter, here we have included some of the terrific images captured by our own Mrs Rutherford. It was wonderful to have an extra photographer on the day to help make sure that everyone was included in the photos. Thanks for your help Mrs Rutherford!







School Banking

Thank you for a great year of School Banking.

We would like to thank all of our students who have participated in the CommBank School Banking program this year.

Our final School Banking day for 2017 will be Wednesday, 6 December 2017. If your child is eligible to order a reward item please ensure that the reward coupon is completed and returned by Wednesday, 29 November 2017. Any tokens that have not been redeemed this year can be used in 2018.



Good for Kids good for life

ICE ICE BABY - FOOD SAFETY

As the summer days get warmer so does the temperature inside your child's lunchbox. Warm lunchboxes increases the risk of food borne illnesses.

The food packed for child's lunch can be stored within the lunchbox for several hours prior to being eaten. A study by NSW Food Authority has shown that on a 25°C day temperatures for lunch packed without an ice brick can rise up to 12°C higher and produce 14 times as much bacteria as those packed with an ice brick or frozen drink.

Over summer make sure you pack an ice brick or a frozen drink with your child's lunch, and if possible use an insulated lunchbox as well!



The simplest way

...to make tasty tabouli.

Serves: 6 | Preparation: 10mins | Cooking: 30-60mins

Ingredients

- ½ cup uncooked bulgar*
- 2 cups reduced-salt chicken or vegetable stock, hot
- 2 bunches Italian flat leaf parsley, chopped
- 1 bunch mint, chopped
- 3 shallots, chopped
- 3 Roma tomatoes, chopped
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp lemon juice



Method

1. In a large bowl, pour the boiling stock over the bulgur. Let sit for 30-60 minutes until softened and then strain through a fine mesh sieve. Cool.
2. Combine the bulgur, parsley, mint, shallots and tomatoes in a large bowl. In a small bowl, combine the olive oil, lemon juice and pinch of salt. Pour over the bulgur mix and toss to mix well.

* Bulgar is a cereal made from whole wheat partially boiled then dried. It can be substituted with couscous or quinoa.



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

**School starts at 9.00am
DON'T BE LATE!**



Education

EVERY DAY COUNTS...

A day here or there does not seem like much, but...



When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of school	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of school	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



KORREIL WONNAI AECG DATES / VENUES 2018

ABOUT THE AECG:

- The AECG gives Aboriginal people a voice at a Local level & takes their views State wide. The strength of the AECG depends on the participation of all concerned i.e.; Education Department, Schools, Teachers, Parents, Students, Aboriginal Organisations & the wider community. We want to empower our communities to become involved in all levels of Education & will contribute to improving all outcomes for everyone.
- The AECG is an Aboriginal community based organization made up of **volunteer** members who are involved in Junior, Local, Regional & State AECG's throughout NSW. The AECG is recognized as the principle source of advice on behalf of Aboriginal communities on issues relating to Education.

All meetings are 3.30 for a 4pm starting time.

Term 1 2018: 26 Feb (Week 5) @ Pelaw Main PS

Term 2 2018: 14 May (Week 3) @ Kearsley PS +

: 4 June (Week 6) @ Weston PS

Term 3 2018: 20 Aug (Week 5) @ Cessnock West PS

***KULLABURRA Awards 29th August @ Saint Philip's CC**

Term 4 2018: 29 Oct (Week 3) + AGM @ Mount View HS +

: 26 Nov (Week 7) @ Kurri Kurri HS

Korreil Wonnai (Cessnock) AECG Executive:

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Nulkaba Public School P&C Christmas Dinner 2017

You are invited to join us for dinner at
The Australian Hotel, Cessnock
On Tuesday 12th December 2017
Commencing at 6.30pm.
Meeting held at 6pm

RSVP: by Friday 9th December

Lauren Fara

Facebook Message: P&C page

Email: lkfara77@gmail.com



Summer holiday activities @ your library

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

Christmas Craft – All ages

Monday December 18	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.00	FREE
Wednesday December 20	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 3.00	FREE

Make some beautiful handmade Christmas decorations from recycled materials

Santa Story time – ages 2-6

Tuesday December 19	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 10.45	FREE
Wednesday December 20	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 10.45	FREE

Christmas themed storytime with a very special visitor!

Film and Craft – ages 5-12

Monday January 8	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE
Tuesday January 9	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE

Enjoy an afternoon at the movies, followed by craft

Virtual Reality Pop Ups – ages 12+

Wednesdays January 10, 17, 24 (15 min. sessions)	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE
Thursdays January 11, 18, 25 (15 min. sessions)	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE

Book your spot to dive into another world – swim with the sharks or blast into outer space!

Art Attack – ages 7+

Thursday January 11	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	\$3.00
Friday January 12	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	\$3.00

Stories and craft for kids who like art

Story Cubes – ages 5-12

Friday January 12	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.00	\$3.00
Wednesday January 17	Kurri Kurri Library	1.00 – 2.00	\$3.00

We supply the materials, you supply the inspiration! Join us to create your own storytelling cubes that provide you with as many stories as your imagination can dream up!

“Minute to Win it” Games - ages 7+

Monday January 15	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 3.00	FREE
Tuesday January 16	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.00	FREE

Are you ready for a challenge? Test your skill against the clock in these fast-paced “Minute to Win it” games!

Robotics Holiday Meetup – ages 10+

Thursday January 18	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE
Thursday January 25	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE

The library robots are learning all sorts of tricks – come and put them through their paces!

Frank’s Fantastic Fairytale Theatre – All ages

Friday January 19	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	\$5.00
Friday January 19	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.00	\$5.00

Come along and see this wonderful local puppet theatre troupe re-create some well-loved fairytales!

Puppet Making Workshop – ages 5-12

Monday January 22	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.00	\$3.00
Tuesday January 23	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 3.00	\$3.00

Make your own puppets and theatre, and then put on a show for your friends and family!

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.

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