



# NULKABA NEWS

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**Issue 108: 2017 Term 3 Week 4**

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have arrived at the end of week four and classes are busily working and preparing for the productions later this term. I know you will be very impressed with the effort that your children are putting in. It is lovely to see and hear how excited the students are to perform for you.

Thank you to those who were able to come and join us for Education Week, we hope you had lots of fun, and your children were able to show you the fantastic work that is happening in their classrooms. It was great to see you all having lunch together and enjoying the warm sunshine.

As you are aware, we are due to undergo some Capital Works here at Nulkaba. It is very exciting for all involved and for those of you who visited the 'pop up' stall during Education Week you were able to see the plans for the layout and position of the Capital Works Project. We are now waiting for the more detailed plans to be completed, before a submission to council is made. Further information will soon be uploaded to the school website, so keep your eyes peeled!

## **School Production**

As I have mentioned the students and staff are working hard and rehearsing for the productions during Week 8 and Week 9 of this term. Tickets will be available online soon, and information will be sent on how to purchase once we have received confirmation of the seating plan. The Primary Production 'The Boy Who Lived' will showcase on Wednesday 6th September at 6pm and Thursday 7th September at 11.30am and 6pm. The Infant Production 'Around The World In 80 Minutes' will showcase on Wednesday 13th September at 6pm and Thursday 14th September at 11.30am and 6pm.

## **NAPLAN Online**

The NAPLAN online trial will take place during Week 7 this term, the week after Stage 2 camp. Year 3 will complete an online combination test (language, reading and numeracy). Year 5 will complete the combination test and also a writing test. The test will have no impact in student's results and is a step towards NAPLAN being online for all schools. Students are required to have a set of headphones, for those involved in the trial we have asked them to bring their own, however the school can provide a set if necessary.

## **Kinder Enrolments for 2018**

If you are aware of any family or friends that have children due to start Kinder next year, please encourage them, if they have not done so to complete the enrolment process their child. Our Orientation program will occur Friday mornings in Week 8, 9 and 10 this term and in weeks 1, 2 and 3 next term. Mrs Kadi Carr will be leading the Orientation sessions along with Mrs Swanbrough and Mrs Parker.

## **Zone Public Speaking**

Last week we were host to the Zone Public Speaking Competition. We had Stage representatives who all did an amazing job. Congratulations to Ava J, Leah B, Sienna P, Lachlan C, Jack S, Matilda W, Tahni B and Emily P. Special mention to Emily P who won the Zone round, awesome work. You have worked very hard and achieved outstanding results, well done!

## Nulkaba School Ball

Our school ball is a fantastic event, which is organised by a P&C committee group. They work hard to ensure the evening is full of fun and laughter, as well as raising funds to support the students in our school. If you can make it, we would love to see you there. Tickets are on sale from the front office and the Casino theme brings even more fun and games to the table!

## Dancing the Night Away at MVHS

Maddi W, Teirabella W, Nikkita W and Hope C were all involved in the GATS program at Mount View High School. The GATS program allows students to get a taste of high school before they start. These girls all have a strong interest in dancing and spent time practicing every Thursday afternoon. They learnt different dances and warm ups to improve their dancing skills, in preparing for a showcase of outstanding talent; they spent a whole day there on Tuesday at the dress rehearsal and could not believe how talented all of the high school students were. They danced to 'Wings' by Little Mix, along with other girls from the CCGPS (Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools), and loved it. Maddi, Teirabella, Nikkita and Hope showed amazing talent and represented NPS with pride. Well done girls, I know Miss Woodbury and all of us here are very proud.



## Spelling Bee

Another exciting Spelling Bee competition has taken place over the past few weeks, and I am sure the words get more difficult each year. I would like to congratulate Matilda W and Nash M from Stage 2 and May W and Tiarna T from Stage 3. An amazing effort to win not only your class round, but Stage round too. We all wish you all the very best of luck in the Zone competition. Well done!

Lesley Burley  
Principal  
Nulkaba Public School



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NULKABA SCHOOL BALL PRESENTS....

# CASINO ROYALE

6.30pm Saturday 16th September 2017

Twine at Wynwood Estate, Oakey Creek Rd, Pokolbin

**Dress: Cocktail      Tickets: \$70**

Join us for canapés & drinks on the concourse followed by a 2 course dinner, dancing & casino games.

Get a table together & enjoy a great night out with friends while raising funds for our school!

**Tickets on sale 1st August from School Office.**

Bus transport available for \$10

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venue!

The background of the poster is black. At the top right, there is a fan of playing cards. On the left, there is a martini glass with a green olive and a splash of liquid. At the bottom right, there is a roulette wheel. A large red arrow points from the text 'Please note change of venue!' to the location 'Twine at Wynwood Estate, Oakey Creek Rd, Pokolbin'.

## Coming Events - 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	14 Aug	15 Aug	16 Aug	17 Aug	18 Aug
Week 5	3:30p AECG Meeting at Nulkaba PS	University Tests – Mathematics; Goannas/Bulldogs Cup - Senior RL	Mt View High Mini Lessons Year 6	12:30p Cessnock Library Visit	Children's Book Week Launch
	21 Aug	22 Aug	23 Aug	24 Aug	25 Aug
Week 6	Book Week 2017		Stage 2 Aussie Bush Camp		
			Newcastle Permanent Math Comp; 3:30p Kullaburra Awards		
	28 Aug	29 Aug	30 Aug	31 Aug	1 Sep
Week 7			Testing for Academic Class at Mt View	Father's Day Stall	Dad's Breakfast; Regional Athletics Carnival
	4 Sep	5 Sep	6 Sep	7 Sep	8 Sep
Week 8	Production Dress Rehearsal	Year 6 Math Day - Mt View	6:00p Primary Production Performance	11:30a Primary Production Performance 6:00p Primary Production Performance	9:30a Kinder Orientation #1

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

## Canteen Roster - 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	14 Aug	15 Aug	16 Aug	17 Aug	18 Aug
Week 5	Jess Mijatovic Lorraine Williams	Hayley Berends Patricia Twentyman	Christine Downie Colleen Downie	Abby Allen Jodi Studdert	<b>Help Needed</b> Leeta Davies
	21 Aug	22 Aug	23 Aug	24 Aug	25 Aug
Week 6	Amanda Platt Samantha Wharton	Renae Beckett Linda Kerr Christine Webb	<b>Help Needed</b> Bianca Bartlett	Danielle Codd Alex McGregor	Lynda Hirst Sue Hirst
	28 Aug	29 Aug	30 Aug	31 Aug	1 Sep
Week 7	Jess Mijatovic Paula Stuckings	Lisa Edwards Lyn Fallon	<b>Help Needed</b> Melaney Knight	Wendy Jenness Chris Vickers	Kathryn MacDonald Melissa McLellan
	4 Sep	5 Sep	6 Sep	7 Sep	8 Sep
Week 8	Jess Mijatovic Lorraine Williams	Stephine Clark Renae Procter Kalie Watson	<b>Help Needed</b>	Sally Hayes Wendy Saywell	Jacqui Borghero Fiona Lanser Michelle Wills

Week 5 = Roster A

Week 6 = Roster B

Week 7 = Roster C

Week 8 = Roster D

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

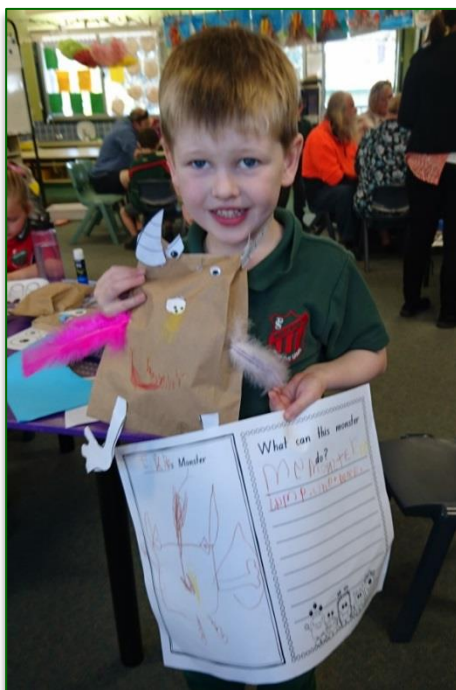


### Class KS

Wow! What a busy time Term 3 is! KS have been practicing every day for our upcoming production. Mrs Swanbrough is so proud of us because we have improved so much and we look forward being stars on stage.

We had our first visit to the Life Education van last week. Harold taught us about safety signs and things we do that make us good friends. We are continuing to learn about safety in a special workbook that Harold gave us.

Thank you to all of our friends and family that came to visit us in our classroom during Education Week Open Day. We enjoyed making monsters and then writing about them with you.







Buddy reading is a popular activity in KS. We enjoy sharing stories with each other.



We are looking forward to a special visitor this week who is going to teach us about responsible pet ownership. The fun and learning never stops in Kindergarten!



### Class 2F

Waka Waka! Term 3 and production is just around the corner. 2F have had a wonderful, and of course busy, start to the term.

NAIDOC Day was a fun filled day and everyone in 2F thoroughly enjoyed all of the activities they encountered. We are excited to get the painted rocks into the new path, behind the library, as a wonderful memory from the day.

Healthy Harold has been the highlight of the term so far (for Mrs. French also). 2F loved meeting with Harold and enjoyed their time under the stars learning about safety. This year, students were asked to memorise their phone numbers and home addresses, in case of an emergency, and this is something I encourage parents to talk to their children about.

Our production this year is 'Around the world in 80 minutes'. 2F are performing as Africa and have had an exciting time researching African countries and developing their PowerPoint skills. They have enjoyed their time in library with Mrs. M, using the atlases and developing their knowledge of the world around us.

Thank you to all the families who were able to visit for Education Day. Our snowball writing was a noisy, but exciting hit. Thank you also to all the parents and grandparents who have been assisting with production costumes, RATS readers and any time spent in our classroom. We enjoy seeing parents in our room, and welcome all who have any spare time to come and visit us for Reading or Math Groups.





### Dancing Through Term 3 in 5/6L

5/6L have been busy learning their dances for our school production this term. Several of our students are also involved in acting and narrating and I am so proud of their efforts in learning their parts.



In Geography, 5/6L have been learning about our global connections and have started an art project that demonstrates how they are personally globally connected to other countries throughout the world.



Well done to our Stage 3 Spelling Bee finalists from 5/6L Tiarna and Jessica, with a special mention to Tiarna for progressing to the regional finals!



### Class 3-4S



This term in 3/4S we have a very busy and exciting time ahead of us! We have the Great Aussie Bush Camp coming up in Week 6 and we are pumped! It will be our Year 3's and Mrs Schilder's first school camp experience, how exciting! Later in Week 8 is our School Production. We have been busy preparing and rehearsing for our show. We cannot wait to show off our talents. Earlier in the term we enjoyed the celebrations of NAIDOC Day. All students had a fantastic day gaining a better understanding about our Aboriginal culture and traditions.

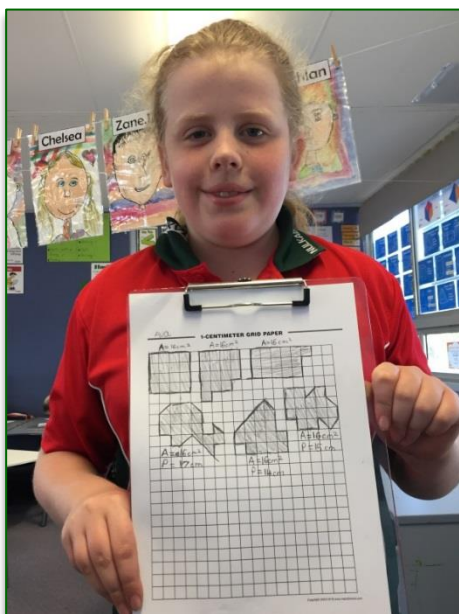
We are learning lots about oceans this term as we dive into a hands on inquiry learning adventure to support our Accelerated Literacy text 'The Deep' and Science unit. We have already uncovered some amazing facts about the ocean. Did you know only 5% of Earth's oceans have been explored so far? Much remains to be learned from exploring the mysteries of the deep. 3/4S will be studying an ocean topic of their own choice and will begin researching next week.

Last term we started giving 'Flexible Seating' a go. So far it has been a hit as students choose a learning space that works best for them. 3/4S have been very excited and enthusiastic about taking more control of their learning space. Check out some of our new learning spaces.

We have been busy learners in the classroom across all learning areas this term and are working to meet our own personal goals. Look at some of the work we have been doing.







## School Library News

### Premier's Reading Challenge Update



**ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT! Time is running out!** This year's Challenge will finish on Friday August 25. Students must have their online entry completed no later than August 25th. We have several students who have partial online entries but only complete entries can be counted in the final results for the Challenge. Even with just a couple of weeks to go, it is still quite easy to complete the Challenge – especially if picture books are chosen. So if you have a partly finished entry, don't give up – you can still reach the finish line. We have two more students who have now completed their entries – well done to Lauren J in 3/4B and TC in 3/4S. Congratulations to you both!

### Book Week Reminder

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are delaying Book Week activities until Term 4 – partly due to our upcoming productions and also to link in with our annual Book Fair, which is scheduled for early in Term 4.



### Meeting Leigh Hobbs!



Our very own Mrs Morris considers herself rather lucky to be attending a talk by the current Australian Children's Literature Laureate, Leigh Hobbs, which is being held in a few weeks at Maitland City Library. Leigh is a wonderful author and illustrator, with several books of his own in addition to the many books he has illustrated for other authors. Additionally, Leigh is a terrific public speaker who is incredibly enjoyable to listen to as he tells about his work and the joy he gains from writing and illustrating, as well as meeting his young fans. As part of Leigh's talk, some of his works will be available for sale – and Mrs Morris has it on very good

authority that if anyone would like to order one of his books, it can be autographed. So if you are interested, please see Mrs Morris as soon as possible. The books that will be available are: The Big Book of Old Tom (\$20); Horrible Harriet (\$16); Mr Chicken goes to Paris (\$16); and 4F for Freaks (\$13).



On Friday 4th August and Saturday 5th August our National Aerobics Team 'Silver Bullets' (Amelie D, Mackenzie H, Mackenzie C, Lara J, Katie M, Dacoda M and Aliziah S), 'Silver Bursts' (Tahni B, Jasmine K, Madison J, Maddison A, Ayva H, Demi C, Jorja F and Sophie M) and Cooper W competed in the Nationals competition on the Gold Coast.

On Friday Sophie M competed in Auditions for Jazz and Lyrical. On Saturday Tahni B, Jasmine K, Ayva H and Sophie M competed in the Orange Aerobics Auditions. Tahni B was awarded a bronze medal and Jasmine placed a well-deserved 4th. The 'Silver Bullets' performed outstandingly and placed 4th and received a highly commended award. Cooper W received a bronze medal in the Single Blue Female section and in the Blue Aerobics Auditions, she placed 4th. The 'Silver Bursts' performed with enthusiasm and placed 8th in Australia and awarded a highly commended award.

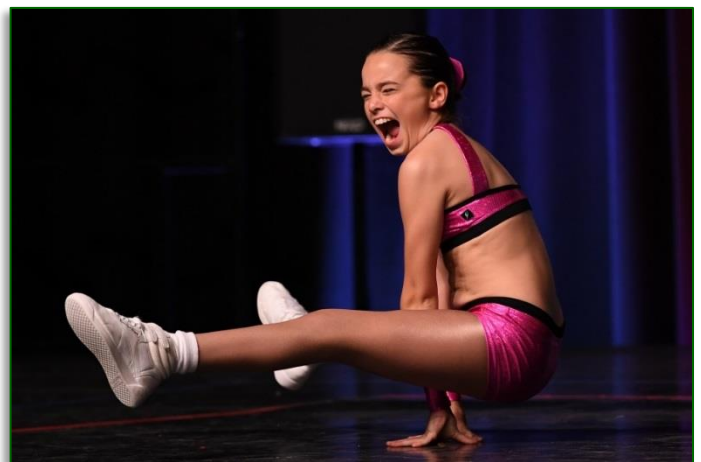
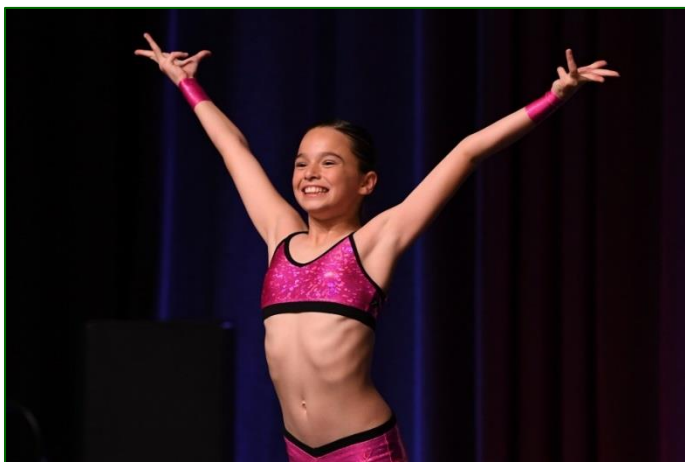
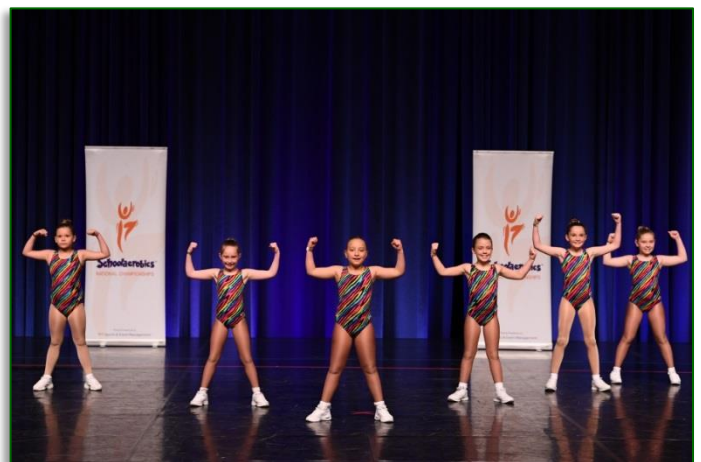
The girls were competing among 'The Best of the Best' at the Gold Coast. All girls displayed great sportsmanship, persistence and resilience when competing in their section. Nulkaba is very proud of your accomplishments at this competition.

A big thank you to all the Mums, Dads and Grandparents who made the trip to the Gold Coast to support the girls. We greatly appreciate your support.

### Thank You

The Nulkaba National Aerobics Team would like to say 'Thank You' to all students, parents and community members who supported our fundraising events. The money raised from the chocolate and lolly guessing competition, canteen day and raffle covered the cost of a team uniform and contributed to the team's travel and accommodation costs.

Mrs Forster, Miss Halverson and Mrs Cousins







## AET Leadership Day

Last Tuesday the leaders of our Aboriginal Education Team were invited to attend the JAECG and AET Networking Day. Schools from the local area visited Wollombi and Finchley Trig Lookout and were joined by members of Wakagetti. Students participated in a variety of activities including Indigenous artworks, a traditional smoking ceremony, hearing stories from our country and viewing Aboriginal stone carvings. It was a fantastic day of learning and fun and it was also a great way for our students to build connections with other schools.



## Good for Kids good for life

### WINTER RECIPE: PUMPKIN SOUP

INGREDIENTS	QUANTITY
Olive oil	2 Tbs
Onion, finely chopped	1
Leek, white part only, finely sliced	1
Garlic clove, crushed	1
Ground coriander	1/2 tsp
Ground cumin	1 tsp
Ground nutmeg	1/2 tsp
Peeled pumpkin, diced	1kg
Potato, peeled and diced	1 large
Chicken or vegetable stock	1L
Thin cream	1/2 cup



#### METHOD

1. Heat oil in a large saucepan over low heat. Add leek and onion and cook for 2-3 minutes until softened.
2. Add garlic and spices and cook, stirring, for 30 seconds. Add pumpkin, potato and stock and bring to the boil.
3. Turn heat to low, cover and simmer for 30 minutes. Allow to cool slightly then blend in batches.
4. Return soup to pan, stir through cream and reheat gently. Serve with toasted crusty bread.

Recipe from [taste.com.au](http://taste.com.au)



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Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

...to save money and improve your health.

Including two serves of fruit and five serves of vegetables in your daily diet can help prevent cancer and save you money too.

Reducing the amount of expensive meat ingredients and increasing the amount of cheaper vegetable ingredients in recipes is a great way to boost your veg intake and reduce the grocery bill.



Try it with:

**Pizza** – limit or avoid processed meats and add more mushrooms, capsicum, onion or leftover roast vegies.

**Stir fries** – reduce the meat and add extra capsicum, broccoli, snow peas and bok choy.

**Bolognese** – use less mince and more grated or chopped carrot, celery and zucchini or add canned lentils or kidney beans.

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