



NULKABA NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers

What a great time to come back from leave, production time. This week has seen three performances of "The Boy who Lived". It was spectacular. I enjoyed watching and helping with the performances. The children really gave it their all. A big thank you to Miss Brockwell for all her creativity in writing and producing the play. Thanks to all the teachers who have worked so hard to make this happen. Also thank you to the many parents who have given so much time to make costumes and support teachers. And a massive thank you to Terry for again managing all the sound requirements even though both his children have moved onto High School. Thanks to the P&C for organising and working in the canteen. I am now looking forward to doing it all again next week as Years K-2 put on their amazing show. Tickets are still available so come along and join in the fun.

Kindergarten Orientation

Today marked the first of our Kindergarten orientation sessions. Parents came to an information session in the hall and the children had their first taste of school with Mrs Parker, Mrs Swanbrough and Mrs Lomas. All children settled well and impressed all the staff. We hope parents feel informed and ready to begin their journey at Nulkaba School.

NAPLAN Online

Last week our Year 3 and 5 students did a trial run of the NAPLAN Online program, which is due to be officially delivered next year. These results do not count; it was just a trial of the technology. No major hiccups but I am sure a lot of work still has to be done for all schools across the Nation to sit this test at the same time. Thanks to parents for supplying headphones.

School Upgrade

All is progressing well with the development of the Plans and their submission to Council. We are very excited about the beautiful new buildings we are going to be receiving. During our Kindergarten Expo Friday, 20 October 2017, there will be another pop-up booth with information about the Capital Works Project. Please feel free to come and chat with them. This will be between 9.30 and 11.00am.

Illnesses

There seems to be an abnormal number of illnesses at this time. We have many children needing to be sent home, as they are quite sick. If your child is unwell, please keep them home especially if it appears they have something that is contagious. Also just a reminder about making sure your child's absence is validated by either phoning the school, emailing the school or sending in a note with your child when they return. The Department requires us to chase up any unexplained absences very quickly. At these times, it is also crucial that we have up-to-date contact details for both yourself and your emergency contacts. This enables us to help your child as quickly as possible.

NAPLAN

You should have received your results by now. Please come and see the school if you have any questions.

School Ball

Just a final reminder our School Ball to be held on the 16th September. There are still tickets available and we would love to see you there. Also don't forget, if you are unable to attend, there is still a way you can support the P&C and their fundraising. We are holding a raffle and by selling or purchasing tickets, you will be supporting our school. You can see the office for any of these tickets.

Narelle Hunt
Principal
Nulkaba Public School



Coming Events - 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	11 Sep	12 Sep	13 Sep	14 Sep	15 Sep
Week 9		Infant Production Dress Rehearsal; 6:30p P&C Meeting	Spelling Bee Regional finals; 6:00p Infant Production Performance	Regional Public Speaking Finals 11:30a Infant Production Performance 6:00p Primary Infant Performance	9:30a Kinder Orientation #2 Sat 16 School Ball
Week 10	18 Sep	19 Sep	20 Sep	21 Sep	22 Sep
			12:45p 3-6 Special Assembly; 2:10p K-2 Special Assembly		9:30a Kinder Orientation #3; Last Day of Term 3
T4 Week 1	9 Oct	10 Oct	11 Oct	12 Oct	13 Oct
	Students Return	6:30p P&C Meeting			9:30a Kinder Orientation #4
T4 Week 2	16 Oct	17 Oct	18 Oct	19 Oct	20 Oct
		Interrelate - Year 6			9:30a Kinder Orientation #5 and Kinder Expo

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

Canteen Roster - 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	11 Sep	12 Sep	13 Sep	14 Sep	15 Sep
Week 9	Jess Mijatovic Lorraine Williams	Hayley Berends Patricia Twentyman	Christine Downie Colleen Downie	Abby Allen Jodi Studdert	Help Needed Leeta Davies
Week 10	18 Sep	19 Sep	20 Sep	21 Sep	22 Sep
	Amanda Platt Samantha Wharton	Renae Beckett Linda Kerr Christine Webb	Help Needed Bianca Bartlett	Danielle Codd Alex McGregor	Lynda Hirst Sue Hirst
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Week 9 = Roster A

Week 10 = Roster B

Term 4 Week 1 = Roster A

Term 4 Week 2 = Roster B

If you can help to fill our current vacancies, please contact

Phone Linda on 0457 514 786

Class KP

Wow? It is hard to believe we are almost at the end of Term 3 and what a fantastic term we have had! NAIDOC Day, Education Week, Growing Hairy Harrys, Responsible Pet Program, Life Education, Production Practice and more! KP continues to amaze Mrs Parker and Mrs Anderson with all of the clever things they are learning. Let us let the pictures do the talking...





Class 2C

Term 3 is in full swing, with half of the term already completed. In 2C this term, we have been very busy and working very hard. We have been enjoying many activities, such as NAIDOC Day and Healthy Harold, and learning with our friends both in the classroom and the across the school. One thing we have been looking closely in 2C is developing our creative writing through our seven steps of writing. The seven steps is a model that we use to break down the important parts of the story, to understand how the writing ties together. We have looked at applying the seven steps model to short films, fairy tales, and nursery rhymes, and as of last week began creating our own stories. In order to bring our stories to life and to make them more interesting, we created illustrations in Art to accompany our stories.



Class 3/4Z

3/4Z Continue to 'Hum Along'.

Term 3 was always shaping up to be a massive term, but to say we feel a little dishevelled is an understatement. It has been extremely busy but what an absolute ball we have had. Camp was amazing and the kids approached every activity with enthusiasm. Even Mrs Zoneff gave most activities a red-hot go.

The best things about camp were:

H says that *'Mud world was great because we all got wet and the weather was hot.'*

Dacoda says that *'The Flying Fox was great because got to see a fantastic view and it was really fun.'*

Jordy says that *'The county fair was fun because you get to own a shop and you got to buy some stuff.'*

Ava says the *'The High Ropes were my favourite because you got to work in a team.'*

In addition, this term we have danced up a storm preparing for the production. It has been fun rehearsing and practising and feeling the nervous energy as we prepare for tonight and tomorrow night.

The best things about the production are:

Kenz loves *'that we get to do heaps of different things.'*

Hugo loves *'that we get to perform in front of our friends and family.'*

Sam loves *'the face paint and we get to do fun dances.'*

Dasher loves *'playing in the band and being with all of my friends throughout the show.'*

The term has been focused around these two massive events but we have still had loads of learning to do.

The best things about Term 3 have been:

Aubrey has thoroughly enjoyed working on our 'Genius Hour' project groups and raising money for 'Food War Inc.'

Kiara has enjoyed the work that we have been doing with money in maths.

Jack has enjoyed all aspects of Maths this term especially the games. He has also enjoyed researching Aboriginal traditions in Science and putting the information into posters.

Alizah has enjoyed Art this term, especially painting Cupcakes and the Great Barrier Reef.

A massive term full of adventure, learning and fun. We are pumped for Term 4 to continue this wonderful educational journey and to continue to grow as individuals.



Class 5/6G

5/6G have been kicking goals in fractions, report writing and production performing this term. We have focussed on developing independence and a growth mindset both inside and outside the classroom. The students have demonstrated significant growth in this area and deserve to be very proud of themselves.

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed the Maths Fun Day at Mount View High School this week and were surprised that maths could be so much fun. Congratulations to our Spelling Bee class representatives Chloe and Emma, you both performed well under pressure and we were all very proud of you. Last week we had had Connor Stirrat successfully represent the school and our class at Regional Athletics, he now moves onto the PSSA State athletics competition in long jump. Best of luck Connor. Congratulations also goes to Sophie for representing NPS at the National Aerobics Championships in QLD where she competed in four events. Her expertise in rhythm and timing has been a great asset when preparing for our class item for Production.

Most recently, we have enjoyed a variety of STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) challenges. These challenges have included making a functional shoe out of newspaper and creating a house of cards. Please enjoy the photos.



Premier's Reading Challenge Latest

Well the Challenge has come to an end for another year, and this year has seen 245 students complete the Challenge. All of our K-2 students will receive an official certificate later this year, and several of our Year 3-6 students will receive the Gold or Platinum level certificates – for four or seven completed Challenges respectively. It will be lovely to present those special level certificates later this year.

Several students made a last minute dash to complete their online Challenge entry, so we can congratulate Sienna E 3/4C, Tameika S 3/4S, Alizah S 3/4Z, Chloe P 5/6G, Ella-Rose O 5/6L, Dellainie D 5/6L, Zahlee C 5/6P, Ava N 5/6W and Ayva H 5/6W.

Students who took up the Challenge again this year are to be congratulated for their effort and their perseverance in making sure that their goal was reached.

Library: Overdue Loans

As we near the end of the term, the number of overdue library items is concerning. Students are given many verbal reminders by Mrs Morris, but notices re overdue items will have to be sent out soon. To limit the number of notices being sent out, it would be appreciated if any library items that have been at home for more than two weeks be returned by the end of next week. This will really help save significant time and effort.

Casino Royal School Ball

Nulkaba School Ball is a week tomorrow, Woo hoo!

This is one way (an extremely fun way for all the adults in the NPS community) to support the school.

If you have any raffle tickets could you please send them, and the funds back to the office; amazing prizes to be won!

Tickets for the ball are still available and can be purchased from the office for \$70pp. There is also a bus available to transport (Cessnock and Lovedale) you and your friends to and from the venue for only \$10pp. Please speak with the office when you book your tickets if you would like to organise your transport.

A promotional poster for the Nulkaba School Ball. The background is dark with casino-themed images: playing cards at the top right, a martini glass with a fruit garnish on the left, and a roulette wheel at the bottom right. The text is in gold and white. A red arrow points to the venue information with the text 'Please note change of venue!'.

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

Saturday 16th September at 6.30pm: Twine at Wynwood Estate

P&C and Nulkaba Public School are Seeking your Feedback

We would like to gain a whole school perspective on fencing around the school. As you are aware Nulkaba is part of a Capital Works Project and will be receiving permanent classrooms through a building project. A large fence around the school grounds is not part of this project.

Before we look into other avenues for funding (major fundraising/applying for grants), we would like a whole school perspective on fencing around the school grounds. If you could complete this quick survey (two questions), we would very much appreciate and value your input.

Thank you

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9B55L9V>

Stage 2 Camp

In Week 6 Stage 2 attended The Great Aussie Bush Camp, staying there for two nights. For some children, this was their very first time away on a school camp. We had three days of jam-packed activities that tested our daring, nerve and comfort zones. Camp was also an opportunity to build our teamwork skills and to learn how to encourage and support others in a variety of positive ways. And truth be told, we also had a lot of FUN! For the teachers, it was an opportunity to bond with students and be truly astounded by what our kids are capable of. Every one of us achieved success in one form or another and Stage 2 teachers were very proud of each child that came away to camp. Behaviour was exemplary and we represented Nulkaba Public School with demonstrations of our school values. The staff at The Great Aussie Bush Camp were very impressed with us! Take a look at some of the things we got up to...



Good for Kids good for life

TIPS FOR PACKING A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX

Packing a healthy lunchbox doesn't have to be hard or time consuming. Use these helpful tips to pack a lunchbox your kids will love.

- Include a piece of fruit or chop up a variety of fruits and place in a container
- Provide some easy to eat vegies such as snow peas or cherry tomatoes for a snack
- Include some reduced fat dairy like yoghurt or cheese
- Use wholegrains like wholemeal bread, brown rice and wholemeal pasta for long lasting energy
- Include lean meat and alternatives such as chicken, tuna and eggs
- and salad vegetables as sandwich fillers
- And don't forget that water is the best drink!



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Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to swap out sugary lunch box snacks.

Did you know that out of more than 260 kids' packaged snacks available on the market only three scored a top rating of five health stars?*



With plugs like 'real fruit,' and 'no artificial colours or flavours' you could unknowingly be serving six or more teaspoons of sugar in one lunch box snack.

Swap the lunch box sugar with some of these healthy snacks that are tasty and easy to make:

- Veggie sticks with hummus or avocado dip.
- Homemade muesli bars and muffins.
- Plain popcorn, nuts or roasted chickpeas.
- Plain rice crackers.
- Baked pita bread with roast veg dip.
- Stewed apple with cinnamon and sultanas.

For more snack ideas visit: eatittobeatit.com.au.

*Miranda Herron. 2016. Kids' lunchbox snacks. CHOICE

Available at: <https://www.choice.com.au>. [Accessed April 2017]

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Spring Holiday Activities @ your library

Places limited, pre-booking at the library essential, bookings open from 12 September

Abracadabra! Magic Workshop – ages 7+

Monday September 25	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 3.00	FREE
Friday September 29	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE

Learn some magic tricks – amaze your friends and family!

Witches and Wizards Storytime – ages 2-8

Tuesday September 26	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 10.45	FREE
Wednesday September 27	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 - 10.45	FREE

Stories, songs and craft for young witches and wizards!

Make a Prehistoric Terrarium – ages 7+

Tuesday September 26	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.00	\$3.00
Wednesday September 27	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 3.00	\$3.00

Make a magical world in a jar.

Practical Magic for Teens – ages 12+

Thursday September 28	Cessnock Library	10.30 – 12.00	FREE
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Learn about some of the real history and folklore of magic, the Celtic tradition of clouties and wishing trees.

Receive your own wishing cloutie and make your own special wish pouch.

Make a Wand – ages 5-12

Thursday September 28	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.00	\$3.00
Tuesday October 3	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 3.00	\$3.00

Make your own fairy wand and the magic will soon follow...

Film and Craft – Mary Poppins – ages 5-12

Friday September 29	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE
Wednesday October 4	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE

Enjoy an afternoon at the movies, then make your own kite

Fire, Fire! Bushfire Story time and Talk – all ages

Tuesday October 3	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE
Wednesday October 4	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE

Summer is on its way – are you bushfire ready? The whole family is invited to this special storytime, followed by a talk on bushfire preparedness from our wonderful local volunteer firefighters.

Gumnut Dreaming: Snugglepot and Cuddlepie – all ages

Wednesday October 4	Kurri Kurri Library	12.00 – 1.00	FREE
Thursday October 5	Cessnock Library	3.00 – 4.00	FREE

Make your own gumnut hat and discover the magical bushland world of Snugglepot and Cuddlepie!

JD Howlett Magic Show - all ages

Thursday October 5	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 10.40	\$5.00
Thursday October 5	Cessnock Library	1.00 – 1.40	\$5.00

Be amazed as JD weaves his magic in this fun-filled show with lots of surprises, laughs and audience participation!

Robotics Meetup – ages 10+

Friday October 6	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE
Friday October 6	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.00	FREE

Meet the library's new Sparki robots and explore new technologies in this hands-on robotics session.

Please ring Cessnock Library 49 934399 or Kurri Kurri Library 49 371638 to enquire.

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