



# NULKABA NEWS

## Nulkaba Public School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well here it is, the end of another year and it has been a huge one with lots of successes and achievements. This year we changed the way the school is structured and the programs we offered. We have spent time now analysing the impact of these changes and deciding where to from here.

One of the changes has been changing the end of breaks from a bell to music, with no assembly after morning tea. This has reduced time away from learning as important messages are now placed on SENTRAL and delivered to students by their class teacher. We introduced a new reporting format and a three way conference for parent/teacher/student interviews, held earlier in the year. Our homework based surveys have enabled us to find out the opinions of a much wider cross section of our community. Project based learning was introduced Day 1 Term 1. It was a great day culminating in a Colour Run. This was repeated with our Kindergarten students and their buddies in Week 6. Feedback from this and the subsequent two other projects has been positive from all involved. Our Art Show was very popular.

The biggest change of course has been the start of our upgrade of facilities. The demountables were all moved in the holidays and were ready for use on Day 1, with a great deal of work by teachers and their families. And so the Village was born. At the end of Term 2, G block and the toilets were demolished. 3N moved into the staff room and the staff have used the office in the Library as their staff room, thanks to Mrs Morris. Our support staff found spaces wherever they could to continue their important work. Then in August, construction began and it has moved swiftly. Thank you for your patience with the parking as I know it can be tricky. We are hoping to be able to move into Block F at the start of 2019 and Block E at the end of Term 3. It is now getting close and will be amazing.

As always, it has been a pleasure to see so many of you at the various events, which have been held throughout the year. Thanks to the P&C, we have had another successful year with fundraising, which will enable us to air-condition the administration section of our new school as the classrooms are funded by the government.

The last two weeks have been full of events, awards and highlights. It began with Presentation Day, which was a wonderful celebration of the many amazing things at which so many of our students excel. On Wednesday, I was lucky enough to attend the Hunter Sports Awards where Aubrey and Jack were presented with special awards. What an achievement by both of these boys.

Year 6 Farewell was held and it was a huge success despite the terrible weather conditions. The students looked lovely and a huge portion of staff were there to celebrate with them. We then had our Recognition assembly and our thank you morning tea where we got the opportunity to say thank you for all that is done by our



amazing parents. Last Tuesday I was invited to attend the Mount View High Presentation Evening. It was wonderful to see so many of our Nulkaba students continuing to excel in High School. Wednesday was our clap out and as always, there were tears. I will miss so many of our students but I know they will go on to excel in their future lives.

I would just like to touch on something, which makes organisation in the office impossible if not carried out correctly. When a green note comes home, it means that you need to sign it and return it to school by the date on the note. Sometimes there will be money involved and sometimes not. Even if you are not attending you need to send the note back to say so. On Monday of Week 9, the office staff spent three hours ringing parents to see if students were travelling on the bus to Presentation Day as no note had been returned. This was following three notes being sent home and messages on Facebook and Seesaw. This makes things very hard when we are trying to work out how many buses we need. Next year if a note is not in by the date on it the student will have to miss out. I would really appreciate your support in this, as the office is a very busy place.

Just a big plug for our calendars. I know it was late when they were ready and we will sort this for 2019 but we have quite a lot left to sell and it is our fundraising event for the year, not P&C related. Please support this. There are amazing photos in it of all the students. They will be available when school returns.

As you know, we had a raffle to support the Beveridge Family. We are pleased to say it was very successful and the money and a little gift was presented to them just before the conclusion of the last day of Term. I would like to thank all parents who bought tickets. We had a number of prizes. I would like to acknowledge the support of; Peterson House, I Travel, The Deck Cafe, Naked Wines, Stylz by Anna, Smiggles, Bombora Surf, Michelle Heibel, West Trax, Ingenia, Hair by Kiona, Tyrells Family Wines, Blueberry Hill Wines, Draytons, Scarborough Wines, McGuigan, Brokenwood, Matt Harrison, Lauren, Tempus Two, Mrs Saywell and Enzo Wines and Dining. As not all the prizes were handed to me, I may have missed someone. My apologies if I have so please let me know and I will acknowledge you next year.

Once again thank you for all the support throughout the year. Nulkaba is a truly amazing school filled with dedicated staff, caring and supportive parents and fantastic students. Next year is going to be a full year in which we will finally have the school structures this community deserves. Have a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday break. Enjoy this time with family and friends and I look forward to working with you next year.

### Important Dates

<b>Tue, 29 January</b>	<b>8:30am:</b> School re-opens
<b>Tue, 29 January</b>	<b>All Day:</b> Staff development day
<b>Wed, 30 January</b>	<b>9:10am:</b> Years 1 to 6 return
<b>Wed, 30 January</b>	Best Start for Kindergarten, as per your letter
<b>Wed, 31 January</b>	Best Start for Kindergarten, as per your letter
<b>Wed, 1 February</b>	<b>9:10am:</b> Kindergarten students start

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## Coming Events - 2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	28 Jan Australia Day Holiday	29 Jan Staff Development Day	30 Jan Years 1-6 Returns to School; Best Start	31 Jan Best Start	1 Feb Kindergarten Start
	4 Feb	5 Feb	6 Feb	7 Feb	8 Feb
Week 2					
Week 3	11 Feb	12 Feb Swimming Carnival	13 Feb	14 Feb	15 Feb
Week 4	18 Feb StEPS Vision Screening	19 Feb	20 Feb	21 Feb	22 Feb

For more information, please visit our website: <https://nulkaba-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/events.html>

## Canteen Roster - 2019

Week 1 = Roster A

Week 2 = Roster B

Week 3 = Roster C

Week 4 = Roster D

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	28 Jan Australia Day Holiday	29 Jan Staff Development Day	30 Jan Sally Hare Alex Repacholi	31 Jan Help Needed	1 Feb Help Needed
	4 Feb Kristy Maguire	5 Feb Leah O'Donnell	6 Feb Danielle Codd Sally Hare	7 Feb Sally Hare Natalee Jennings	8 Feb Lynda Hirst Sue Hirst
Week 2					
Week 3	11 Feb Kristie Maguire Alex McGregor	12 Feb Lisa Edwards Lyn Fallon	13 Feb Megghan Findley Kathryn McDonald	14 Feb Help Needed	15 Feb Sophie Day Lauren Goodwin
Week 4	18 Feb Lorraine Williams Leanne Robinson	19 Feb Stephanie Clark Renae Procter	20 Feb Bianca Bartlett Kristie Maguire	21 Feb Mel Knight	22 Feb Natalee Jennings Casey White

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



### Table Tennis Competition

This week we had the Grand Finals for the Inaugural Nulkaba Table Tennis Competition. In the Year 3 and 4 Boys division, the grand final was played between Aiden M and Jake R. After holding off a late comeback by Jake, Aiden won 21-19 to receive the medal.



In the Year 3 and 4 Girls division, the grand final was played between Ava W and Carla G. After a back and forth match, Ava was able to hold on to a 21-18 victory to take the medal.





In the Year 5 and 6 Boys division, the grand final was played between Alex B and Tahna C. This match was played with a high level of skill and speed, which was a pleasure to watch. Alex got the early lead, however, Tahna's speed serve saw him score too many easy points and came away victorious 21-19 to finish with the medal.



In the Year 5 and 6 Girls division, the grand final was played between Tahni B and Jasmine K. Jasmine jumped out to an early lead, which Tahni tried hard to battle back from. However, in the end it was too much of a lead to overcome, as Jasmine ran out winner 21-16 to get the medal.



Thanks to all the students who participated in the competition this term and I look forward to bigger and better competition in 2019.



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## 2019 CALENDAR SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



Dear Parent/Caregiver,

We are currently selling a 2019 calendar for \$15. The beautiful high-quality glossy pages feature a range of photographs from 2018 events, including sporting teams, NAIDOC, the 2019 Kindergarten students and class celebrations. All profits from the sale of calendars go towards our new air conditioning.



Please return this note below with your payment promptly to ensure you get your calendar before the end of school.

### 2019 CALENDAR - SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



My child ..... in class .....

- ☐ Would like to purchase \_\_\_\_ calendars
- ☐ I have included cash for the full payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15 each)
- ☐ Please use my **'FEES IN ADVANCE'** to cover the cost of this activity.
- ☐ I will call the school to make payment over the phone using my credit card.

Parent/caregiver Name: ..... Signature ..... Date .....



Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner

**8 tips to keep on top of your child's screen time**

- Plan screen-free time, like outdoor play, music and sport.
- Lead by example – reduce your own screen time.
- Agree on daily screen time limits. It's not punishment, it's about keeping a balance.
- Be involved – watch TV and play games together.
- Start with small reductions to help lessen any resistance.
- Use tech tools to manage access, such as parental controls.
- Resist giving mobile devices to children when going out – take books or toys instead.
- Set tech-free zones and times at home – e.g. all screens off in bedrooms after a specified time.

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# The simplest way

...to reduce cancer risk with wholegrains.

New evidence shows that eating wholegrains every day significantly reduces your bowel cancer risk.\*

Delicious wholegrains you can incorporate into your family's diet include:

- wholemeal or multi-grain bread, muffins and crumpets;
- wholegrain or whole-wheat breakfast cereals or muesli;
- wholemeal or mixed grain crispbread;
- brown rice, rice cakes, wholemeal pasta, corn, oats, quinoa, rye, spelt, millet or amaranth;
- barley (not the pearl variety) or cracked wheat (bulgur).



We recommend at least four serves of wholegrain or wholemeal foods every day. One serve equals 1 slice of wholegrain bread or ½ cup of cooked porridge.

\*Diet, nutrition, physical activity and colorectal cancer report. Available online: [wcrf.org/colorectal-cancer-2017](http://wcrf.org/colorectal-cancer-2017).

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