



# NULKABA NEWS

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**Friday, 7 December 2018**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is our second last newsletter for the year. It has been a wonderful year with many highlights and some amazing achievements by so many of our students. We welcomed many new families to Nulkaba both at the beginning of the year and also throughout the year as families moved to our area. Sadly some of our families have left the area this year too. As we draw closer to the end of the year we will farewell many families who have had very long associations with Nulkaba. We will miss these families and all the support they have given to Nulkaba. While there are only two more weeks to go until the end of the year there is still so much to do and so many events to still happen.

### **Leaders Camp**

This week Mrs Petryesen has taken our leaders on a celebratory camp to Forster. They have been a wonderful leadership group supporting all our events and also being involved in some of the decisions needed across the school. I am sure they will have had a wonderful time as the weather has been very kind to them.

### **P&C Dinner**

On Tuesday night we had our final meeting for the year as well as our annual Christmas Dinner. It is such a busy time of the year and so numbers were a bit down but it was a lovely night. Jacqui Borghero was there as she was given life member status for all the hard work she had done over 10 years with Nulkaba. We thank her for this support. Two of our wonderful life members, Jan and Mark, were also in attendance and it was wonderful to catch up with them. I would like to thank all the members of the P&C for another great year and I look forward to working with you all again in 2019.

### **School Leaders**

Our school leadership team, including Captains, Vice-Captains, Prefects, Sports Leaders and AET Leaders have been elected for 2019 and we will acknowledge them next week. The speeches were wonderful. Anyone of the students who were nominated to stand for school leadership would have been wonderful in those roles. Congratulations to all of you.

### **Raffle**

Thank you to all the wonderful people who have donated prizes for our Fundraising raffle for the Beveridge family. Raffle tickets have been sent home. Please make sure they are returned to school by Thursday, 13 December 2018. We will be drawing the prizes at the conclusion of the Recognition Assembly. There is still time to donate if you wish. Tickets will be on sale at Presentation Day.

### **New Buildings**

Thank you for your patience with the disruptions around the school with the building program. I know many of you have to park a long way away due to road closures and increased cars. It is going to be well worth it. We are still on track for delivery of the single story building by February. A lot has been happening on site and the second story slab has been poured, and again this building is on track for delivery before the end of Term 3 next year. Thanks to the P&C who have undertaken to support the air conditioning of the administration building.

## Music Concert

I had the pleasure of attending our Music Concert for the students who have lessons provided by the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music. We are so lucky to have this program in our school. All of the students performed well and have shown great improvement over the past twelve months.

## Important Dates

There are lots of event happening in the next two weeks.

Monday, 10 December - Assembly at 2:20pm to present UNSW Certificates and any certificates not handed out at the Special Assembly this week.

**Tue, 11 December 9:30am:** Presentation Day at Mount View High

**Thu, 13 December 6:00pm:** Year 6 Farewell at Pokolbin Hall

**Fri, 14 December 9:30am:** Recognition Assembly at Nulkaba Public School

**Mon, 17 December All Day:** Party Day

**Tue, 18 December All Day:** Rewards Afternoon

**Wed, 19 December All Day:** Students last day

**Wed, 19 December 2:50pm:** Year 6 clap out

Staff Development Days Thursday, 20 and Friday, 21 December 2018

Have a great last fortnight of school and I look forward to seeing many of you at our events in the last two weeks.

Narelle Hunt  
Principal  
Nulkaba Public School



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Cessnock West Public School

# Connecting Kids, Connecting Families

*To connect parents and carers of  
children with a disability, the NDIA  
and local providers.*

**Location:** Cessnock West Public School  
Campbell Street & Wollombi Road  
Cessnock

**Date:** Wednesday 12 December 2018

**Time:** 2-5pm

**Providers:** *If you would like to host a table at this event  
please RSVP by Friday 30 November 2018 to  
[rowan.coombes@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rowan.coombes@det.nsw.edu.au) or phone  
6656 6614 (there is no cost to you)*



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Coast area on behalf of NDIS Partner Social Futures

## Coming Events - 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	10 Dec	11 Dec	12 Dec	13 Dec	14 Dec
Week 9	9:10a 5/6P Visit to Calvary	Last Day for Samaritans Christmas Appeal; 9:30a Presentation Day; 12:30p Sista Speak (Infants);	Stage 3 STEM Incursion	Stage 2 STEM Incursion; 2:10p Aboriginal Education Team Meeting; 6:00p Year 6 Farewell;	9:30a Recognition Assembly; 11:00a Pop up Info Booth
Week 10	17 Dec	18 Dec	19 Dec	20 Dec	21 Dec
	Party Day	Rewards Afternoon	Students Last Day; 2:50p Year 6 Clap Out	Staff Development Day	Staff Development Day
Week 1	28 Jan	29 Jan	30 Jan	31 Jan	1 Feb
	Australia Day Holiday	Staff Development Day	Years 1-6 Returns to School; Best Start	Best Start	Kindergarten Start
Week 2	4 Feb	5 Feb	6 Feb	7 Feb	8 Feb

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

## Canteen Roster – 2018

Week 9 = Roster B

Week 10 = Roster C

Week 1 = Roster A

Week 2 = Roster B

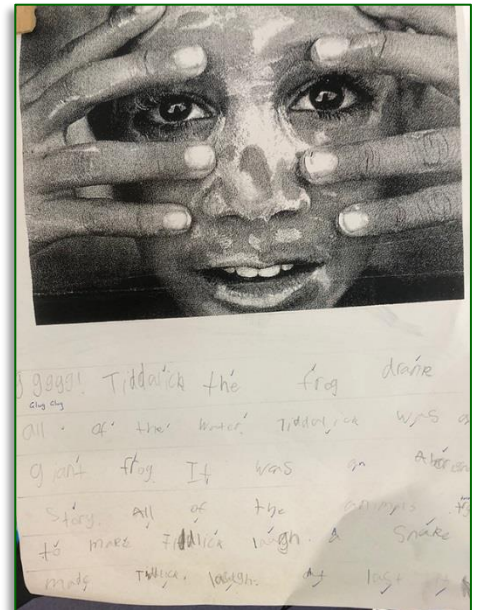
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	10 Dec	11 Dec	12 Dec	13 Dec	14 Dec
Week 9	Kristy Maguire <b>Help Needed</b>	<b>Canteen Closed</b> (due to Presentation Day)	Danielle Codd Sally Hare	Sally Hayes <b>Help Needed</b>	Lynda Hirst Sue Hirst
Week 10	17 Dec	18 Dec	19 Dec	20 Dec	21 Dec
	Canteen Closed	Canteen Closed	Canteen Closed	Canteen Closed	Canteen Closed
Week 1	28 Jan	29 Jan	30 Jan	31 Jan	1 Feb
	Australia Day Holiday	Staff Development Day	Sally Hare Alex Repacholi	<b>Help Needed</b>	<b>Help Needed</b>
Week 2	4 Feb	5 Feb	6 Feb	7 Feb	8 Feb
	Kristy Maguire	Leah O'Donnell	Danielle Codd Sally Hare	Sally Hare Natalee Jennings	Lynda Hirst Sue Hirst

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

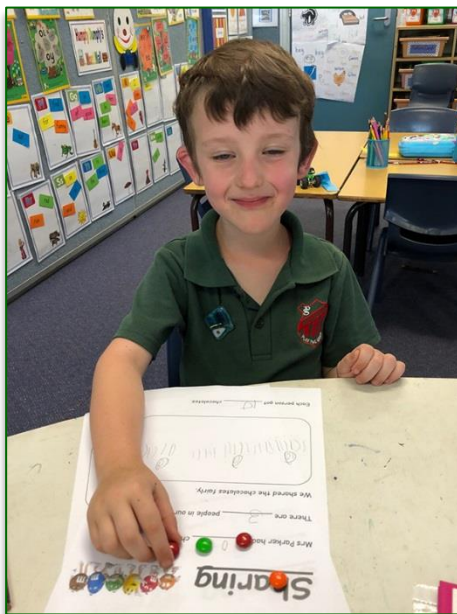


### Class KP

And just like that we are in December and our last term of Kindergarten! KP hit the ground running and have packed a lot into our last term together. From Day 1 we immersed ourselves in our new project, "What Can Kawai See?" and have enjoyed learning about Aboriginal culture, through Dreaming stories, art, dance and cooking. We especially loved the great experience of visiting Stanford Merthyr Infants School to watch an Aboriginal dance group perform. KP also did an amazing job on their design presentations for our new school – there may be some future engineers and architects among us! The Rugby League Clinic was a lot of fun and we were always keen to learn lots of new skills and games. Our class had a lovely time celebrating 'Grandparents Day'. Our classroom was full to the brim and our visitors loved the special activities and morning tea we had prepared for them. KP have been enthusiastic learners all year and have continued to amaze Mrs Parker and Mrs Cook-Green with their great progress in class. It seems like only yesterday that the clever little cookies of KP were arriving for their first day of Kindergarten. Now with Christmas just around the corner, it is fantastic to see how much they have learnt and how grown up they truly are.







## Class 1M

Wow! We can hardly believe we have almost made it to the end of Year 1. 1M have had a very productive and enjoyable Term 4 together and would like to share with you our favourite things we have enjoyed this year:

Creating great artworks for Christmas - **Izzy**

Handwriting and being part of the School Fair - **Lucia**

Learning about Dinosaurs in Project time and doing school work on the iPads - **Oscar**

Playing during stage sport on Fridays, Mathletics and comprehension - **Kobi**

Reading chapter books, doing art and being part of the School Fair - **Ellie**

EVERYTHING! - **Seth**

Doing fun art activities and spending time with my teacher - **Amahni**

Doing drum lessons - **Hal**

Handwriting, being part of the School Fair and spending time with my teacher - **Indy**





EVERYTHING! - **Boston**

Helping in Scripture and teaching 1M about Dinosaurs - **Sebastian**

Completing comprehension books, reading and spending time with everyone - **Ava**

Getting better at Maths, learning to Spell and doing Sport and Artwork - **Ruby**

Watching Deadly Dinosaurs, doing GoNoodle for Brain Break and spending time with Miss McCallum - **Dex**

Handwriting and Art - **Braxton**

Doing fun stuff with my teacher - **Noah**

Writing, Brain Break, Literacy groups and spending time with my teacher - **Sofia**

Library and Art and spending time with my teacher - **Sienna**

Doing Christmas Art - **Myla**

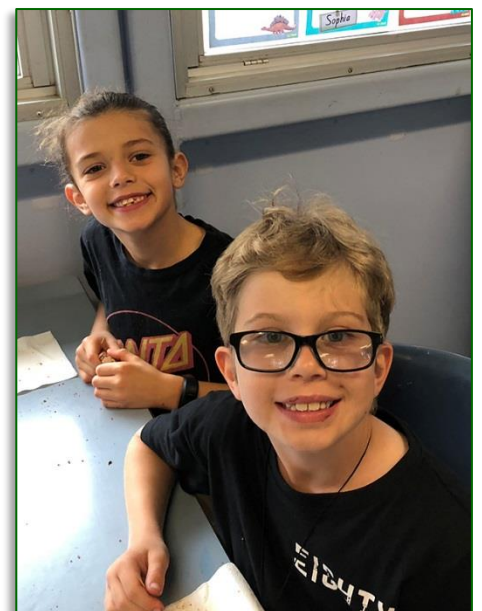
Doing Christmas Art, Handwriting and spending time with my teacher - **Lyora**

EVERYTHING! - **Lennox**

Handwriting - **Cooper**

Doing Christmas craft with 1M - **Mrs Rutherford**

Watching all of the students in 1M learn and grow in confidence - **Miss McCallum**











1M would like to thank all of our wonderful parents and grandparents who changed our RATS Readers this year and helped with learning our sight words. You rock! We would also like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas!



### Class 4J

4J have been having a blast in Term 4 with a special event on nearly every week! Most of us went to Stage 2 camp and had an amazing time swinging from giant swings, showing off archery skills, canoeing, and having a splash around in the mud. We have also been learning about China and its amazing culture and traditions during our current project - *"Where in the World are we?"* 4J presented a play portraying the well-known story of Mulan and worked together to make an amazing dragon for a dance. 4J are very excited for the final weeks of year 4 before they move on to Year 5.





### Class 6H

We were sad to say goodbye to four of our students last week and we wish them all the best at Cessnock High. Before they left, Katie and Hannah wrote 6H's last newsletter item for 2018. Thank you for a great year 6H! I can't wait to celebrate with you all at the Farewell.

#### *Miss H*

Wow! The year has gone by so fast. I can't believe that next week I'm in high school along with Hannah, Isaiah and Aiden. I'm really excited about high school I am even more excited now because I am in the enrichment class at Cessnock High. I guess we are all excited about the Year Six farewell.

This term has been action packed with, Stage 3 Plastic not so Fantastic, Year 6 farewell and much more.

#### *By Katie*

In 6H we have all been doing our reusable art and more projects on rubbish. We have been using a variety of plastic bottles, newspapers, straws and bottle caps.

We have also been practicing our Year 6 farewell dance ready for the day. We all can't wait for the end of the year to begin high school.

#### *By Hannah*







## School Library News

Well our year is rapidly drawing to a close, with the Library stocktake now in full swing. It has been a busy year as usual with not only with our “Find Your Treasure” Book Week activities, our annual Book Fair, author visits – of which the highlight was the wonderful Jackie French paying us a visit, as well as the normal daily events and activities in the Library. This year has seen over 12,000 loans processed for students and staff, with many long-term favourite stories being read many times. Of course, our library is always receiving new items for students to enjoy and Mrs Morris has been able to share many of these with classes during the year.

With the current Library stocktake being done, Mrs Morris is looking carefully at some of the older books and will be removing many from the library to make room for the wonderful new books she has waiting in the wings to be added to the library’s catalogue – lots for everyone to look forward to for reading next year.

Mrs Morris is also beginning to look at events involving the library for 2019 – the Premier’s Reading Challenge will be on again – this year we again saw over half of the school complete the challenge. National Simultaneous Storytime is also booked in and more author visits are being looked at. Ways of making the library a more colourful place are also being looked at, so that the Library is always a happy place to be.

Thanks also go to the team of Library Assistants who have been a valued part of the smooth workings of the daily operation of the Library. With a library the size of Nulkaba’s the assistance of the team is always needed and appreciated. For any students considering undertaking the role of a Library Assistant, Mrs Morris will be calling for interested students early in Term 1.

Of course with the end of the school year, one of Mrs Morris’ least favourite tasks is to look at the overdue library items list. At the moment, there are still a significant number of students with unreturned items. Notices for these overdue items will be sent home on Monday or Tuesday of Week 9, and the prompt return of the items themselves or the notice’s cover letter would be greatly appreciated.

Happy reading to everyone for the holidays and fingers crossed that Santa delivers some wonderful stories to read to all of our Nulkaba bookworms!





## Samaritans Christmas Appeal

Thank you to those kind families who have already donated gifts and there is still time to put your gifts such as **food, stationary, card games or board games** in the large Christmas boxes located in the **office, library or A block**. Please remember to leave your gifts **unwrapped** and to bring them in by Tuesday, 11 December 2018.



*A small donation  
of food or cash this  
Christmas can  
make a massive  
difference...*

**Samaritans** is always in need of non-perishable food reserves and they **need your help** to restock the shelves, especially at Christmas Time.

### Christmas Suggestions

- Christmas Puddings
- Bon Bons
- Tin Ham
- Lollies
- Shortbread
- Fruit Cake
- Chocolates
- Mince Pies
- Serviettes
- Long-life Custard

### Non-perishable Food Suggestions

- Cereal
- Long-life milk
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Rice
- Tinned meals
- Soup (packet and tin)
- Baked beans
- Spaghetti
- Tea
- Coffee
- Children's lunchbox snacks
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned vegetables
- Spreads (jam, vegemite)
- Tinned tuna/salmon
- Pet food

### Toiletries / Cleaning

- Nappies
- Baby wipes
- Toilet paper
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Shaving gear (cream/razors)
- Toiletry bags
- Moisturiser
- Hand towel/washer
- Washing powder
- Bathroom or Kitchen cleaning products



**Good for Kids** good for life



**What is Go 4 Fun?**

Go 4 Fun is a FREE 10 week healthy lifestyle program for kids aged 7 to 13 years run by qualified health professionals.

**What does the program include?**

- Nutritional information
- Support and advice
- Personal improvement
- Fun games

**Where is the program run?**

- Swansea
- Maitland
- Fletcher

**When do programs run?**

Go 4 Fun runs parallel with school terms and you can register any time. Visit the website for more details:  
<https://go4fun.com.au>



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Nutrition Snippet

# 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.*

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