



NULKABA NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a very exciting year. During the holidays, all the demountables from the front of the school have been relocated to beside and behind the hall. We were fortunate enough to have been given an extra demountable, which has allowed us to keep the library and staff rooms as they are. The MDR building, which is now empty, will be removed and given to Bellbird at some point this term. During the next vacation, the Learning and Support Room will be demolished, as will the sheds. A new shed will be placed behind the back MDR along the fence line. This will also happen this term. Monthly Project Group meetings will happen this term, as we get ready for construction to start next term. A pop up booth was held here on Monday, as approved plans are now available for viewing. They have gone out to tender so that a builder can be appointed and construction can start. The office staff have named the demountables as the village and we are all racking up many steps going down to area during the day.



Colour Run

What a wonderful way to start the term. All children had such a lot of fun and we are all sure this will translate into the learning they are going to do throughout this term. Our project, 'How to be your best self!', concludes at the Annual School Fair on Tuesday, 6 March 2018. All classrooms are buzzing along after the fantastic first day.



Students Before



Students After

Kindergarten

After three days of Best Start testing and a speech screener, our new Kindergarten students began school on Friday, 2 February 2018. They all went off to their new classes confidently and are doing very well. They too will participate in our project and they will have their mini launch, with the help of their buddies on Monday, 5 March 2018, their first full day. They looked so cute in their sports uniform on Sports Day Thursday.

Gymnastics

We were fortunate enough to receive a grant to help subsidise our Sport in Schools program this year. The 3-6 children will alternate between Gymnastics and Athletics skills and the K-2 children will alternate between Gymnastics and Fundamental Movement skills.

All children will attend the first two weeks free as part of the grant. The \$22 will need to be paid to allow them to complete the final eight weeks of the program. Thursday was the first day and it all went very smoothly with all the students commenting on how much fun it was.

Early Action for Success

This year we have been fortunate enough to secure some training and support from this program, which targets literacy and numeracy in the early years. The government has released numeracy and literacy progressions, which we will be trialling this year. This will give teachers very specific information on what their students can and cannot do, and where to next. Mrs Hill, who this year is our Learning and Support Teacher (LAST), and I will be attending training on this program this week.

Changes

We have made a number of changes this year due partly to the relocation of the demountables but also to maximise learning time. The children have designated spots to place their bags, as supervision is much harder. A bell will ring to start the day, start recess, start lunch, half way and at home time. At the end of recess and lunch, music will begin to play which signals toilet, drink and line up. This needs to be completed before the music ends. All bags, in the morning, go to their designated spot not classrooms (except for KC and KP). This is for safety reasons especially when the new school buildings commence construction.

Bus

Last year there were quite a few serious incidents on our buses. This is not acceptable and the students involved certainly did not behave in this manner at school. A bus contract will be sent home next week for you and your child/children to sign. This outlines the school's expectations and the consequences. Please discuss this with your child, sign it, have them sign it and return to school if your child catches the bus. We want to make sure the respect and responsibility that the students show at school continues during their travel to and from Nulkaba.

P&C

Our next P&C meeting will be held next Tuesday, 13 February 2018 at 6.30pm in the Staff Room. We would love you to attend. Our School Fair will be held on Friday, 6 April 2018. It will start in school time and go into the evening. I know the P&C and class stalls will need some help even for an hour. More information concerning this will be coming home in the next few weeks. It is one of two major fund raising events held each year and since air conditioning is not included in the rebuild, we will need some financial assistance.

Narelle Hunt
Principal
Nulkaba Public School



Coming Events - 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	12 Feb	13 Feb	14 Feb	15 Feb	16 Feb
Week 3	3:20p 1M Parent Information Sessions	3:20p Stage 3 Parent Information Sessions; 3:20p 1W, 2F, 2C Parent Info Session	Swimming Carnival; 2:40p KC Parent Info Session; 3:20p 1/2CW Parent Info Session	9:10a Sport In School; 2:40p KP Parent Info Session;	Issue 1 Book Club Orders Close; 2:40p KE Parent Info Session
Week 4	19 Feb	20 Feb	21 Feb	22 Feb	23 Feb
			Photo Day; Zone Swimming Carnival	9:10a Sport In School	Around the World in 80 Minutes DVD Orders Close
Week 5	26 Feb	27 Feb	28 Feb	1 Mar	2 Mar
	3:30p AECG Meeting at Pelaw Main PS			9:10a Sport In School; School Disco	Clean Up Australia Day
Week 6	5 Mar	6 Mar	7 Mar	8 Mar	9 Mar
	Kinder Project Launch			9:10a Sport In School	

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

Canteen Roster - 2018

Week 3 = Roster C

Week 4 = Roster D

Week 5 = Roster A

Week 6 = Roster B

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	12 Feb	13 Feb	14 Feb	15 Feb	16 Feb
Week 3	Amanda Platt	Lisa Edwards Lyn Fallon	Help Needed	Help Needed	Lauren Goodwin Lynsay Ingram
Week 4	19 Feb	20 Feb	21 Feb	22 Feb	23 Feb
	Lorraine Williams	Bianca Bartlett Kristy Maguire	Stephine Clark Renae Procter	Help Needed	Help Needed Michelle Wills
Week 5	26 Feb	27 Feb	28 Feb	1 Mar	2 Mar
	Lorraine Williams	Patricia Twentyman	Sally Hare Melaney Knight	Paula Stuckings Jodi Studdert	Kathryn MacDonald Melissa McLellan
Week 6	5 Mar	6 Mar	7 Mar	8 Mar	9 Mar
	Amanda Platt	Renae Beckett Linda Kerr	Danielle Codd Alex McGregor	Help Needed Sally Hayes	Lynda Hirst Sue Hirst

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

Early Stage 1

Kindergarten 2018 Term 1

Our Kindergarten students have had a fabulous start to 2018. The children have settled well into the routines of school and are all working hard to learn lots of new things whilst also starting to create some lifelong friendships.

Kindergarten have been excited to learn how to read and write new sounds and numbers and have loved the art and craft that we have completed along the way. The kindergarten classes have already started to learn different nursery rhymes and fairy tales to develop their literacy skills.

A note will go home this week with information about our Kindergarten Parent Information Sessions. Our doors are always open and we welcome all parents and family members to help in our classrooms in any way possible.

We are so proud of our new students and have loved working alongside all of the parents to help their children effectively transition into school.

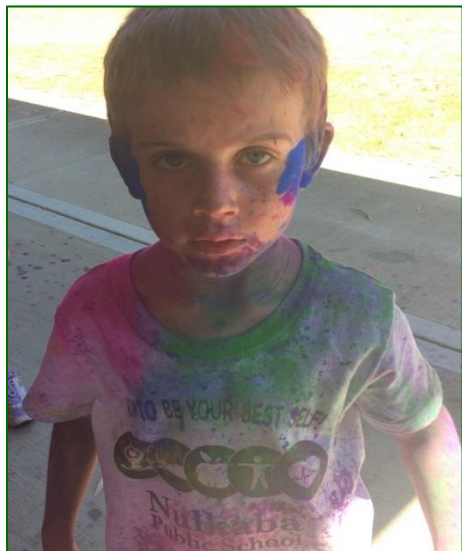
Early Stage One Teachers

Mrs Kadi Carr, Mrs Kasey Parker, Miss Kylie-Ann Ebony and Mrs Cook-Green



Class 2C

I am very excited to be working with a wonderful group of students this year. In such a short time, we have become a focussed and hard-working team. Over the past week, we have participated in our project launch 'How to be your best self' and had a wonderful time on our first day completing the colour run. We have talked about being a 'bucket filler' and showing kindness to others. We are looking forward to learning about how to keep our bodies healthy through mindfulness, healthy eating and being active.



Class 4Z

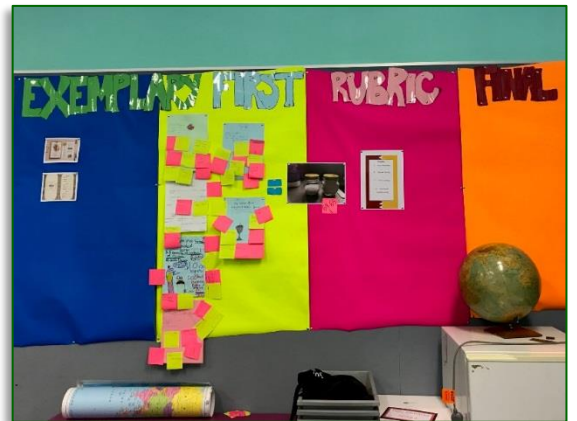
4z Are Ready To Roll!

What an amazing start to any school year. The colour run was an awesome couple of hours and such a positive way to start the new year. 4Z seemed to stick with a wonderfully positive attitude and we are already ensuring every second that we are together is productive and beneficial. We are looking at things in a whole new way and it is engaging for the students and teachers alike.

We have started off by looking at sugar that certain foods contain and are working in groups to develop menus that are set out in a professional manner. This week we are starting to look at Italy and the wonderful foods that come from this country. We were amazed to find out that Italian's are responsible not only for Pizza and Pasta, but also for Icecream.

We have already had a birthday and got to share some cupcakes, so we are off and running!! (Speaking of sugar in food...) All of these occasions help to bring us together as a team and a class.

In the coming weeks we have the swimming carnival to look forward to and parents will be invited in to meet the teachers for the year. Already our classroom is filling with the things we are learning about so if you would like to come and have a look, come on in! We would love to see you!



Class 5-6P

What a busy and wonderful start to the year we have had! In the past week we have been involved in a lot of physical activity, starting with the whole school colour run to launch our new project 'How to be my best self'. We participated in the first week of the Sports in Schools program - an independent ran sport company that takes the children through a range of athletic and gymnastic skills, and all Stage 3 students undertook a fitness test - with impressive results.

This week in our project we have been looking at Mental Health - specifically how to develop a 'Growth Mindset' and meditation. Students have enjoyed the open discussions and taking part in the Smiling Minds program.

5/6P are so lucky to have the technology guru - Mrs Anderson helping us learn all about QR codes. Some students have even already developed their own QR codes and uploaded them for people to use.

It is such an exciting time for Stage 3 at Nulkaba this term. We are all enjoying 'project based learning', and our open plan classroom.

Of course, we are also looking forward to our upcoming camp to Sydney, which will be a perfect way to end the term.



How To Be My Best Self

Nulkaba Public School has moved into Project based learning and absolutely loving the change. We launched into our project with our Colour Run and will continue the theme of 'Being our best self' for the term. We have been looking at healthy and unhealthy eating, fitness and mindfulness. On the first day, each child was provided a white shirt that probably look different now. We are asking families to keep the newly coloured shirt for our upcoming fair. Students will be asked to wear their shirt if they still have it. Students will be having stalls that reflect their newly gained knowledge and contribute to this wonderful event for our school. If your child's shirt was disposed of, that is absolutely fine and understandable. If the students still have their shirts that will be great.



School Library News

Book Club Issue 1

Brochures for the first issue of Book Club for 2018 were distributed earlier this week. If anyone missed receiving a copy or needs an extra copy, just see Mrs Morris for spares. Orders can be placed in the "Book Club Orders" box at the Library or can be placed and paid online via the Scholastic LOOP set-up. Information re LOOP can be found on the brochures or just pop in to see Mrs Morris for assistance. Orders close on **Friday, 16 February 2018**.

Library 2018

We've had a great start to library borrowing this week with many students taking books home, especially those whose borrowing limits has increased with their change of grade level. All books are borrowed for a period of two weeks from the day the book is borrowed. Borrowing limits are as follows:

- Kinder students are allowed one book at a time, and they will begin borrowing mid-term. Kinder students also need to have a Library bag to be able to borrow.
- Year 1 students are allowed 2 books at a time, and also need a library bag to be able to borrow.
- Year 2 students are allowed 3 books at a time, and also need a library bag to be able to borrow.
- Years 3 to 6 are all allowed 4 books at a time, and while primary students are not expected to still have a library bag, they are more than welcome to continue to use a library bag for keeping library books safe.

It has also been good to see books that were still on loan from last year being returned this week. However, many students do continue to have books from last year – the return of these outstanding loans ASAP would be much appreciated. Overdue notices will be sent out in about 2 weeks regarding any items still overdue from 2017.

Reading Tips

Mrs Morris is often asked about ways to help students with reading choices and so on, so each newsletter will now include some tips about reading and being a better reader. Mrs Morris is always happy to assist families and students with any reading and book questions. This week's tips are about choosing books.

THE ART OF CHOOSING A BOOK

Choosing a book is an important first step for a reader. As an adult, you probably don't stop to think about the process that you go through. However, beginning readers can be discouraged if they don't readily find something of interest. Here are some tips for helping your child make successful book selections.

Consider the **cover** and **title**. Is the design appealing? Does the title suggest something of interest to your child?

Has your child enjoyed other books by this **author**?

Flip through the pages. Does the **type size** seem appropriate? What about the amount of text?

Look at the **illustrations**. How does your child react to the pictures?

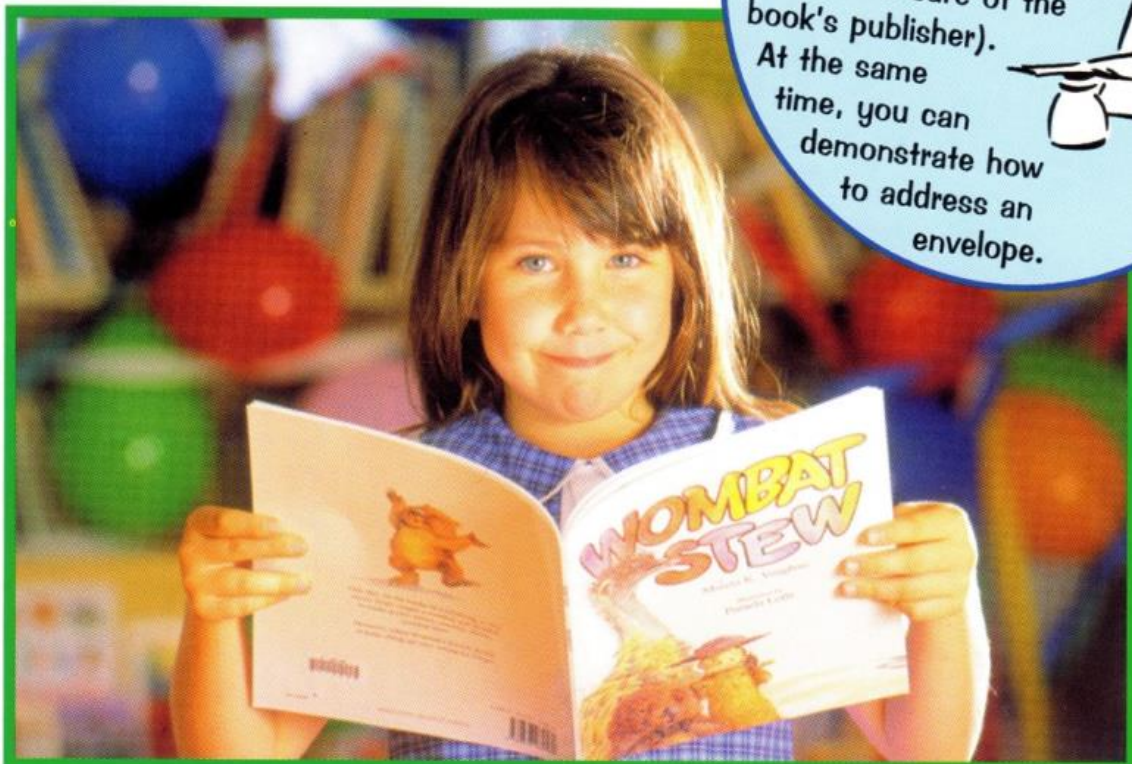
Read aloud a few lines at the **beginning** of the story. Are you and your child "hooked"?

If you start a book, and it doesn't hold your child's **interest** (or yours), then put it back and find something else. Remember, reading together should be a rewarding experience!

Try It!

Write to Your Favourite Author

Does your child have a favourite book? Help write a fan letter to the author (you can send it care of the book's publisher). At the same time, you can demonstrate how to address an envelope.



Headphones

We are very excited to be using iPads, laptops and listening stations in our classrooms this year. They will be used for many educational purposes, including audio stories and mindfulness activities. It would be wonderful if your child could bring in a labelled pair of headphones or earphones to maximise their learning experience. If you do not have any lying around the house, you can get cheap ones from The Reject Shop for \$2. Thank you.

School Banking

Get Involved in the School Banking Program

Nulkaba Public School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2018 are:

- Twister Power Handball
- Secret Scratch Pad
- Sparkle Glitter Pens
- Glow Light
- Mighty Boom Handball
- Heat Reactor Pencils
- Slushie Maker Cup
- Zoom Flying Disc



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account, they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is **Wednesday**. Each week you need to place your bank book with deposit into the class letterbox/red bag.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2018 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Get ready for a Super Savers adventure with School Banking.

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This year in School Banking, your child will join the Dollarsmites on a Super Savers adventure, developing strong savings skills.

School Banking encourages children to learn the value of saving and rewards those who demonstrate a regular savings behaviour.

New Super Savers reward items.

Introducing an exciting new range of reward items with two released every term. Available in Term 1:

- Twister Power Handball
- Secret Scratch Notepad.

Your child can redeem one of these rewards, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.



Remember, with the CommBank Youth app, it's easy for your child to monitor the Dollarsmites tokens they earn when making School Banking deposits and track their savings. Available to download from the App Store on any iOS9+ device.



A chance to win a family trip to Hawaii.



Students who truly are Super Savers will have the chance to win a family trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, staying 7 nights at the Sheraton Waikiki Resort, plus AU\$2,000 spending money.

To enter, students simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3 2018, and they will automatically enter the Super Savers Grand Prize Competition.

To find out more about School Banking, or explore fun activity sheets for your child, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Things you should know: The "Super Savers Grand Prize Competition" (Promotion) is conducted by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (ABN 48 123 123 124) of Level 30, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. The Promotion starts at 9am AEST on 22/01/18 and closes at 11:59pm AEST on 28/09/18. Entry is open to Australian residents aged 4-13 years only who have made 15 separate School Banking deposits into their CommBank "YouthSaver" account during the Promotion period. Eligible entrants will be automatically entered into the draw. Maximum 1 entry per person. The first eligible entry randomly drawn will win a trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, USA for two adults and up to three children (aged 17 years and under), including 7 nights accommodation and \$2,000 AUD spending money, valued at \$17,000 AUD. Terms and conditions apply. The draw will take place at 12pm AEST on 10/10/18 at the address above. The winner will be notified by telephone and email, and will be published online at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and in The Australian on 17/10/18. Winner must claim the prize by 5pm AEST on 15/11/18 or the prize will be redrawn. The prize will be awarded to the winner's nominated parent or guardian. Conditions apply to entering the prize. Full terms and conditions available from commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Authenticated under NSW Permit No. 17PS/17/18218, ACT Permit No. ACT/TP 17/01/18/2 and SA Permit No. 17/18/18.



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2017 Production DVDs Order Form

\$10.00 each

Orders for the *Around the World in 80 Minutes* DVD can now be placed.



Comprehensive highlights of the 2017 K-2 production have been professionally edited to showcase the talents of our wonderful students.

Please complete the order form below and return to school via your child's teacher. Your order will be sent home as soon as the DVD copies are available. Placing your order by Friday February 23rd would be appreciated.

Regards,
2017 Production Committees.



School Production DVD Order

Please send order home with my child:

_____ in class _____

Please supply the following Production DVDs:

Production	No. of Copies @\$10.00 ea	Total Enclosed
Around the World in 80 Minutes (K – 2)		

Parent Name..... Signature..... Date.....

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School Letter Head

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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

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Good for Kids good for life

ACTIVE TRAVEL IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Active travel to school is a great way to get extra activity in your child's day but sometimes it isn't safe to do so. Luckily active travel can be added into everyday life to get your heart working!

- Check your local area for designated bike paths and ride your bikes to the shops
- Try parking at a greater distance from your location and walking the rest of the way.
- If you use public transport, get off one station before your destination and walk.
- Even making little changes in everyday life such as taking the stairs instead of the elevator can make a big difference.



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SunSmart Snippet

The simplest way

...to choose a sun-safe hat!

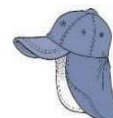
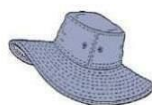
Hats are one of the easiest ways to protect you from UV radiation.

Like all sun protection, hats are needed when the UV is 3 or above. Download the free SunSmart App to find out when the UV level will be over 3. Most parts of NSW experience high UV throughout the year, especially from October to March.

A sun-safe hat protects the whole face, head, back of the head and ears.

Styles of Sun-safe hats:

- ✓ Broad-brimmed ✓ Bucket ✓ Legionnaire-style



Baseball caps and sun visors do not protect the cheeks, ears and back of the neck and are not recommended.

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to www.sunsmartnsw.com.au

