



NULKABA NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Project Launch Number 2

Our second projects for the year have been launched successfully and all students are excited about what they will be learning in the next ten weeks. All students and staff had a lot of fun and while it took a lot of work to get everything ready, it was certainly worth it.

New Build

As mentioned before we are still in quite intense negotiations in regards to our air conditioning. The quote from the project came in at \$213,000, which is simply beyond our abilities to fund. I have purchased the tins, if you know of anywhere that would be happy to have one please let me know. The letter to ask for support has been organised and is available from me if you wish to hand it out.

I have been in contact with the P&C and will talk about this in more detail at our next meeting, which is on Tuesday, 12 June 2018. Please come along. No other news concerning start dates is known at this time.

Things to Purchase

Again a reminder about the items, which are still for sale from the School Fair. All proceeds from these will go to our P&C to help fund air conditioning for our school. Cookbooks, wristbands, mindfulness colouring books and family portraits are still available in the office.

Reminders

A couple of reminders: Please be careful to obey the signs re parking as our Ranger turns up at any time and is quite ruthless with fines. Please do not use the staff carpark to either park in or walk through, as both of these activities are unsafe. There are return dates for notes on all our green notes, remembering a green note always requires a signature and often requires money. Please stick to the date for return as often buses have to be organised and we need time to book correctly. In addition, most venues require payments at the time and this is impossible without final numbers.

School Program News

Our intervention support program is showing some wonderful results with children being identified early and targeted supports put in place as we work towards enabling all children to reach their full potential. We have been lucky enough to be accepted into the Building Numeracy Learning Program which is a wonderful professional learning program for teachers will helps to ensure all children meet the learning progressions for their stage of growth in Numeracy. Already we can see improvement in engagement, assessment and learning. Students will be participating in the Public Speaking competition within their class, with the two best from each class going on to perform in front of their stage so that we can choose our school representatives for the Zone Competition. This is a great skill for children to have. We are also participating in class Spelling Bees again to choose our school representatives to compete in the Zone Competition.

Changes to the School

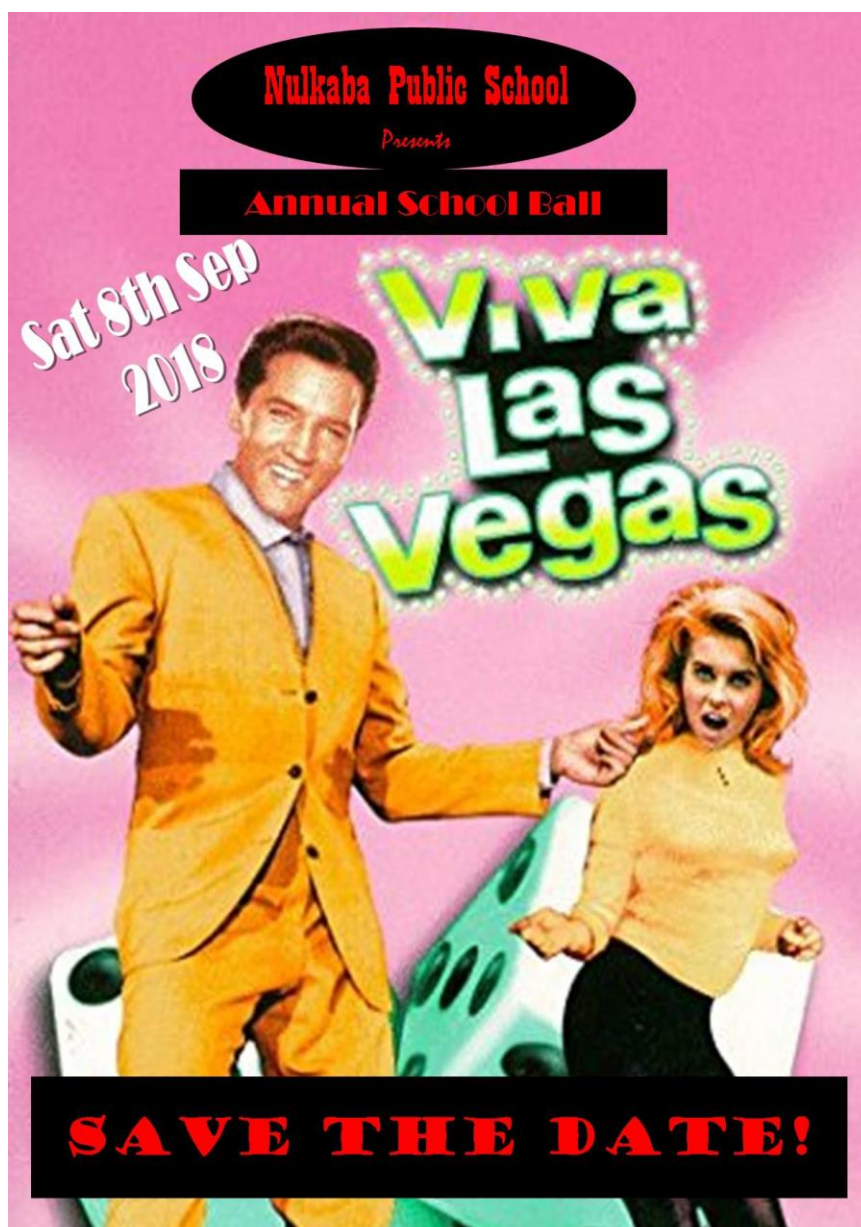
Our new shed has been completed and Al is working very hard to clean out the old sheds so that they can be taken down ready for the new build. We also have to organise a new home for our chickens and vegetable garden. Miss Gray and the environmental team are working hard to find where will be the best spot for their new home. We were lucky to find a great chicken coup on the internet and thanks to Miss Gray and Mr Wills we now own this. Miss Gray's environmental team have been working very hard this year with the chickens and gardens but also in the area of waste and recycling. Great work.

School Disco

Despite the very cold afternoon and evening, we had a very successful disco with about \$1000 raised to go towards glue and tissues, both very sought after commodities. Again great work from all staff to make sure these discos are a success.

As I am writing this, it is our Athletics carnival tomorrow and I am hoping for great weather and many families helping and enjoying the day. It takes a lot of work to organise, so thanks to my staff and to the Canteen workers for making sure the canteen is up and running.

Narelle Hunt
Principal
Nulkaba Public School



Coming Events - 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	11 Jun	12 Jun	13 Jun	14 Jun	15 Jun
Week 7	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	6:30p P&C Meeting	University Test - Spelling	University Test - Writing	Book Club Issue 4 Orders Due PSSA Netball Game Round 3
	18 Jun	19 Jun	20 Jun	21 Jun	22 Jun
Week 8	2:15p Weekly Assembly			Stage 3 - Tennis Program	Pyjama Day (SRC) Stage 3 - Tennis Program Sat Jun 23: Aerobics State Final
	25 Jun	26 Jun	27 Jun	28 Jun	29 Jun
Week 9	Touch Football Gala Day 2:15p Weekly Assembly			Stage 3 - Tennis Program	Stage 3 - Tennis Program
	2 Jul	3 Jul	4 Jul	5 Jul	6 Jul
Week 10	2:15p Special Assembly			Spelling Bee Class Winners	NAIDOC Day Last Day of Term 2

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

Canteen Roster - 2018

Week 7 = Roster D

Week 8 = Roster A

Week 9 = Roster B

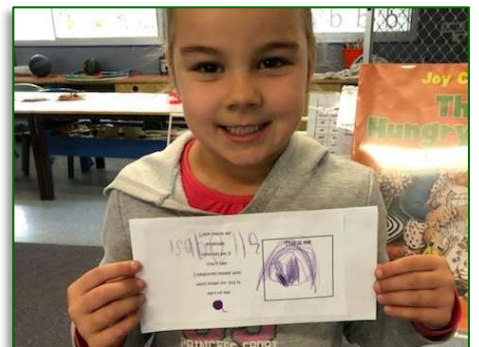
Week 10 = Roster C

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	11 Jun	12 Jun	13 Jun	14 Jun	15 Jun
Week 7	Leanne Robinson Lorraine Williams	Bianca Bartlett Kristy Maguire	Stephine Clark Renae Procter	Help Needed	Rochelle Corcoran Michelle Wills
	18 Jun	19 Jun	20 Jun	21 Jun	22 Jun
Week 8	Leanne Robinson Lorraine Williams	Patricia Twentyman Help Needed	Sally Hare Melaney Knight	Paula Stuckings Help Needed	Kathryn MacDonald Melissa McLellan
	25 Jun	26 Jun	27 Jun	28 Jun	29 Jun
Week 9	Amanda Platt Help Needed	Renae Beckett Linda Kerr	Danielle Codd Sally Hare	Leesa Beveridge Sally Hayes	Lynda Hirst Sue Hirst
	2 Jul	3 Jul	4 Jul	5 Jul	6 Jul
Week 10	Alex McGregor Amanda Platt	Lisa Edwards Lyn Fallon	Help Needed	Help Needed	Lauren Goodwin Lynsay Ingram

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

Early Stage 1

Kindergarten are having another very eventful and exciting time this term, involving lots of new learning and wonderful extra-curricular activities. We completed our second Project Launch on Monday in Week 5 and this was a wonderful day where all of the children were engaged and had fun. The children and teachers are thoroughly enjoying our new project, 'What makes me, me?' On our project launch day, we spent the morning in our classrooms doing lots of fun activities about ourselves. After recess we visited the Nulkaba Cinema (school hall) and watched the movie 'Up'. The children loved having their own ticket which they used to get their popcorn, drink and lollies. We then had a healthy picnic lunch with our families and had some fun creative play in the afternoon. We are looking forward to our next secret reveal to help us see how things grow and change. Last week many of the Kindergarten children attended our second school disco for the year and great fun was had by all. This Friday is our Athletics carnival and the children are excited to compete in a running race and be involved in the novelty rotations.



We would like to once again thank the dedication of parent helpers, assisting in a variety of ways in our school. A special mention to the parents who continue to change the R.A.T.S readers weekly. Without your help, this program would not be as effective.

Kindergarten Teachers

Stage 1 Project Launch

On Monday, 28 May 2018, Stage 1 launched their second project for 2018 'What is true blue?' The students visited Hunter Valley Zoo where they interacted with a koala, tortoise and alligator and were able to see many Australian animals. Discussions were had throughout the day describing habitats, body covering and the food the animals would eat. Our project this term is focussed on Australia. We will be looking at states and territories, flora and fauna, authors, artists, famous Australians, songwriters and much more. We would like to thank all the parent helpers who came along to the zoo and supported the students. We all had a wonderful day.



Stage 1 Staff



Class 1/2W



Class 2C



Class 2F





Class 1W

In 1W, we have been really excited to learn how to use the iPads. We have put together an [iMovie](#), to showcase what has been happening in our classroom this term. We hope you enjoy!



Class 3-4S 'Back to the Future'

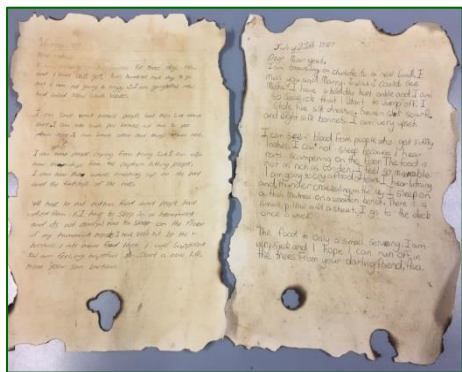
Take a step back in time when you enter our classroom as you journey on one of the first fleet convict ships the Charlotte. 3/4S had a wonderful time at our secret excursion for our project launch 'Back to the Future' last week. We went to the Newcastle museum for the Mystery of History tour and then onto the Apple Store at Charlestown for a workshop on using iMovie.

We are very excited to learn about the history of Australia and the importance of our Indigenous culture. We have already been learning about the experiences of the convicts on the first fleet. We wrote letters home to our families from the perspective of a convict on the ship and made bread from the 1700s (it was not very tasty!). We will also be looking at environmental and technological impacts on Australia throughout time and looking to the future of our country.

This term, year three received their laptops. It has been great to have access to so much technology in our classroom. Every Thursday afternoon Mrs Anderson will be joining us for technology time to support our project learning and helping us build on our skills in this area.

We have had such a busy start to this term! We still have so many more exciting things to come. Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who help in the classroom and share their skills with our class. We appreciate everything you do.





Class 5G

5G have written some very persuasive letters outlining why we need a Waste Free Wednesday. The students are very passionate about reducing the amount of waste in our school.

We Want a Waste Free Wednesday

When did we become a plastic society? When plastic did take over our world? Why do we put up with this when we can prevent it? Animals and plants are dying because we keep on making plastic. The world is like a lamb and we are the farmer so it is safe to say it's the lamb to the slaughter so this is why we should have a waste free Wednesday every week to prevent this from happening.

Firstly, I strongly believe that we should have a waste free Wednesday so we're not swimming in plastic bin every day. The way that we are tossing, throwing, and hiding our rubbish is just horrible and we need to stop now because we might not get a chance later. 1% of the rubbish goes in the bin and 99% of it is still out there today.

Secondly, I deeply believe that we should have a waste free Wednesday because countless animals are dying because of our ways. More than 50% of the rubbish goes in our oceans. The plastics gyres are confusing sea animals like whales, fish, and sharks for their food but are then killed. Fishermen are pulling up fish that are already dead. There's rubbish in their mouths or around their necks. Birds and chickens would get their beaks on anything including plastic which would kill them. Plastic out numbers our sea life 6-1.

Finally, I fervently believe that we should have a waste free Wednesday every week because the plastic is destroying our schools A.K.A the giant rubbish bin with its plastic kid's dancing around singing "plastic here plastic there plastic everywhere"!!!

Here are some tips on how you can have a waste free lunchbox so we won't have a plastic king ruling our world. Firstly throw those plastic bags in the bin and dust of those reusable containers that you use because now you are using them now. When you are shopping find vegetables and fruit that won't need plastic rapping like tomatoes, oranges, cucumbers and much more. If you like water melon and mangos like me find some container that can fit then in and if you don't have any containers Tupperware is your answer. Also with those fruit scraps get compost or if you have chickens feed them it as well. Moving on you now that scrap pieces of paper there is a thing none as paper recycling where all the paper turns into new paper. So the next time you try to put fruit scraps in land fill thing about it and maybe it should go in the compost.

So let's end this today! Let us be the beginners of saving our world. Together we can make a stand together we can make a difference. As a school we should be remembered as the students who stood against plastic pollution by having a waste free day we can save our schools, we could save our community, and we can save our world!

Thank you, By Ava

Waste Free Wednesday

Open your eyes! Every year 8 million tonnes of plastic is dumped into our oceans!!! Now let me ask you some questions. Shall we keep killing our planet with every step? Why did we start bringing plastic to school and work? Why has our school and work places become a plastic dump? Plastic is outnumbering sea life 6 to 1! Seriously plastic, plastic, plastic! I am here to convince you to have a waste free Wednesday once a week.



To start my arguments, I deeply believe we should have a waste free day at school because 1 million seabirds and 100,000 sea animals die due to eating or becoming tangled in rubbish every year.



Secondly, it's just unnecessary and it never ever goes away. It's making our school look bad. Come on other schools always say we have good sportsmanship and lead by example so let's lead by example and have a waste free Wednesday.



Finally, we should have a waste free day because our planet needs it. We only have one planet so treat it right.



So, what do you bring on our waste free Wednesday? Reusable containers, a reusable drink bottle and no plastic wrap. When you get a lunch order, say "no straw please," and get a reusable canteen bag. Remember to compost and reduce, reuse, recycle.

We can be remembered for helping our environment. We can save our school, our gardens and our lives. I CHALLENGE you to reduce, reuse, recycle and refuse and have a waste free Wednesday, Thank you.

Why We Need a Waste Free Day!

So you think you know what happens to plastic? You think you know where it goes? I'm only a child yet I know the answers to these questions. Hi I'm Tameika and I know that we need to change! I am here to inform you how much we need a waste free day! The last few years have been most terrible for our planet and we have lead up to now!

Firstly, let's begin by saying how much rubbish is daily dumped one the side of the path! When I walk about the school I expect to see beautiful flowers, kids having fun. But instead I see much worse. This is the reason I am writing this recount, I am here to convince you how much we need a waste free day!



Next, do you believe that we have a waste free school? If you said yes you are incorrect. We bring plastic bags, plastic containers, plastic packets... **plastic, plastic, plastic!** We need to step up to this and fast. Picture our school now. Now picture our school in 100 years. I know it is covered in plastic! And it will be our fault! Now don't get me wrong I love our school but this is out of control!



Now did you know the US alone uses 38 billion bottles every year! It has taken over their population by 37, 999,999,67.3 and that's just the US! Do you want our school **no** our planet to die? in 100 years it will be, polluted, thousands of animals extinct and it all leads up to now.

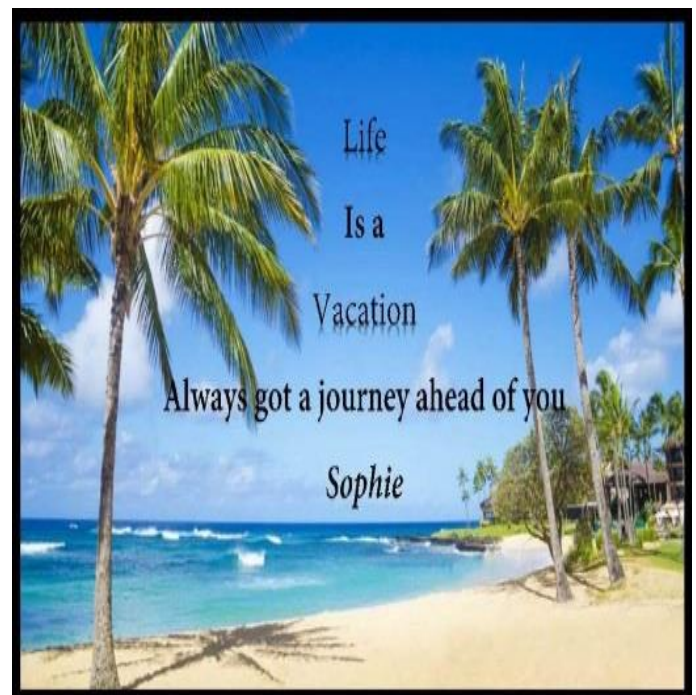
Finally, have you ever wondered what does a waste free lunch box look like? Well a waste free lunch box is like a reusable lunch box, a drink bottle that you can use over and over again. Now next we need to look at the Inside of the lunch box. Remember all the fruit scraps will be given to the chickens and compost. Now in your lunch you could have apples, strawberries, oranges and many over fruits and vegies instead of fruit cups, yogurts and other products like those. You could also add homemade produces like fruit bars, cupcakes and many others and put them in a container. Are you wondering about lunch? Don't worry all you need is a sandwich and container and if you don't have enough don't go by one instead you can use napkins and rubber products and I'm sure you can find more items you need.



Let's make a change let's make it now. We need to save our future, lets save it now!

Published by Tameika

In our grammar lessons, we have been learning about metaphors. The students were given the task of creating their own catchy metaphors and presenting them in the form of a poster.





School Library News

Book Club – Issue 4

Issue 4 of Book Club was distributed earlier this week, and as usual, there are many great titles available. All orders need to be handed in at the library by placing them into the “Book Club Orders” box or by giving them directly to Mrs Morris. The closing date for Issue 4 orders is next Friday, June 15 2018.

Premier’s Reading Challenge Latest

Well done to class 2C who are the latest class to complete their Challenge entry. They were very excited to know that they had completed their quota of stories and are looking forward to receiving their certificates at our next assembly. Congratulations to – Matthew, Elsie, Jordan, Lachy, Marshall, Myles, Declan, Indi, Jasper, Lily, Amber, Kiah, Lachlan, Sierra, Chelsea, Ruby, Leo, Imogen, Aalyah, Cleo, William, Sienna, Maritza, Cooper, Olivia and Hamish. In other classes, congratulations to Oscar C of 3/4S, TC of 5G and Eliza S of 6H – and it seems that in congratulating 1/2CW on finishing the Challenge, we missed mentioning Isabellah R – so let’s remedy that and say well done Isabellah.

There is still plenty of time to complete the Challenge, especially as there are just so many great stories to choose from. The Challenge finishes at the end of August – so why not set yourself the goal of meeting the 2018 Challenge!

School Canteen News

Hi, everyone our school canteen is still in need of volunteers to fill our Canteen Roster for 2018.

Unfortunately, some of our Mums have had to leave due to work commitments so we are in need of filling those days once per month. Our days are:

Week A - Thursday

Week B - Monday

Week C - Wednesday and Thursday

Week D – Thursday

If you are able to do, 12:00pm – 2:00pm that would be a great help also.

Linda is in the canteen Tuesday - Friday from 8:45am - 12 noon.

Come along and meet new Mums, we also have a great laugh so it might be just the thing.

If you can help out on any of these days Please let Linda know in the canteen or contact her on 0400 413 313

Kind Regards

Linda Balazic

(Canteen Manager)

Nulkaba Learning Support Team 2018

Often students/families are referred to the Nulkaba Learning Support Team. We thought we would share with both new and existing families what the Learning Support Team (LST) does at Nulkaba Public School and who you can contact if you would like some support.

What is the learning and Support team?

The LST is a group of staff members who support the learning and wellbeing of students across the school. We:

- Assist in identifying students needing different supports to their learning and wellbeing
- Liaise with teachers to provide Best Practice supports in the classroom
- Meet with the school counsellor on a weekly basis to provide support for students who are referred to LST
- Provide support to families to access supports outside of school
- Implement small group and individual learning programs

In 2018, the LST is made up of the following staff members:

- Mrs Narelle Hunt (Principal)
- Mrs Deborah Costa (School Counsellor)
- Mrs Amy Hill (Learning Support Coordinator)
- Mrs Carly Forster and Miss Stephanie Walters (RFF and intervention teachers)
- One staff representative from each stage: ES1: Mrs Kasey Parker, S1: Miss Kendall McCallum, S2: Mrs Laura Johns/Mitchell Nugent and S3: Miss Lauren Gray

How to contact us:

- Speak to your child's class teacher
- Contact Amy Hill (either in person or phone the office to request a call back)
- Ask the office staff for a parent referral form for the Learning Support Team

Together we are looking forward to providing the best possible learning outcomes for all of our students.

Aboriginal Education Team (AET)

Combined AET and JAECG Leadership Day

This week, the five students who form our Aboriginal Education Team were invited to participate in a Leadership Day at Kurri Kurri High School. These days are held throughout the year and focus on Aboriginal education and leadership. Students got to participate in a variety of activities and mix with groups from many other local primary schools and high schools. Our AET did a fantastic job of representing our school and as usual were praised for their wonderful behaviour and participation.





PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE 2018



The Premier's Spelling Bee is open to all Years 3-6 public school students.
For information visit: www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au and click on 'Speaking Competitions.'
Schools register in Term 2. Entries close Friday 6 July 2018.



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The Premier's Spelling Bee is a fun and educational way for students to engage in spelling. Our students in Stage 2 and 3 will be participating in the Premier's Spelling Bee this term. This will involve class and stage competitions to find two finalists from each stage who will compete at Regional finals late in Term 3. Winners of the Regional finals will then compete at State finals in Term 4.

During the competitions, students will be asked to spell words verbally from the Premier's Spelling Bee word lists. Word lists are categorised into **Junior** – level 1 to 5 (Years 3 and 4) and **Senior** - level 2 - 6 (Years 5 and 6) and can be downloaded to practise from the following website:

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/2018-premiers-spelling-bee>

Please encourage your child to practise at home. You will need to use the following password to access the word lists:

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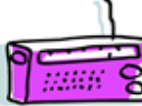



Dates for individual class spelling bees will be communicated by classroom teachers.

Good for Kids good for life

KEEPING ACTIVE IN WINTER!

As the temperature starts to drop, it's important that your kids are still physically active through the colder months.

Here are some tips for keeping kids active when it's cold or wet outside:

Freestyle dancing – turn the radio or MP3 player on and encourage your children to make up a dance to the music	
Balloon Volleyball – tossing a balloon up in the air across a makeshift net made of pillows	
Story time doesn't have to be sitting still and quiet. Choose a common word in the story and an activity that you do every time that word is read e.g. The word chosen is "car" and every time car is read out the kids zoom around the house making car sounds on their hands and knees.	
If it's wet outside take advantage of the muddy puddles by putting on your rain coat and gum boots and splashing, stomping and jumping in muddy puddles	



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In our free 60-minute sessions, you will learn:

- How to save money at the shops.
- How much is a 'serve' of fruit and veg and how many serves do we need?
- Strategies to manage fussy eaters.
- How to save time with easy, family-friendly recipe ideas.
- How to improve the long-term health of your family... and much, much more!

Register at eatittobeatit.com.au – if there aren't any sessions scheduled at or around your school, put your name on the waiting list and we can schedule one.

For more information visit
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