



NULKABA NEWS

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Issue 125: 2018 Term 2 Week 10

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are at the end of Term. This has been a very busy term with a lot of changes to the way we are doing things at Nulkaba. It has been wonderful to watch just how excited the children are about what they are learning in class

Highlights from the Last Two Weeks

Over the past two weeks, I have had the pleasure of being a part of some wonderful events and experiences. I had the pleasure of judging the ES1 and S1 Public Speaking. They were amazing. I have not seen so many students speak in front of their peers and families with such precision and confidence. Congratulations to all the class winners and a huge congratulations to those students who will go on to compete at the Zone Event next term. I was told the other Stages were just as wonderful. I would like to apologise for not having the certificates there to present last week at Special Assembly. Mrs Petrysen had completed them but as she was on leave, we did not find them in time. We will organise a special presentation early next term. Special Assembly was another highlight with so many of our students receiving awards. A big thank you to Jurd's for their continued support. It was wonderful to see so many parents there to watch. We will look at starting earlier to avoid running out of time. Well done to our Choir as well. I was fortunate enough to go to watch the girls compete in Round 4 of the PSSA Netball competition. It was a hard fought match with our girls coming away with the win. They will now move onto Round 5 early next term. We also had our Boys Soccer team compete in Round 4 of their PSSA competition with great success winning 2-0 and they too will progress to Round 5. Our Executive team spent two days in Sydney as part of our participation in the Building Numeracy program. This was very informative and will help all staff as they strive to develop budding Mathematicians who have a real love of Mathematics.

NAIDOC Day

As usual, NAIDOC week is in the holidays so we are celebrating our day on Friday. As I am writing the newsletter preparations are in full swing for a wonderful day for our students as they experience Aboriginal Culture. The theme this year is 'Because of her, we can' looking at aboriginal women and their amazing heritage. We have included a list of activities in our local area for the first week of the holidays.

Building Upgrade

I would like to thank all the people who filled in the form saying they were happy to take a tin and place it in their business or in a business they knew. Following the announcement by the State Government re funding for air conditioners in schools we are currently awaiting notification if this is us. So I will hold on to those offers until we have some definitive word. There will be an Information Booth here at the school on the afternoon of our Open Day for Education Week. Save the date - 8th August. More details will be sent out soon but it will be similar to last year. At this stage work is due to commence at the end of August. The P&C will be removing the sheds and also relocating one of the green ones next to the new ones and bringing in our recently purchased chicken coup as the old one will also need to be removed pre the construction program starting. The P&C may need some help with those tasks. Hopefully there will not be too many more delays.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2019

Again just a reminder re making sure any applications for Kindergarten 2019 are in. This includes local and non-local applications. Even if you are local to Nulkaba, we need the information that you have a child ready to start in 2019 as soon as possible so we can start planning and make sure you get the information in regard to our Orientation Days which will begin towards the end of Term 3.

Finally

As this is the last newsletter for this Term and, as I mentioned last time, I will be on leave for the first seven weeks of next term. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all the support you give to Nulkaba in so many ways. Our events, sporting achievements, canteen and class programs would not run without your help. Thanks to the P&C for all they do - remember our second major fundraiser, the School Ball, is on next term Saturday, 8 September 2018. Have a wonderful holiday break. Stay safe and we look forward to another productive term - hopefully with the upgrade commencing.

Narelle Hunt
Principal
Nulkaba Public School



Coming Events 2018 - Term 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	23 Jul Staff Development Day;	24 Jul Stage 3 Project Launch 2 'Old Sydney Town' Incursion;	25 Jul	26 Jul	27 Jul Debating at Broke
Week 2	30 Jul	31 Jul University Test – English; Zone Public Speaking Day 1	1 Aug Zone Public Speaking Day 2	2 Aug	3 Aug Senior Netball Gala Day; Crazy Hair/Sock Day; Zone Athletics Carnival
Week 3	6 Aug	7 Aug	8 Aug	9 Aug	10 Aug
Week 4	13 Aug	14 Aug University Test – Mathematics; 6:30p P&C Meeting	15 Aug	16 Aug	17 Aug Out of Uniform Day; Stage 1 Project No.2 Incursion

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

Canteen Roster - 2018

Week 1 = Roster B

Week 2 = Roster C

Week 3 = Roster D

Week 4 = Roster A

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	23 Jul Amanda Platt Help Needed	24 Jul Renae Beckett Linda Kerr	25 Jul Danielle Codd Sally Hare	26 Jul Leesa Beveridge Sally Hayes	27 Jul Lynda Hirst Sue Hirst
Week 2	30 Jul Alex McGregor Amanda Platt	31 Jul Lisa Edwards Lyn Fallon	1 Aug Help Needed	2 Aug Help Needed	3 Aug Lauren Goodwin Lynsay Ingram
Week 3	6 Aug Leanne Robinson Lorraine Williams	7 Aug Bianca Bartlett Kristy Maguire	8 Aug Stephine Clark Renae Procter	9 Aug Help Needed	10 Aug Rochelle Corcoran Michelle Wills
Week 4	13 Aug Leanne Robinson Lorraine Williams	14 Aug Patricia Twentyman Help Needed	15 Aug Sally Hare Melaney Knight	16 Aug Paula Stuckings Help Needed	17 Aug Kathryn MacDonald Melissa McLellan

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

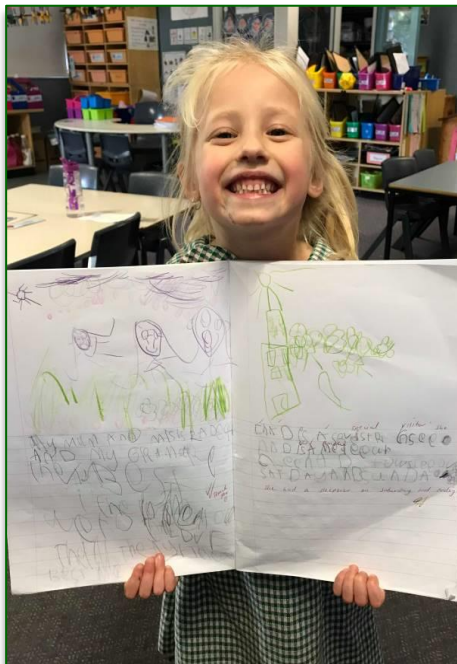
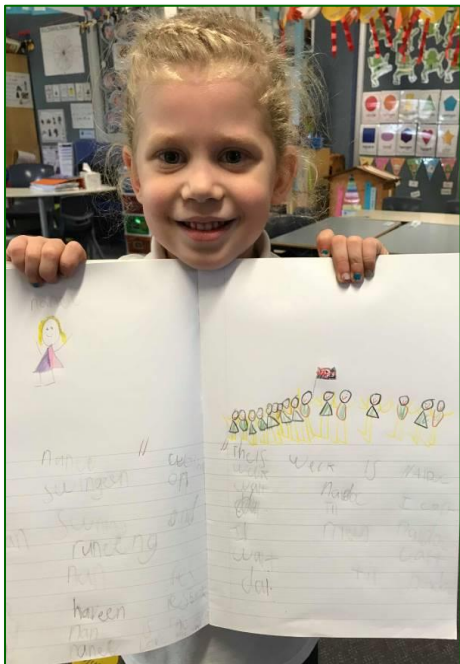
Class KC

KC have been engaged in some very exciting learning again this term with our Project Based Learning and we can't wait for our next 'secret' surprise early next term. It is hard to believe that we are already half way through the year. All children have settled in beautifully. During the second semester, we will be focusing on independence. This is an important skill and is necessary throughout their schooling. This week we have our NAIDOC Day Celebrations on Friday and the children are excited to be involved in a range of activities. The theme of this year's NAIDOC week is 'Because of her we can'. KC completed some wonderful writing earlier in the week about a special lady in their lives that has helped them and continues to support them.

During this term, the children were involved in their first athletics carnival and we are so proud of all of them. Here are some pictures of some of the talented KC children doing their personal best. We enjoyed our pyjama and beanie day also. KC have loved PE this term where they have spent some time with the other kindergarten teachers doing a range of different activities. These include a range of games, Zumba and gross motor skills. We have continued our afternoon play based learning which has seen positive outcomes for all children.

Mrs Carr and Mrs Cook-Green would once again like to thank the parent helpers for changing the R.A.T.S readers each day and look forward to continuing to support your children into Semester 2.





Class 2F

Wow! Term 2 is over? Where did that time go?

2F have had such a fun and productive term. By Week 5 we wrapped up our 'How to be your best self' Project with a fitness information and instructional video including self-designed t-shirts. It was hard work but the end product was amazing!



We wish to thank everyone who was involved with our first project including parent support in getting homework projects completed. They have been phenomenal to watch.

Week 5 saw the launch of our second project "What is true blue?" with a surprise trip to the Hunter Valley Zoo. This project will see us discover all things Aussie. Students have navigated atlases, brushed up their knowledge of Australian animals and have even belted out a few Aussie classic tunes (although I am not sure how appreciative they are of Mrs French's singing voice). We are excited to see where this project takes us and encourage all parents and family to get involved.



Have a wonderful break and I look forward to see all your smiling faces after the holidays.

Stage 2 Gone Fast

This term was packed with fun and laughter; it went so fast it felt like 1 or 2 days. Who wants a reflection on my term to brighten up your day? I do! Here we go... first thing that I remember is science 'good old science'. I loved learning about erosion and the world during comprehension and doing newspaper challenges. Then library was exciting we got to learn about bushrangers, scary! Oooooohhhhhh! We also had the Mother's day concert where we sang "Somewhere Over The Rainbow" and "My Mama Said".

After that, Mrs Morris announced that the Premier's Reading Challenge, which involves having to read 20 books then you get a certificate. A couple of weeks after that we did Cross Country when students ran a couple of kilometres depending on their age. Peer support came in next, it was a group activity where a boy and a girl becomes a leader of the group. They do activities that make children trust and make friends with people they do not know. Mini-projects was a time when students were asked to develop a poster or presentation, of why they value living in Australia.

Then it came around to the three way conference. The children in Stage 2 were very nervous, but it all turned out to be brilliant. It came to the time where it was the Athletics Carnival. All teams were cheering as loud as they could. It was awesome to see the parents run! Ah! Stage 2 and Stage 3 had a spelling bee. Only two spellers go though in each class, and only two students go through to zone.

The mystery excursion was a great way to kick off our project and believe me it started with a bang! We went to the Newcastle museum for the "**BACK PART**" then to the Apple Store for the "**FUTURE PART**".

Public speaking, was a great way to build on our confidence in talking in front of a big-ish crowd of people/kids watching you and sometimes well judging you! Everyone put their best foot forward.

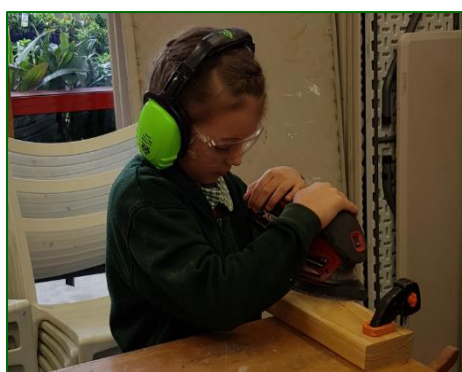
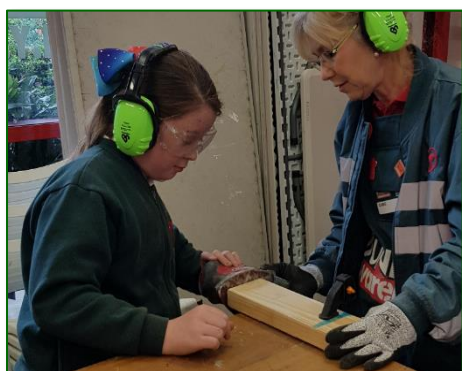
Technology sessions. The tech lessons have been great especially making students confident with their tech skills and it is super fun. It is so exciting and I am pretty sure everyone is loving it.

Now to sum it up project launch, tech time, peer support, 3-way conference, mystery excursions, writing, Athletics, Cross Country and Public Speaking. It has been a full on, action packed, super fun, term we cannot wait for next term's excitement to come!

Written by: *Kenz, Max, Mackenzie and Alex*

News from the Classroom (continued)

Also to add to the students fantastic recount we have had weekly intensive swimming lessons and the results have been amazing! Great job to Mrs March and Mrs Schilder who work with the students in the pool. We also have weekly 'Social Groups'. These students have been extremely productive and have buddied up with Bunnings. The group is working on some big projects for the school. Please enjoy looking through our Stage 2 photos!



Stage 3

We held our public speaking class and stage finals this term. All students presented speeches in their own class with two students from each class progressing to our stage finals. Well done to our class winners: Sharlet, Lara, Ava, Tahni, Ava, Natalie, Mia and Blake. Special congratulations to Tahni and Natalie who won our stage final and who now progress to the zone competition next term.



All of our year 5 and 6 students competed in the Premier's Spelling Bee competitions this term. Two students from each class will now progress to the stage finals to be held early next term. Well done to our class winners: Charlie, Ava, Tahni, Zahlee, Ella-Rose, Ella, TC and Blake.



Premier's Reading Challenge Latest

Some 192 students have now completed the 2018 Challenge. Our latest completed entry has been submitted by Ava W of 4J – well done Ava! Students have until the end of August to complete their online entries, so there is still several weeks to fit in some reading. Students of Years 3 to 6 only need 20 books for their Challenge entry, and as there are many short novels and picture books to choose from, the Challenge is definitely one that it is in reach of any reader. The upcoming holidays are a terrific opportunity to catch up on some great stories!

Library Book Returns

Thank you to everyone who has hunted out those overdue library items – their return is greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, too many students are neglecting this important responsibility. Hopefully many more items will come to light during the holidays and return to school early next term.

A Bit of Fun to End the Term!

Netball - Teachers Versus Students

Our annual netball game Teachers Vs Students was on Wednesday this week and what an event. It was held this week as Ms Walters is heading to her new school and Mrs Hunt is preparing for her travels so it was a bit of an event. The girls played hard and it was good to discuss many ideas on how to overcome some boundaries, mostly Mr Melmeth's jumping abilities! Always great to have some fun and share a laugh with the kids. Special mention to Charlotte who took some fantastic photos!





EVERY MINUTE COUNTS...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

School Starts at 9:10am

Don't be late!



Every Day Counts

When your child misses just	that equals per year	and therefore from Kindy to year 6	and therefore from Kindy to Year 12 that is	Your child has missed
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	9 months of school	1 ½ years of school	260 days
1 hour per day	40 days per year	1 and ¼ years of school	Over 2 ½ years of school	520 days
1 day per week	40 days per year	1 and ¼ years of school	Over 2 ½ years of school	520 days
2 days per week	80 days per year	2 and ½ years school	Over 5 years of school	1,040 days
3 days per week	120 days per year	4 years school	Almost 8 years of school	1,560 days

Give your child every chance to succeed...



Safe people, Safe places

Protect your children

The safety and wellbeing of our children is paramount. As parents and carers we can't always be with our children to advise and protect them.

When out and about, children can be confronted with situations where good decision-making is vital. With this in mind, advising our children with appropriate responses to certain situations will help them avoid trouble and danger.

Here are some simple tips to give your children for when they are out and about.

Protect your child walking home

- **ALWAYS** identify safe places on the way home from school.
- **DO NOT** stop and talk to people you don't know. Go straight home or to your intended destination.
- **ALWAYS** find a safe place if you feel frightened. These include schools, shops, churches or police/fire/ambulance stations and tell them that you are frightened.
- **NEVER** get into a car with someone you don't know.

Protect your child on public transport

- **NEVER** travel in isolated areas. Find crowded carriages, guard's compartment (marked with a blue light) or at the front of the bus.
- **ALWAYS** try to travel in groups of friends if possible.

Protect your child when in public spaces

- **ALWAYS** carry a contact number for your parents. (On a card attached to your clothing, written on your arms or in your phone).
- **DO NOT** walk away from family or friends without telling them where you are going, when you'll be back and who you are with.
- **ALWAYS** walk away from fights or arguments, unpleasant or aggressive behaviour and take your friends with you.
- **REMEMBER**, always tell your parents, carer or teacher if something has happened.

**For more crime prevention information
visit us on www.police.nsw.gov.au**



Triple Zero (000)
For emergencies or life threatening situations.



Police Assistance Line (131 444)
For non emergencies.



Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000)
To provide crime information. It can be anonymous.



Expression of Interest **Aboriginal Community Assistant**

The Korreil Wonnai Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) in conjunction with Hunter New England Health (HNEH) facilitate a "Deadly Cooking for Kids" program across schools in the Cessnock and Kurri Kurri AECG area.

Due to demand, we can offer a casual, part-time position of approximately 4-8 hours per week.

The program is presented to 2 schools a week over a 5-week program, per school, per term.

The position involves working alongside a HNEH Dietician, ACLO, AECG and Aboriginal community members to educate students on contemporary, culturally based healthy cooking and eating with hands on, practical lessons. There is physical lifting involved in this role and successful applicant will need to start in term 3.

Applicants must have a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC) (Paid).

To apply for the position, applicants should address the selection criteria below, on no more than 2 pages, including 2 current referees with contact details.

Korreil Wonnai AECG considers that being Aboriginal or a Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational requirement for this position under s 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

- Aboriginality
- Understanding and knowledge of local Aboriginal community.
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Ability to work unsupervised
- Understanding of safe food handling practices
- Demonstrated experience working with children
- Understanding of safe manual handling/WH&S

Applications should be emailed to aecgvicepresident@gmail.com and are due no later than 4pm 23rd July 2018.

Marissa Floyd,
Korreil Wonnai AECG Vice-President.

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Barkuma's NAIDOC Family Fun Day



BECAUSE OF HER, We Can!

8-15 JULY 2018

Come join the fun at our
NEW Location!!

Binarri Jinama-Gu
1075 Old Maitland Road
Sawyers Gully

10th July 2018

10am till 2pm

Bushtucker Sausage Sizzle

FREE Craft & Activities

Service Provider Information

Lots of Fun & Entertainment

Please note: You cannot get to Binarri Jinama-Gu from the Hunter Expressway. You need to exit at Kurri Kurri.



Call Barkuma for more
info 4937 1094

76 Lang Street, Kurri Kurri 2327
www.barkuma.org.au



Saturday 7 July

Family History Workshop

Answering the question 'do I have Indigenous heritage' can seem daunting. The good news is that there are many resources available and this workshop will help you to get started.

10am-12pm Cessnock Library
4993 4399

Kiray Putjung Aboriginal Corporation NAIDOC Family Fun Day and Street Parade

A wonderful community day of music, culture, workshops, stalls, food and lots of activities for the kids. The flag raising will start at 10am, and the street parade leaves the park at 10.15am.

10am-2pm TAFE Park Cessnock
0403 066 499

Monday 9 July

Basket Weaving Workshop

Come and learn this beautiful craft. All materials provided. Ages 10+ run by Kilipynpiyn.

11am-12.30pm \$5 per person bookings
essential Cessnock Library 4993 4399

Tuesday 10 July

Barkuma's NAIDOC Family Fun Day

Join us in our beautiful new location for a great family day. Bush tucker sausage sizzle, craft, stalls. Lots of fun and entertainment!

10am-2pm Binarri Jinama-Gu 1075, Old Maitland Road, Sawyers Gully (use the Kurri Kurri exit on the Hunter Expressway) 4937 1094



Koori Cook-off

Come and learn some new recipes, and try some surprising ingredients. See how easy and delicious healthy food can be!

10am Kurri Kurri Hospital
0437 751 462

NAIDOC Storytime

A special NAIDOC Week Story time and art activity. Ages 2-6.

10-10.45am Cessnock Library
4993 4399

Wednesday 11 July

Basket Weaving Workshop

2-3.30pm \$5 per person bookings
essential Kurri Kurri Library 4937 1638

NAIDOC Storytime

10-10.45am Kurri Kurri Library
4937 1638

Native Plant Giveaway

Present your library card to receive one free native plant per household.

Cessnock & Kurri Kurri Libraries
While stocks last.

Thursday 12 July

Bush Tukka Cooking for Young People

Join Bec from Kiray Putjung and learn to cook some awesome food using traditional Indigenous ingredients.

11am-2pm bookings essential
Cessnock Youth Centre 4993 4355

Wednesday 25 July

Stanford Merthyr Infant School Boys Dance Group

They may be small but this dynamic dance group from Stanford Merthyr Infant School can dance up a storm!

2pm Kurri Kurri Library 4937 1638

Good for Kids good for life HEALTHY WINTER WARMERS

In winter it can be easier than usual to say no to exercise and eat more energy dense, nutrient poor foods for comfort and warmth.

But this doesn't have to be the case!

Here are some ideas for healthy meals that are cheap, delicious and warming:

- Soups – think pumpkin, vegetable, lentil, tomato or minestrone
- Toasted sandwiches – fill them with baked beans, cheese, ham, roast beef, tomato, avocado, spinach etc.
- Mini pizzas – made using English muffins, tomato paste, lean meat/veg and topped with grated cheese; cooked under the grill or in the oven
- Casserole – pack them full of vegetables such as potato, carrot, peas, celery or pumpkin



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Phone 4924 6499



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to whip up a healthy dip or sauce.

Whether you're lunch box prepping over the weekend or looking for the perfect healthy snack for entertaining, our Healthy Lunch Box website healthylunchbox.com.au has quick and easy sauce and dip recipes.

Try our minty yoghurt dip, kale and basil pesto, hummus or tasty guacamole for a tasty snack or sandwich spread.

Minty Yoghurt Dip recipe

Ingredients

8 tbsp plain reduced-fat yoghurt
1 lemon, juiced
½ clove garlic, crushed
¼ bunch mint leaves, finely chopped
Pinch of salt



Method

Place all ingredients in a bowl and mix together. Variation – add finely diced cucumber for a refreshing crunch.

For more information visit
www.eatittoeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittoeatit



Cessnock Police

OPERATION RIDA



Report Illegal Dirt Bike Activity

The use of unregistered motor cycles in Cessnock area has been a long-term issue affecting residents. Police are now targeting illegal motor cycle use with the introduction of Operation RIDA - Report Illegal Dirt Bike Activity.

Police often receive calls regarding unregistered motor cycles however by the time police arrive the bikes and riders are gone. As part of Operation RIDA police are asking members of the community to be their eyes and ears in relation to this issue.

Police need your help and are asking members of the community to notify police about these riders and where they live. There are members of the community who are being forced to endure the ordeal of having neighbours that come and go at all hours of the day and night on these unregistered motor cycles - it has to stop.

Police ask that if you have information you can remain anonymous and report all information to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000

