



# NULKABA NEWS

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Issue 127: 2018 Term 3 Week 4

Friday, 17 August 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We continue along the journey of Term 3 and things have continued to be busy and action packed. The students have been working hard inside and out of the classroom, with many things occurring across the school that are really exciting.

### Zone Athletics

Nulkaba sent 52 students off to Turner Park to represent the school at Zone Athletics. It was a beautiful day for the event. Across the board students performed incredibly well. Our relay teams were exceptional. These were the only events that I saw completed as I was working with Mrs Petrysen marshalling the runners. Wonderful sportsmanship across the zone, which was lovely to observe. Well done to all of the students that attended and thank you to the parents for their support on the day. The Regional team has been announced this week and notes will come home soon. It is exciting to have so many students progressing through to this level.

### Pivotal Cup

On Saturday, 4 August 2018, Nulkaba students participated in the final of the Pivotal Cup at Newcastle Basketball Stadium. The Pivotal Cup started with eight schools who competed over two nights in a range of basketball drill activities. It reminded me of 'It's a Knockout.' The first night that the kids went was filled with nerves but loads of fun. Nulkaba ended up winning on that night with the most points scored. Points are awarded for completion of drills or baskets scored. That win meant that we proceeded through to the finals. The students involved needed to be boys and girls that came from a range of grades across the school, with one wild card. Students performed wonderfully in the final and to our amazement won! It is a sports voucher for Rebel sport to the value of \$5000 that the students won. It was a fantastic event and a huge thanks to Mr Melmeth who organised the students, trained and then even came over for the final, two days after the birth of his new baby boy. Again, we would like to thank the parents who drove and supported on the night. Nulkaba were by far the loudest support crew.



### Education Week

Last week was Education Week and what a wonderful week it was. Wednesday was our Open Day and it was beautiful to be able to go into so many classrooms and have them filled with families. It was great to see parents and grandparents getting the opportunity to experience some of the work that students are doing at school related to their project. The picnic lunch was great and it was lovely sitting on the back oval being surrounded by families enjoying the time.



## Spelling Bee

Stage 2 and Stage 3 students participated in a Spelling Bee in their classes and then we had stage competitions. The stage finals find the two best participants within the stage to compete at Zone a little later in the term. From Stage 2 we had William and Carla progress through and Stage 3 was Ella-Rose and Zahlee. Congratulations and good luck at the next level.



## Education Week Awards

On Wednesday afternoon, the annual Education Week Awards were held at Cessnock High School. Members of the school community are acknowledged for their contribution to the school. It was a lovely event and Cessnock High did a fantastic job organising the event. We even had Tahni and Jasmine perform their Aerobics routine. Congratulations to Mrs Schilder - teacher recipient, Tahni - student recipient, Mrs Gray, Charlie and the Environmental team the program award, Mrs Elder - non-teaching recipient and Mr and Mrs Beckett and Mr and Mrs Kerr - community member recipients. All awards are very deserving and it is lovely to acknowledge these people.



## School Banking

Nulkaba have been lucky enough for the last several years to have Mrs Walters volunteer to do the 'processing of school banking'. Due to some changes in the rules, she is unable to continue this. If you are able to assist with this it would be greatly appreciated. School banking is a wonderful routine to have within the school for students and something that we would like to continue. We thank Mrs Walters for her dedication to this task and her work to build on this across the school.

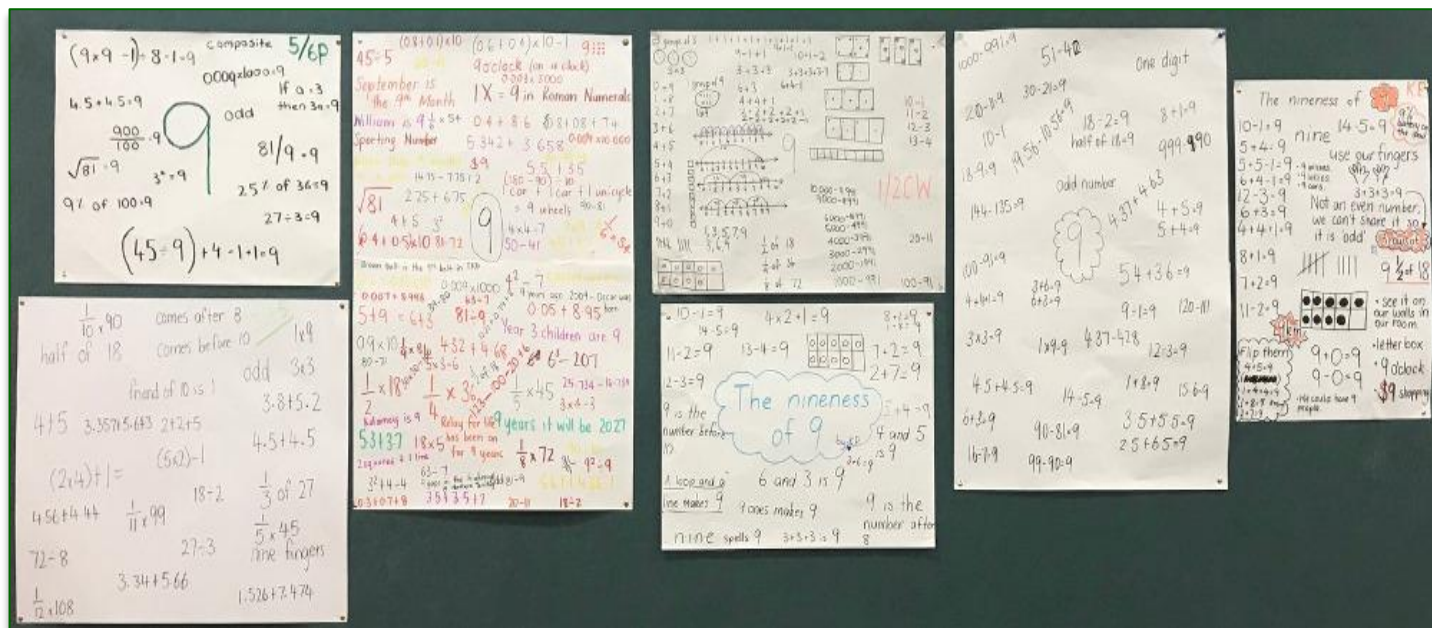
## Random Acts of Kindness

One of our beautiful families spent a big chunk of their weekend fixing the front gardens and moving plants. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Reibel, it means a lot to the whole school that you would help in such a significant way. Miss Gray and the Environmental Team have a report on it later in the newsletter. The front looks great, it has been a big improvement, and we are so very thankful.



## '9ness of 9'

This week some of the classes have been looking at the '9ness of 9.' Again, it has been excellent to see the wonderful facts and information that students are generating. We have made a notice board in the hall that has these posters on display. We will open the hall up on Monday afternoon if you are able to pop in, have a look at the concepts that students are looking at.



## The School Ball

The School Ball is fast approaching and there is lots of organisation happening behind the scenes. This annual event is filled with fun, laughter and a wonderful night to fundraise for our school. Tickets are now for sale at the school office and it would be great to have families and friends from across the school at this wonderful event. Raffle tickets have also come home, if you are unable to make it on the night grab some raffle tickets as the prizes are fantastic.

## Canteen Volunteers

Our canteen is a wonderful service that is provided for our students each and every day. Throughout the rest of the year there is a desperate need for volunteers on many Thursdays and Fridays. If you would like to volunteer or even would like to see what is involved, please call in and see Linda. If you have a friend at school that you would like to volunteer with then mention this also. It is a great way to get involved in the school and something that would assist us greatly.

## Farmers Disco

Next Friday we are holding our Term 3 disco. It will be run throughout the day, as the evenings are very cool. All money raised will be donated to the Farmers and we are encouraging students to come dressed as farmers. On Friday, the canteen will be closed but we will be running a sausage sizzle and selling goodies at the disco. This is a great way to support those who are struggling at this time.

## A Big Problem

At the moment we have a problem that is becoming more evident across the school from Kindergarten through to Year 6. Over the last couple of weeks we have spoken with many students who have hurt others with words or physically. During our conversation it has become evident that children are acting out aspects of games that they are playing at home. We need your support at school. It would be great if parents could discuss the difference between fictional games and real world. Some students are finding it a little difficult to separate.

Jaclyn Zoneff  
Relieving Principal  
Nulkaba Public School



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## Coming Events - 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	20 Aug	21 Aug	22 Aug	23 Aug	24 Aug
	Book Week				
Week 5	Social Group Bunnings Visit; <b>3:30p</b> AECG Meeting		Book Week Parade; Children's University Visit; <b>9:10a</b> Newcastle Permanent Maths Test		National Aerobics; <b>12:15p</b> School Disco - Support the Farmers
	27 Aug	28 Aug	29 Aug	30 Aug	31 Aug
Week 6			Jackie French Forms Due; Kullaburra Awards; <b>2:00p</b> "A Fish Story" Visiting Show	Father's Day Stall / Breakfast; <b>3:30p</b> Children's University Afternoon Session	Cessnock Cup; Premier's Reading Challenge Ends; Regional Athletics Carnival
	3 Sep	4 Sep	5 Sep	6 Sep	7 Sep
Week 7	Rugby League Gala Day		<b>9:30a</b> Mt View Enrichment Class Testing	Spelling Bee Regional Final	<b>Sat 8 Sep:</b> School Ball
	10 Sep	11 Sep	12 Sep	13 Sep	14 Sep
Week 8		Year 6 STEM Fun Day at Mount View Regional Public Speaking			<b>9:30a</b> Kinder Orientation

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

## Canteen Roster - 2018

Week 5 = Roster B

Week 6 = Roster C

Week 7 = Roster D

Week 8 = Roster A

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	20 Aug	21 Aug	22 Aug	23 Aug	24 Aug
Week 5	Katrina Moss Amanda Platt	Renae Beckett Linda Kerr	Danielle Codd Sally Hare	Leesa Beveridge Sally Hayes	Lynda Hirst Sue Hirst
	27 Aug	28 Aug	29 Aug	30 Aug	31 Aug
Week 6	Kristy Maguire Alex McGregor	Lisa Edwards Lyn Fallon	<b>Help Needed</b>	<b>Help Needed</b>	Lauren Goodwin Lynsay Ingram
	3 Sep	4 Sep	5 Sep	6 Sep	7 Sep
Week 7	Leanne Robinson Lorraine Williams	Stephine Clark Renae Procter	Bianca Bartlett Kristy Maguire	<b>Help Needed</b>	Michelle Wills <b>Help Needed</b>
	10 Sep	11 Sep	12 Sep	13 Sep	14 Sep
Week 8	Leanne Robinson Lorraine Williams	Patricia Twentyman <b>Help Needed</b>	Sally Hare Melaney Knight	<b>Help Needed</b>	Kathryn MacDonald Melissa McLellan

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 had our 'Secret Project Surprise' arrive last week. The children and teachers have thoroughly enjoyed the experience of having the little chickens in our room as we learnt about life cycles. Kindergarten has absolutely loved writing about the chickens where they 'Ban the Boring' to make their writing exciting. They have also enjoyed completing diaries to show the growth and development of the chickens.



All kindergarten classes were excited last week to have their families visit them during Education Week Open Day. We love having families in our rooms and welcome this opportunity where possible throughout the year. The Kindergarten children are looking forward to Book Week next week and have been telling their teachers of the creative things that they are dressing up as.







One of our wonderful kindergarten children came up with a great idea for students to bring in recyclable materials from home (tissue boxes, milk bottles, toilet rolls etc.) They will use these materials for a creative building day in Week 10. During this day, the children will plan a masterpiece and then create it. We cannot wait to see the children working together and to see what great things they produce. Thank you to those people that have sent things in. We are still collecting and will continue until Week 10.

We would like to once again thank the dedication of parent helpers, assisting in a variety of ways in our school. With 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.

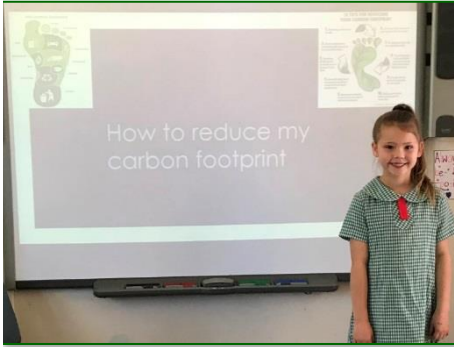
**Kindergarten Teachers**





### Class 3N

This term in 3N we have had so many amazing learning experiences and have been involved in some very exciting events within the school. In Project Based Learning, we have been exploring the history of our great country, how our environment is being impacted by our Carbon Footprint and thinking of strategies to lower the damage, we cause. With our Project Based Learning, we are excited for the next few weeks when we begin to explore what may happen in our world in the future



We have been working hard also in Mathematics and Literacy. In Mathematics, we have been exploring 3D shapes and even had a go at making different shapes using straws and plasticine. In Literacy, we have been fortunate to have Mr March come into our classroom to assist us with Guided Writing. In just a short amount of time, it has been amazing to see the level of expression and use of language increase in the students writing.

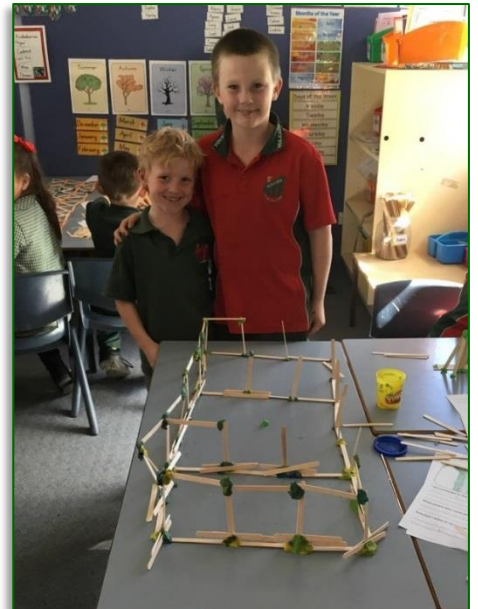
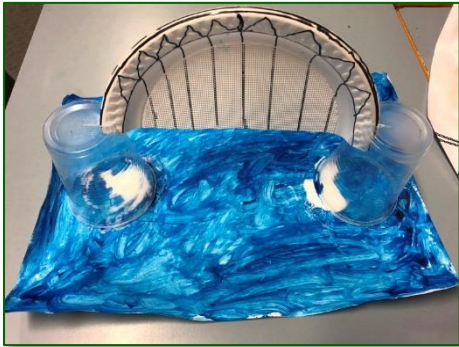


All in all we have had a fantastic start to Term 3, and we are all looking forward to future learning opportunities.



### Class 1-2CW

This term 1-2CW have been thoroughly engaged in our Project Learning topic "What is true Blue?" Our theme has continued across many learning tasks from studying Australian authors, learning Australian songs and researching facts about Australian landmarks. Our Project Learning activities have again sparked interest and enthusiasm. We pushed the design limits by building famous Australian landmarks using paddle-pop sticks and playdough during education week. We also performed a traditional Australian song 'Home Among the Gum Trees' for our parents. Art is one of our favourite activities and we have created oil pastel drawings representing Australian animals and Uluru. We have enjoyed learning many interesting facts about famous Australian people and landmarks during research time. Using our knowledge of Australia, we created some amazing projects to demonstrate what we have learnt.







## Environmental Team News

### Plant Transplantation

Thank you so much to Mr and Mrs Reibel who spent their Saturday transplanting this beautiful plant from an area where the new school buildings will be going into the front garden near our office building. We are so glad that you helped us to save this amazing plant and it looks wonderful in its new home, completely transforming the garden.



### New Vegetable Garden

Thank you to Bunnings Cessnock for your kind donation of two garden beds for our veggie garden. The environmental team have used the compost from our fruit scraps and chicken manure to help fill the garden bed. We purchased some beetroot and silverbeet seedlings using funds raised through the return and earn recycling program, and planted them this week.

### Miss Gray and the Environmental Team



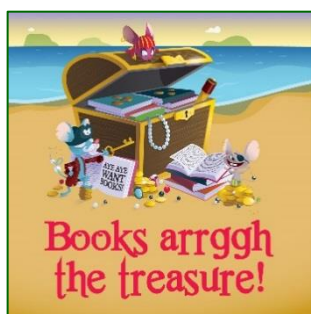


### Premier's Reading Challenge Progress

We are now at the end of the 2018 Challenge with only two more weeks of reading time! As the clock runs down, more students are getting their online entries finalised. We now have 241 completed entries which is well over half of the school. In the primary grades, 3/4S has zoomed ahead and are leading the Stage 2 classes in terms of the number of completed entries – well done 3/4S! Similarly, 5/6P have zoomed ahead and are leading the Stage 3 classes. Congratulations to Ava C, Grace W, Luca H, Reece H, and Sabe N all from 3/4S. Also congratulations to Alizah S in 4J, Lilli W in 4J, Mackenzie C in 4J, Ashton S in 4Z, Blake R in 4Z, Charlotte L in 4Z, Kalarney O in 4Z, Ash P in 5/6P, Hamish S in 5/6P, Hendrix P in 5/6P, Jacob F in 5/6P, Nash M in 5/6P, Nate B in 5/6P, Patrick Z in 5/6P, Stan T in 5/6P, Jack T in 5/6P, Jack W in 5/6P, Jessie W in 5/6P, Milla H in 5/6P, Peyton E in 5/6P, and Tahni B in 5/6P. Excellent effort everyone!

With only two weeks to go, many would feel that it is too late to get entries completed but with the range of titles available, it is actually quite easy to complete the Challenge in a short time frame – choosing picture books (which are listed at all Challenge levels) is the shortcut way to a completed entry – check them out!

### Find Your Treasure – It is Book Week!

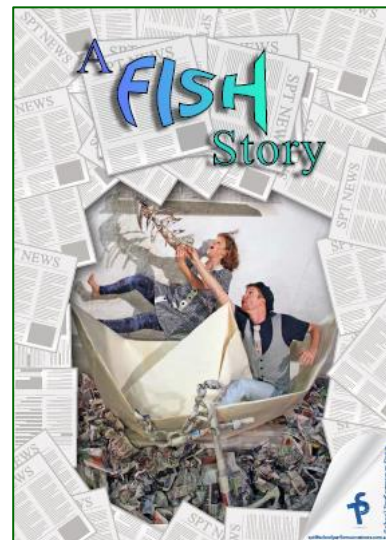


There has been lots of excited discussion about our Book Week activities next week, with many students sharing their costume ideas for our annual book character parade. This week, Mrs Morris has been holding some Treasure-themed competitions for students – colouring, quizzes, picture hunt and a guessing competition – so the library has been a very busy place!

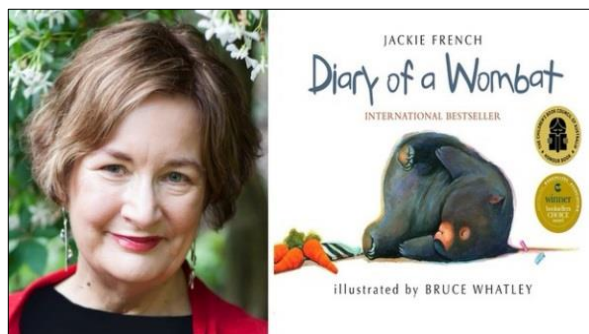
Some special class activities are also being planned for the day of the parade, and of course order forms were sent out last week for a sausage sizzle lunch. This all happens next Wednesday, 22 August 2018, which is shaping up to be a very busy but fun day. We have

scheduled the parade to start at 2pm, and we hope to see lots of family members joining us on the day. Students are also welcome to wear their costumes to school on the day as an extra treat. Of course, if costumes are a bit awkward or uncomfortable to wear for an extended time, students can easily change into their costumes at lunchtime.

Our Book Week activities will continue into the following week when the Purple Capsicum Puppets team present “A Fish Story” – where we will meet Finn Furpy and Dr Wild, from the Wordsmith Laboratory, who find their day turned upside down as they try to solve the biggest word problem yet. Permission notes for “A Fish Story” were sent out last week, and should be returned by Tuesday, 28 August 2018.



### Jackie French Visit



One of the most exciting events this year will be the upcoming visit to the school by the wonderful Jackie French. We have been lucky to have hosted many wonderful author visits in the past but having Jackie French visit was always thought to be out of our reach. We will have the honour of meeting Jackie in a few weeks thanks to the work of Cessnock City Library who are sponsoring Jackie's visit. Many schools in the Cessnock area sought to have Jackie visit their school and we have been lucky enough to have a session with her as she visits as many Cessnock area schools as possible. This is certainly an opportunity that is not to be missed.

Order forms for pre-orders for selected titles written by Jackie were sent out last week, as well as information about becoming a member of the Cessnock Library. As Jackie herself often says – “If you want to make a child smart, give them books. If you want to make them smarter, give them more books!” Being a library member is the most effective way to access a huge range and variety of reading material to suit all ages. All forms related to Jackie's visit need to be returned to school by **Wednesday, 29 August 2018**.





# Book Week 2018

## FIND YOUR TREASURE

*Come Find Your Treasure in books for  
Book Week 2018!*

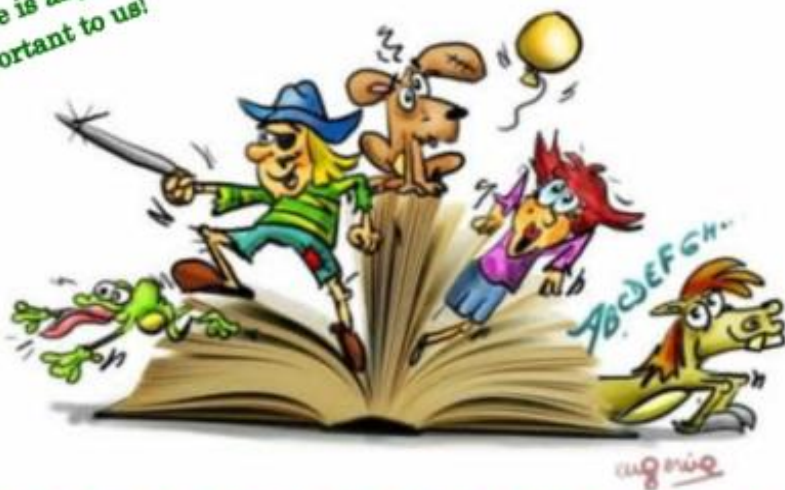
Join us for a picnic lunch and watch our annual  
Book Week Parade

**2pm Wednesday August 22**

See lots of fabulous and "treasured" book characters  
Competition winners to be announced with some  
great prizes to be won.

Stuck for a costume/character idea?  
Check out the suggestions on the windows of  
the Library for ideas—no need for anything  
fancy. After all, treasure is anything or anyone  
that is important to us!

Need further information?  
Just check with class teachers  
Or Mrs Morris at the Library





**Nulkaba School**

**Ball Presents...**

**6.30pm**

**Saturday 8th**

**Sept 2018**

**Tickets: \$75**

**Dress: Cocktail**



Join us for canapes & drinks followed by a 2 course dinner, dancing & casino games.

Get a table together & enjoy a great night out with friends while raising funds for our school.

Tickets on sale 6th August from School Office.

**TWINE RESTAURANT  
@ WYNWOOD ESTATE**

Bus transport available for \$10

## **Disco Time!**

Nulkaba Public School will be holding a

**'Support our Farmers' Disco on Friday 24th August.**

**We are asking students for a gold coin donation for entry.**

**All funds raise will go towards supporting our farmers.**

Due to the colder weather we will be holding the disco during school time.

Kindergarten – Year 2 will have a disco at 12.15 – 1.15pm.

Year 3 – Year 6 will have a disco from 2.10 – 3.10pm.

**Children may come dressed as a farmer.**

**There will be a sausage sizzle at lunchtime.**

**Chips, drinks, and lollies will be available.**



## Good for Kids good for life

### THE BENEFITS OF LIMITS

Small screen entertainment can be convenient; however Australian children are spending more time than recommended watching screens. Excessive screen time can reduce both physical activity levels and concentration levels and contributes to increased weight gain.

Here are some tips on ways to reduce screen time in your household:

- Set limits on the duration of screen time in one sitting, 20mins is a good place to start.
- Only switch the TV on for specific shows, do not leave it on in the background.
- Role model the behaviour that you would like to see in your child – there is no better example than YOU!



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Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

...to keep lunch foods fresh.

Food packed at home in the lunch box needs to stay fresh and safe to eat at school.

Meat, fish, poultry, eggs, noodles, rice, pasta, custard, yoghurt, cheese and milk need to be kept very cold to prevent food poisoning.

Pack lunches in a cooler bag with a cold brick or use a frozen bottle of water to keep food cold.

Items such as sandwiches, milk poppers, yoghurt, custard tubs, muffins, or fruit segments can be frozen to pack on hot days.



For more information visit  
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## 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Laguna P&C Association Art Exhibition



'The Classroom' by 2018 featured artist Michelle Heibel.

**Fri 24 – Sun 26 August 2018**

**Laguna Community Hall  
Great North Road, Laguna**

**OPENING NIGHT: Friday 24<sup>th</sup>**

Bar Open 6pm. Seated dinner 6.30pm. Exhibition opening 8pm  
 Bookings essential. Limited tickets available.

**GENERAL EXHIBITION:**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 10am-4pm Lantern Parade: 6pm**  
**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm**



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*Limited tickets available. Bookings essential (by 20/8/2018)*

Bar Open 6pm. Seated dinner 6.30pm. Exhibition opening 8pm.

Dinner & Exhibition - \$42pp

Enjoy an entertaining evening with friends. Includes:  
 2-course dinner by Wollombi Catering, exhibition entry,  
 complimentary drink on arrival & exhibition catalogue.

Exhibition only - \$15pp

Includes: exhibition entry, complimentary drink on  
 arrival & exhibition catalogue.



Opening Night: Limited tickets available.  
 Bookings essential (by 20/8/2018).

**TICKETS:**  
<http://tix.yt/lagunaartshow2018>

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August

**GENERAL EXHIBITION 10am-4pm**

**LANTERN PARADE 6pm at Laguna Village Green**

Entry by gold coin donation. Onsite cafe, local  
 craft market, kid's workshops & art activities.  
 Lantern Parade & BBQ 6pm at Laguna Village Green.

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August

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