



NULKABA NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of Term 3 and it is wonderful to reflect back on the amazing achievements, experiences and events that the school and students have had. Term 4 is renowned for being extremely busy, so ensure you look at calendars to plan ahead. Thank you to all of the school community for a wonderful term. We as a school wish each and every one of you a safe and relaxing break and look forward to seeing all of our students return ready for another action packed term.

Special Assembly

Term 3 is traditionally a big Special Assembly due to the amount of awards and students to be acknowledged and our 2018 assembly kept to this tradition. On reflection, the morning assembly allows all students to be acknowledged so we will maintain this model for Term 4. Congratulations again to all students who received awards. It was wonderful to see students from across the school who are involved in a range of events.

Project Exhibition

On Monday and Tuesday of Week 9, we had our Project Exhibition in the hall. It was wonderful to see so many of our families at the exhibition appreciating the abilities of our students across the school K-6. You will receive your child's work as a keep sake. The students worked extremely hard and the quality of the exhibition pieces were outstanding. It was lovely to be able to see what students have been doing across the school and a great way to bring the School Community together.



Kindergarten Adventure

Our Kindergarten students went on their mystery excursion. What an exciting time for the students. It was wonderful to hear from the teachers and students about what a fantastic experience they had. Thank you to Uncle Warren Taggart for providing this opportunity for our students and to the teachers for their organisation with such a small timeframe. Please look out for the KC class report to hear more about their adventure.

Jackie French

What an inspiring lady Jackie French is and what an amazing opportunity for our students and teachers. The boundaries that she has overcome and her passion to make a difference for children and wombats was wonderful to hear about. Thank you Mrs Morris and Karen Bruce from Cessnock Library for their co-ordination for this event. I am sure that Mrs Morris will have lots on Jackie French later in our newsletter.



Children's University

This week I have sent off the tally for students who will be graduating from Children's University. Students who have registered 30 hours or more have qualified for graduation next term. The graduation will be on Thursday, 8 November 2018 and an invitation will come home to students who qualify. A bus will be organised and we will need you to notify us in how many members of your family will be attending. It is a great event and wonderful recognition of the student's efforts.

Rewards Day

For the last day of term, we held our Term 3 Rewards Day. This is to recognise the students who always demonstrate our school values consistently. Students who miss our rewards day are those who have been to Planning Room on two or more formal occasions. We are already planning our Term 4 rewards day. It is a good discussion to have with your children, especially if they missed the Term 3 day.



State Netball

This week our PSSA Netball team was successful in progressing through to State finals. This meant that out of 538 teams our girls were in the top eight. The girls won the first game convincingly, which took them through to the semi-finals, to qualify for the grand final. In this game, the girls came up against a team that was evenly matched with some very tall players. It was a great game with high points, but unfortunately the girls went down by three. I was extremely proud of the girl's persistence and 'never say die' attitude. All girls played until the final whistle and were able to walk away with their heads held high. It was a fantastic experience and a day that I will not forget. Thank you to the families of the girls for their support and encouragement. Congratulations to the girls on this wonderful achievement.



Holiday Construction

The school will be extremely busy during the holidays with some major plumbing happening and a temporary toilet block being installed. The primary toilet block and the 3N classroom will be demolished. From the start of Term 4, 3N will be in the staffroom and the building site will come right up to the walkway that runs next to A-Block. Concrete has been laid and the pipe work done for the first building, which is extremely exciting. If driving past the school or calling in to play basketball, please be mindful of this work and ensure your safety at this time.

Back Oval

The weather has been so kind over the last couple of weeks of term and the improvement in the grass area has been amazing. Mr Blake has worked very hard to get the water on to the area and minimising traffic to the area has helped. From the start of Term 4 it is our plan to continue watering in the mornings and to have the oval open and functioning as normal. Thank you to the students for allowing this improvement to occur and the school community for their support. The few weeks break have been exactly what the oval needed.

Coming Events - 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	15 Oct	16 Oct	17 Oct	18 Oct	19 Oct
Week 1	Students Return; Stage 3 Project 3 Launch; Social Group Bunnings Visit	12:30p Sista Speak (Infants)	Children's University Gowning	Rugby League Program K-6	
Week 2	22 Oct	23 Oct	24 Oct	25 Oct	26 Oct
		12:30p Sista Speak (Primary)		Grandparents Day; Rugby League Program K-6	Book Fair Delivery; Day for Daniel; Kinder Expo
Week 3	29 Oct	30 Oct	31 Oct	1 Nov	2 Nov
	Book Fair Viewing Day; 1:15p Year 2 Swim School; 3:30p AECG Meeting	Book Fair Viewing Day; 12:30p Sista Speak (Infants); 1:15p Year 2 Swim School	Book Fair Sale Day; Connecting to Country; 1:15p Year 2 Swim School	Connecting to Country; Rugby League Program K-6; 1:15p Year 2 Swim School	Connecting to Country; 1:15p Year 2 Swim School
Week 4	5 Nov	6 Nov	7 Nov	8 Nov	9 Nov
	Children's University Graduation Week; 1:15p Year 2 Swim School	12:30p Sista Speak (Primary); 1:15p Year 2 Swim School	1:15p Year 2 Swim School	1:15p Year 2 Swim School; ?:?:p School Disco	1:15p Year 2 Swim School

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
	15 Oct	16 Oct	17 Oct	18 Oct	19 Oct
Week 1	Katrina Moss Amanda Platt	Renae Beckett Linda Kerr	Danielle Codd Sally Hare	Leesa Beveridge Sally Hayes	Lynda Hirst Sue Hirst
Week 2	22 Oct	23 Oct	24 Oct	25 Oct	26 Oct
	Kristy Maguire Alex McGregor	Lisa Edwards Lyn Fallon	Help Needed	Help Needed	Lauren Goodwin Lynsay Ingram
Week 3	29 Oct	30 Oct	31 Oct	1 Nov	2 Nov
	Leanne Robinson Lorraine Williams	Stephine Clark Renae Procter	Bianca Bartlett Kristy Maguire	Help Needed	Michelle Wills Help Needed
Week 4	5 Nov	6 Nov	7 Nov	8 Nov	9 Nov
	Leanne Robinson Lorraine Williams	Patricia Twentyman Help Needed	Sally Hare Melaney Knight	Help Needed	Kathryn MacDonald Melissa McLellan

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

Playground Restoration

On the last day of Term 3 students started on the restoration of the playground by the addition of new soil and the laying of turf. Funding for the returfing is from the cake stall we held earlier this term. Mrs Zoneff and Mr Blake will be watering the grass during the holidays to ensure the success of the venture.



News from the Classroom

Class KC

KC have had another very eventful and exciting time this term involving lots of new learning and wonderful extra-curricular activities. We had our 'Secret Project Surprise' last week where we visited Baime Cave. The children and teachers have thoroughly enjoyed the experience of having Uncle Warren welcome us to the cave and teach us lots about our local Aboriginal Culture - the culture and history of the Wonnarua people. KC absolutely loved writing about the surprise excursion and all had a wonderful time.



KC were excited this week to have a creative building/constructing day with their peers in the other kindergarten classes. It was great to see KC sharing and making wonderful pieces of art. The process of planning, constructing and then reflecting proved to be a very valuable learning experience.



KC were so excited to show off their wonderful art at the art exhibition last week. They particularly enjoyed walking through the exhibition and looking at what the other children from other grades had created, whilst also being proud of themselves and their friends.



We would like to once again thank the dedication of our KC parent helpers, assisting in changing the R.A.T.S readers weekly. Without your help, this program would not be effective.

KC and Mrs Carr



Class 2F

Please don't say it's so! Term 3 is coming to an end already...

2F have worked extremely hard and have produced some amazing pieces of work that they should feel so proud of. It has been a privilege to watch their imaginations soar, their creativity burst and their problem solving skills expand. I am so proud of 2F and the amazing little people they are becoming.





I wish to thank all of the parents and carers of 2F who have supported our students throughout this term, we couldn't have achieved as much as we did without you.

Class 5/6P

This term 5/6P have been part of a wonderful heart-warming program. As part of our history based project, we have been looking at people and the cultures that make up Australia and what their past involved. The ideal way to learn this was to immerse the students into the real lives of people in our community. Therefore, throughout this term the class has been visiting the elderly residents at the Calvary Aged Care facility. Over four visits, they met with their allocated resident and interviewed them, getting to know them personally and enjoying many insightful conversations. From each visit, the students used the knowledge they gained and created a biography on their resident. Over several weeks, the students wrote drafts, edited and re-edited their work until they were happy with the final result. They knew this piece of work was important, as the audience was authentic, it wasn't just writing that the teacher would read and mark. Last week we all met up for the final visit and students presented the biographies (and some small hand made gifts) back to the residents. There were tears and hugs all round by the residents, with promises made that we will visit again in the near future.

This project was valuable in so many ways and everyone involved benefited from the experience. The goal of students gaining knowledge about different ways of life from the past and successfully writing a biography was achieved, but much more important than that was what the students received as people. They walked away from each meeting knowing they had made someone feel special and worthwhile. They gained the insight that elderly people are important and have all lived a life worth telling. But mostly they learned that taking the time and showing that you care about another person is so valuable. It was an experience that saw us all walk away with full hearts and one which will remain with both the students and residents for a long time.

Thank you to the staff at Calvary for making us feel so welcome and allowing us to visit your facility and the residents.

"You have made me so happy, I just feel so happy and content" - **Alan** (resident)

"I was a bit unsure at first, whether I'd be able to tell my story. But the kids were so good, it was very easy to talk to them" - **Bill** (resident)

"It has been just lovely, I have loved the kids coming to visit" - **Yvonne** (resident)

"It has been such a fun way to learn about the past, talking to real people rather than learning it from a book." - **Jasmine** (student)

"Every time we visited I left with a smile on my face." - **Peyton** (student)

"It was so interesting to see what they did for fun in the past, it is very different to now." - **Milla** (student)



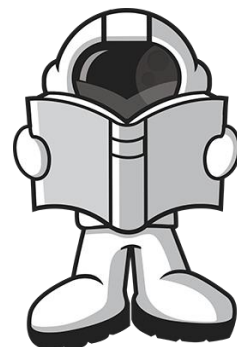


Reading is Out of this World!



Here is a date for the calendar – Wednesday, 31 October 2018 – Sale Day for our annual Book Fair.

Our Fair will be held in Week 3 of next term, with Monday, 29 October 2018 and Tuesday, 30 October 2018 being the two viewing days. Everyone is welcome on those two days to do some window shopping ready for the Wednesday Sale Day. Brochures will be sent home during the first week of next term, showing some of the great titles that will be available at the fair.



Some competitions for students to win Book Fair vouchers will be happening before and during the fair - so watch out for the Fair brochure zooming your way after the holidays! Happy reading until then!

Jackie French Visit

There was a lot of very excited students in the school last week – not to mention some very excited teachers. How wonderful it was to welcome Jackie French to Nulkaba. Jackie was very impressed with the work of some of the Kinders who had made wombat hand puppets with Mrs Morris, as well as being able to see some of Year 1's wombat drawings, and the rather gorgeous wombat picture created by a group of Stage 1 students under the guidance of Mrs Forster.



Jackie shared insights into the power of reading and how important reading is for us – it transports us to new places and we can become new people just through the reading of wonderful stories. Jackie also spoke about finding your magic book – the one that opens up the world of books. Of course, we all have a different ‘magic book’ – Jackie told us that the hardest thing to do is to actually find your ‘magic book’ – once you’ve found it, then it’s all systems go!

Jackie also shared funny stories about her wombat friends – we loved hearing about Phil, Plum, and Totally Confused, who never seems to know which way to go.

In addition to the pleasure of Jackie’s company, we can be very proud of our fund-raising efforts for the Wombat Rescue Centre that Jackie supports – we raised \$241.10 for this great cause. Well done Nulkaba! Lastly, thanks need to again go to the staff of Cessnock City Library, especially Karen Bruce, for the organisation that took place over the last 12 months to make Jackie’s visit a success.

Overdue Library Items



Just a short thank you to the families who have tracked down some very overdue library items – their return is much appreciated!

Good for Kids good for life

FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT SKILLS

Fundamental movement skills (FMS) are the building blocks for more complex and specialised skills required in sports and leisure activities.

FMS include activities such as running, jumping, throwing, catching and kicking. FMS allow children to:

- Maintain a healthy weight
- Improve posture
- Develop parts of the brain
- Develop problem solving skills
- Socialise and interact with their environment.

Teachers at your school are helping to teach FMS to your children. Why not ask them about the skills they are learning to help them practice at home?



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SunSmart Snippet

The simplest way

...to use sunscreen!

What does sunscreen do?

Sunscreen acts as a barrier, filtering UV radiation by absorbing and reflecting UV rays away from your skin.

Make sunscreen a habit!

In the morning, check if the UV will be 3 or above and apply sunscreen before heading out for the day.



Use SPF30+ broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen 20 mins before going outside. Make sure you reapply at least every 2 hours.

Sunscreen is just one part of sun protection! Remember to use sun-safe hats, clothing and sunglasses and seek out shade.

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



School holiday fun @ your library

TICKETS ON SALE MID-SEPTEMBER

Numbers strictly limited, pre-bookings essential, no refunds

Fire, Fire: Storytime

Meet real firefighters, learn about fire safety, and check out a real fire truck!

Cessnock Library Tuesday October 2 10-10.45am

Ages 2-8

Cost: FREE

Kids Play Uke

Learn the basics of ukulele playing at this introductory workshop—
instruments provided—perform for your friends and family!

Cessnock Library Tuesday October 2 2-3pm
Kurri Kurri Library Wednesday October 3 2-3pm

Ages 8+

Cost: FREE

"Under the Sea" Scratch Art

Scratch your own magical underwater world with local artist Michèle Heibel

Kurri Kurri Library Thursday October 4 10-11am
Cessnock Library Thursday October 4 1-2pm

Ages 8+

Cost: \$7.00

Game On!

Challenge your friends on the Wii or Xbox—or your favourite board game.

Cessnock Library Friday October 5 10am-12pm
Kurri Kurri Library Monday October 8 2-4pm

Ages 8+

Cost: FREE

Talk to the Animals Pet Storytime

Stories, songs and craft—what's your favourite pet?

Cessnock Library Tuesday October 9 10-10.45am
Kurri Kurri Library Wednesday October 10 10-10.45am

Ages 2-8

Cost: FREE

Movie & Craft

Enjoy an afternoon at the movies, then make your own Nemo puppets!

Cessnock Library Tuesday October 9 2-4pm
Kurri Kurri Library Wednesday October 10 2-4pm

Ages 5+

Cost: FREE

Creatures of the Deep with Emma Best

Learn about giant squids, gulper eels and other monsters of the deep—
what's down there and how ugly is it?

Kurri Kurri Library Thursday October 11 10-11am
Cessnock Library Thursday October 11 2-3pm

Ages 5+

Cost: \$5.00

Bob Turner Wildlife Show

Get up close and personal with bugs, reptiles and all things that slither and
crawl in this entertaining and educational hands-on wildlife show.

Kurri Kurri Library Friday October 12 10-11am
Cessnock Library Friday October 12 1.30-2.30pm

Ages 7+

Cost: \$7.00



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