



NULKABA NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 3 continues to fly past and Nulkaba students are busy as bees this week, involved in a vast variety of activities across the school.

Project Exhibition

This term we have been working on our second project and will be celebrating our learning across the school with our Project Exhibition that is happening on Monday afternoon at 4.30pm and Tuesday morning at 10.30am. The Exhibition will showcase the different things that students have been working on. We are running both sessions to try to provide our families with access to a time that suits you. It will be similar to an art gallery where you will be able to walk around and look at samples from across the school. The Exhibition will be on display in the hall. We do ask for a gold coin donation per family. This donation will go toward the artworks construction and project needs. The students have been preparing for throughout this term this event. We look forward to seeing you there.

Air Conditioning

Air Conditioning has been a hot topic across the school for the last six months. Last week we received formal notification that our school will be air conditioned in all learning spaces in the new construction. This is extremely exciting and a relief to us all. There are parts of the new build that will not be air conditioned, but we hope that we will be able to get these areas air conditioned through the support of the P&C. It is a significant gain for the school community, as it will mean a lot for the students in the future.

Regional Athletics Success

The last time that I was writing for the newsletter, we had 20 students at Glendale participating in Regional Athletics, representing the Cessnock Zone. All students did extremely well with a lot of the students achieving a personal best. We have had two students progress through to the next level of State, which is an amazing achievement. Well done to Ella and Charlie who have both progressed through. They will be competing in Homebush soon and we wish them all the best during this wonderful experience.

Netball Gala Day

On that same day, I took almost 100 students to the Cessnock Cup. We had a lot of mixed teams, a senior girls, a junior girls and a junior boys team. In total, we took 11 teams. Later in the newsletter, there will be a sports report as there is a lot happening at the moment. I must thank the wonderful parents who helped out with coaching on the day. Thank you Mrs Procter, Mrs Townley, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Sherring, Mrs Wills, Mrs Higgins, Mrs Coleman, Mrs Koeford, Mrs Schilder and Mrs Petrysen. The kids had a great day and it is wonderful to see how this event continues to grow every year.



NAPLAN

Last week I was involved in a webinar that was discussing the implications of taking the NAPLAN test on-line. They have found that results are down and there are a few factors that have impacted on this. We continue to await our results but I am seeking further information that we will share, especially with our Year 3 and 5 families. It will be our aim to keep you as informed as we are. Please keep an eye out for information related to this.

Diving Success

This week, Aubrey has been participating in the All Schools Australian Championships in the Diving competition. What a successful week he has had. Aubrey was awarded Australian Champion (1st!) in Springboard, second in 5m and then third in the 11 years boys knockout. I cannot wait to hear about the wonderful experiences that Aubrey has had, and a huge congratulations to you Aubrey. An absolutely amazing achievement.

Community Group

Last Saturday morning I attended a community gathering that was discussing the plans around making the entry to the gaol run through to Kerlew St. This is in close proximity to the school and there is a community group that are working on having this plan changed. As a school we are collecting information to inform our support.

PSSA Netball Success

At the start of this week our PSSA netball team played off with Bolwarra to determine the overall Hunter winner. The girls played a fantastic game against some extremely tall opponents. The girls came away with a convincing win and the opportunity to progress through to State. This means that the girls are one of the top eight teams in all of NSW. The girls are heading to State on the Monday of Week 10. Good luck girls and we hope that you thoroughly enjoy the experience.



CAPA Camp

Last week two of our students headed to Myuna Bay to participate in the annual CAPA camp. CAPA stands for Creative and Practical Arts. The two girls had a jam packed week and their families were invited on the Friday to go along and watch a concert that the students put on. Well done to Charlotte and Sophie on their selection. What a wonderful experience for you both.

Debating

Last week our Nulkaba Stars (Year 6 team) versed Ashtonfield. The topic was that "Parents should ban their children from all online games". Nulkaba Public School was on the negative team. Although they lost, the adjudicator said it was the best primary school debate she had ever seen, and apparently, she adjudicates a lot of debates in Sydney. The team included Jack W, Tahni B, Natalie S, Zahlee C, Peyton G, and Alex B.

Kindergarten Orientation

This morning, we had our first Kindergarten Orientation. Lots of excited children were ready for a great time. Mrs Carr spent some time with the new families, and Miss Ebony worked with the students. Welcome to all of our new families and welcome back to some of our existing families who are bring their second or third child. Orientation will occur each Friday morning for the rest of the term, and then continue on the Friday morning for the first three weeks next term.

School Ball

The School Ball was held last Saturday night, and it was a night filled with fun, laughter and absolutely delicious food. The silent auction items were a hit and all items are available and ready for collection at the school office. It was fantastic to see so many of our Year 6 families attending and some of our Kindergarten families. The Casino theme makes for a great event and Twine is absolutely beautiful. Thank you to Gary and Michelle who went above and beyond to organise the event. I should also mention the other committee members for their contribution to this wonderful night. It is a fantastic fundraiser for the school and an event that once attended; you cannot wait for the following year!

Construction

The next few weeks are going to be very busy for our builders. The drainage and electrical work will be put in position for the first building and the layout for concrete. They are filling the other part of the site with dirt to bring the area to an appropriate level to prepare for the second building. There will be lots going on during the holidays and again students will return to some significant changes. Lots happening and a very exciting time at the school.



Regional Public Speaking Finals



On Tuesday, I had the pleasure of attending the Regional Public Speaking Finals at East Maitland. I attended the Early Stage 1 session as Tyson C from KE was the Zone Representative for this session. He spoke very well, without palm cards or a microphone. He was one of only six ES1 competitors from right across this region. What a wonderful achievement Tyson. I am so very proud of you, as are your whole family and school. Well done.



Jaclyn Zoneff
Relieving Principal
Nulkaba Public School



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YOU ARE INVITED TO NULKABA PUBLIC SCHOOL'S

PROJECT EXHIBITION

Come along to see the final products of our latest project



Monday September 17 2018 • 4.30 – 6.30pm
AND
Tuesday September 18 2018 • 10.30 – 11.30am

ENTRY: GOLD COIN DONATION

Coming Events - 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	17 Sep	18 Sep	19 Sep	20 Sep	21 Sep
Week 9	9:15a Special Assembly; 1:20p Social Group Bunnings Visit; 4:30p Project Art Show	10:30a Project Art Show		9:30a Author Visit - Jackie French	9:30a Kinder Orientation
Week 10	24 Sep	25 Sep	26 Sep	27 Sep	28 Sep
	BNL - Sydney	BNL - Sydney			Footy Finals Day (SRC); 9:30a Kinder Orientation
T4 Week 1	15 Oct	16 Oct	17 Oct	18 Oct	19 Oct
	Students Return; Stage 3 Project 3 Launch; Social Group Bunnings Visit		Children's University Gowning		
T4 Week 2	22 Oct	23 Oct	24 Oct	25 Oct	26 Oct
				Grandparents Day	Book Fair Delivery; Day for Daniel; Kinder Expo

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

Canteen Roster - 2018

Week 9 = Roster B

Week 10 = Roster C

T4 Week 1 = Roster B

T4 Week 2 = Roster C

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	17 Sep	18 Sep	19 Sep	20 Sep	21 Sep
Week 9	Katrina Moss Amanda Platt	Renae Beckett Linda Kerr	Danielle Codd Sally Hare	Leesa Beveridge Sally Hayes	Lynda Hirst Sue Hirst
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	Kristy Maguire Alex McGregor	Lisa Edwards Lyn Fallon	Help Needed	Help Needed	Lauren Goodwin Lynsay Ingram
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If you can help to fill our current vacancies, please contact **Linda on 0457 514 786**

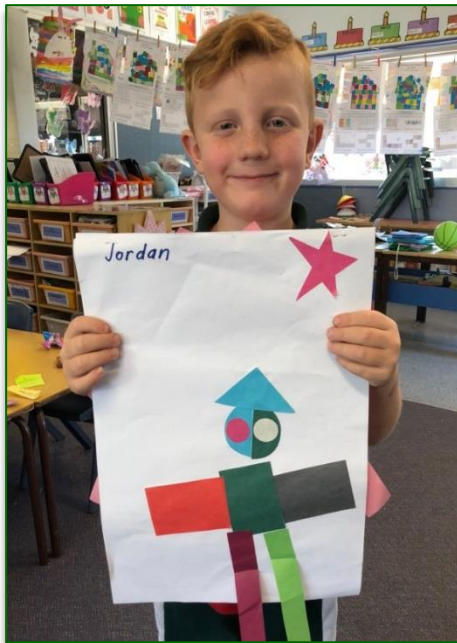
Class KP

Week 8 already! How time flies when you are having fun! KP have had another fantastic term and have enjoyed continuing their Kindergarten learning journey. As part of our project "What makes me, me?", we looked at life cycles and how things grow and change. It was so special to have real chickens join Kinder for the first four weeks of the term. We were able to watch them hatch out of their eggs and spend time each morning interacting with them.



The rest of the term has been so jam-packed with fun, it's almost hard to keep track of the many experiences we've had... Crazy Hair and Sock Day, Book Week, the disco, Father's Day, interest groups, number talks, sizzling starts and beginning our new PE rotations to name just a few. Let's let the pictures do the talking...





Class 1M

1M's Massive Term 3!

1M have been working diligently this term to complete a variety of tasks to the best of their ability.

In literacy we have been learning about Dreamtime stories and enjoy listening to our Year 5 and 6 friends read aloud to us on the iPads. In Maths, we have been grateful for having Miss Manolis in for Maths groups during the second half of the term. We have been impressing her with our knowledge of patterns, multiplication and division.

But that is not all...

In Project time, we have stepped back in time to learn about what school was like in the past, and had an absolute blast learning to play old fashioned games. We also celebrated Crazy Hair Day, the in school disco and are looking forward to the fun and exciting things coming our way for the end of term.

1M and Miss McCallum would like to thank the incredible parent volunteers who change our RATS readers daily and help with literacy rotations. We really appreciate all that you do.

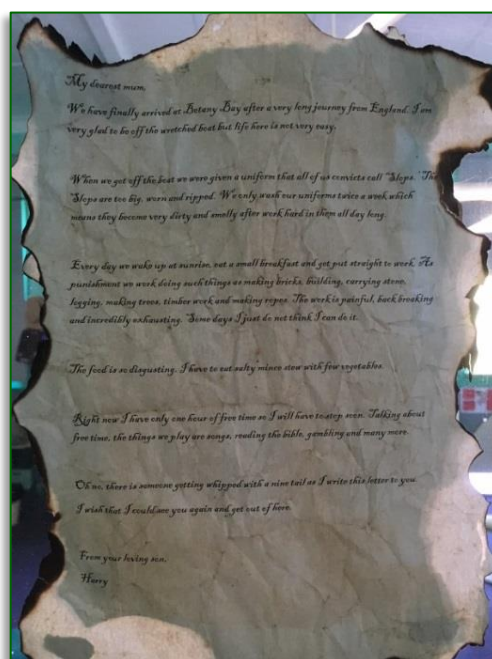
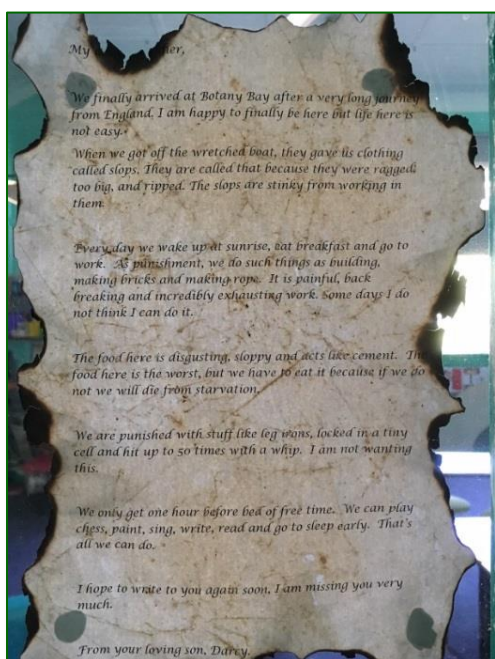
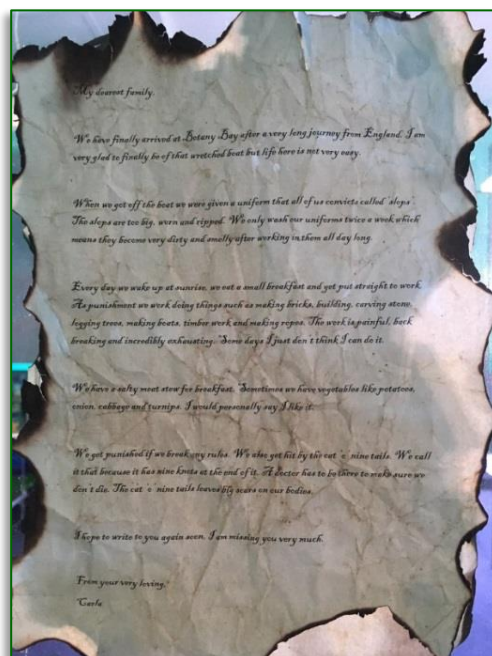
Please feel free to check out some pictures of what we have been up to this term:

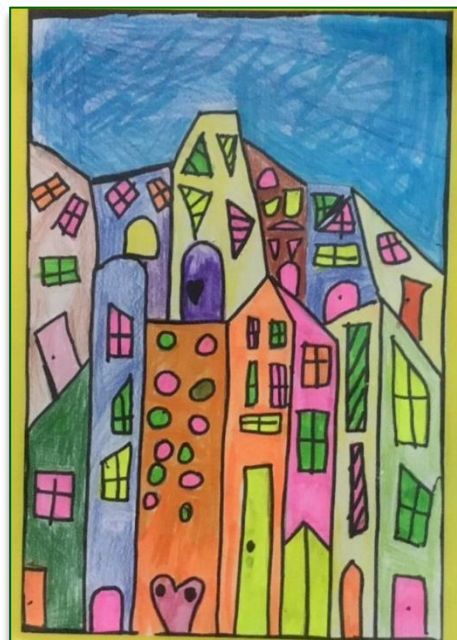




Class 4J

Our project 'Back to the Future' has allowed us to explore many different concepts in 4J. We have delved into Australian history, changes in communities over time, environmental and sustainability issues, technological advances and how we can help to repair and improve our environment in the future. What we love most is being able to conduct our explorations in a variety of ways. We have used iPads with Mrs Anderson to learn new ways of presenting information, created amazing artworks to represent our learning about the environment, built rollercoasters to test scientific and technological ideas, written diaries from the perspective of convicts arriving in Australia, published brochures to shed light on the plight of a treasured Australian landmark and so much more! Needless to say, we have been a very busy class recently! Miss Johns has enjoyed every single moment of her time jumping into our project work this term (as well as all of our projects this year) and is sad to be missing the next project in term 4...we wonder what it will be?! But we very warmly welcome Miss Manolis to 4J in term 4 to continue creating amazing pieces of work and memories with us. Check out some of the work from 4J this term...





Class 6H

This term we started with the Old Sydney Town crew putting on a great show for Stage Three. We also had our last ever Book Week Parade.

In Week 6, we started *Interest Groups*, where students get to have a choice of different activities.

On Tuesday this week, all the students in year six had a *STEAM* day to get ready for high school. This term we also watched *A Fish Story* live performance. It was very funny and entertaining.

During Education Week, we had our parents come in and watch us do our work. Our very talented aerobics girls went to Nationals this term and did very well. We also had a Crazy Hair and Sock Day to support Aubrey B at diving. Our students have also been involved in lots of school sport and art programs.

By Connor S



Premier's Reading Challenge



We have come to the end of another Reading Challenge – this has been the school's 15th year of participating in the Challenge, and our efforts for 2018 are higher than for 2017, which is a wonderful result. We have 283 completed entries,

which is significantly higher than last year. Congratulations to all the students who have completed the Challenge this year, and especially to those students who will be presented with the Gold or Platinum level certificates later this year.

Since the last newsletter, several students had a "last minute" dash to complete their entries – 5M led the way in this, with a huge increase in their completed entries. So, congratulations 5M students: Hunter C, Riley C, Matilda D, Ruby G, Jayden G, Sebastian G, Mia H, Sophie J, Chris M, Blake S, Hannah S, Jessica T, and Blaize W. In other classes, congratulations to: Ethan S 5G and Alex B 5/6P.

Jackie French Visit



Only a few days to go until we have the pleasure of meeting the one and only Jackie French. Everyone here at school is excited to have Jackie visit the school and spend some time talking with our students. Many classes have already spent some Library session time learning about Jackie's background and writing career – even taking time to watch some footage of Jackie's wombat friends who are really cute. Jackie is passionate about Australia and its history, books and reading, and of course, wombats – she is a board member of the Wombat Foundation, and with this in mind, we would like to contribute to the work of the Foundation as a way of showing our appreciation for Jackie's visit next week. On Thursday, students are asked to bring a gold coin donation for the Wombat Foundation. This lets us share in one of Jackie's passions, as well as allowing us to help continue the work of saving one of our native Aussie animals.

Library Loans – Time to Return Those Overdue Books!

As the end of term approaches, Mrs Morris will be sending out overdue library book notices for any books that were due for return by the end of August. The notices are sent out to confirm that the books listed for a student have been returned or lost. Often, students say that their books have been returned but books can sometimes be missed at the circulation desk and they are not scanned back into the library correctly, or the books are actually lurking in the classroom – the overdue notices simply confirm that any borrowed item is no longer in the student's possession, and therefore, Mrs Morris needs to continue searching for the books in question. With the return of the overdue notice, Mrs Morris can remove the book from a student's name and it is listed in the library catalogue as a missing item. Invariably, with the passing of time, the "missing" book reappears in a class bulk loan and is returned to the Library shelves.

Touch Footy

The PSSA boy's senior touch lost against an exceptional team from Valentine. They played really well and were unlucky to go down.

Rugby League

Nulkaba went to the Goannas and Bulldogs Cup and the boys made it into the grand final against St Patrick's School. They made it to golden point and scored. Nine of the 14 boys played the next round - lost two and won two, but did not make it to the final.

The Junior Rugby League team won all of their games, but since it was just a fun day they did not play any finals, but we are all proud of their achievements.



Rugby Union

Mr Nugent took 17 under 10's girls and boys to a Rugby Union Gala Day at Hunter Valley Grammar. The kids had a win and two losses but score were extremely close. The students demonstrated great sportsmanship and it was great to have so many parents supporting this day.



Netball Gala Day

On Friday, 31 August 2018, Nulkaba Public School had a netball gala day. We had 11 teams go to the gala day from Years 3-6, 61 teams were in the whole competition. Loads of kids joined in and had some fun. It was held at the Cessnock netball courts. Our teams came home with two gold and three silver trophies. We had some students from Hunter Valley Grammar School come down and referee us. Near the end of the game, it started to rain, but that did not stop us from playing.



Good for Kids good for life

TIPS FOR PACKING A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX

Packing a healthy lunchbox doesn't have to be hard or time consuming. Use these helpful tips to pack a lunchbox your kids will love.

- Include a piece of fruit or chop up a variety of fruits and place in a container
- Provide some easy to eat vegies such as snow peas or cherry tomatoes for a snack
- Include some reduced fat dairy like yoghurt or cheese
- Use wholegrains like wholemeal bread, brown rice and wholemeal pasta for long lasting energy
- Include lean meat and alternatives such as chicken, tuna and eggs and salad vegetables as sandwich fillers
- And don't forget that water is the best drink!



The simplest way

...to swap unhealthy snacks.

Visit the Healthy Swaps section of our new Healthy Lunch Box website for tips and recipe inspiration on swapping out unhealthy launch box snacks - healthylunchbox.com.au/recipes/healthy-swaps

Try swapping store bought muesli bars with homemade chewy fruit and seed bars, fruit loaf or banana pikelets.



Swap lollies and chocolate bars with dried fruit, bliss balls, celery boats with sultanas or reduced fat custard tubs.

Swap out sweet and flavoured biscuits with homemade vegie or fruit muffins or biscuits, wholemeal crackers with hummus or baked pita bread with vegie dip.

Visit healthylunchbox.com.au for recipes & information you can trust.

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This image is an example of a future-focused learning space we are building for students across NSW.

Nulkaba Public School

Construction notification

September 2018

Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is spending \$6 billion over four years to deliver more than 170 new and upgraded schools. This includes an additional \$160 million in 2018/19 as part of the record \$747 million maintenance investment announced last year. This is the biggest investment in public school infrastructure in the history of NSW.

Nulkaba Public School project

A project is underway to upgrade Nulkaba Public School. The project will provide 14 new future-focused learning spaces, an upgrade of administration spaces, staff amenities and facilities, and student amenities.

Project summary

Planning approval has been received and the contract for construction awarded to Hansen Yuncken.

Keeping you updated

Regular updates will be provided to the school and local community. An information booth is being held at the location below to answer any questions about construction at the school.

Date: Thursday, 27 September 2018,
2.30pm-3.30pm

Venue: Nulkaba Public School

Site establishment is under way

Site establishment prepares the construction area so that construction works can begin. Site signage and fencing has been installed around the work area and the contractor Hansen Yuncken is currently clearing the site.

Following site establishment, construction will start with earthworks including bulk excavation.

Site establishment and construction will take place from 7am to 5pm Monday to Saturday. No work will take place on Sundays or public holidays.

We are here to make sure that work is completed safely and efficiently and we will minimise impacts at every opportunity.

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