



NULKABA NEWS

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Issue 128: 2018 Term 3 Week 6

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful few weeks between our newsletters with so much to highlight. There is a lot for our students to feel proud of and lots going on around the school that is exciting.

Book Week – What a Success

This year our Book Week Parade was supported with a range of activities throughout the day and then the work of Mrs Morris and the Library Assistants in the afternoon. It was wonderful for the students to gain a better understanding of the theme this year and that seemed to have a flow-on effect throughout the day. The activities in classrooms were fun and engaging. Then there were the costumes! The imagination of some of our students and families is really amazing and the creativity was fabulous. Well done to all involved and a special congratulations to the Library Assistants who did a fantastic job running the parade under the guidance of Mrs Morris. It was a wonderful day.



Nationals Aerobics

After three solid terms of lunchtime practices and a range of events, we had the Aerobics team travel to the Gold Coast to compete in the Nationals Aerobics Competition. We had an array of representatives with a team, a pair and some individual representatives. All of the girls did an amazing job and all are to be commended on their commitment and fantastic attitude throughout the year. Thank you to Mrs Foster, Mrs Cousins and Miss Halverson who have given up lunchtimes, afternoons and weekends to support the girls, as have their families. It was fantastic to see the girls surrounded by their support crew. It is our wonderful school community that enable these opportunities and we really see the benefits of this in the students. Well done to all involved.

Farmers Disco

Friday was an extremely successful day and a fundraiser close to many of our families' hearts. We like to have one of the school discos through the day during these colder months and what a great way to support those who are struggling in our very own community. Mrs Schilder has registered with the 'Buy a Bail' and students came along ready to enjoy the afternoon. With donations and money raised from the sausage sizzle and drinks, we raised just over \$1000. This is a wonderful amount of money and a credit to our families. Mrs Schilder will now look at whether we purchase hampers for the farmers or food for the stock with the money raised. When completed this information will be passed on to the students so that they understand where their donations are going and how they are helping those in need.

Let's Save Our Grass

Our poor back oval has seen better days. The lack of rain and the impact of construction and broken sprinkler lines has led to a dusty dry area. The oval has become so hard that it is causing injuries for the students. It is time that action is

taken. As you have been informed, we are closing the back oval until the start of next term. This will allow Mr Blake and I to work on improving the water issues that we have and to rescue the grass. I have been speaking with Mr Wills our P&C president who is also concerned about the oval. The P&C will assist with fertiliser and seed once we get some reliable water happening. We have been trialling our new structure this week and are working hard with the students to make it successful. I really hope that this will help us to have a better area for the students to enjoy in the near future.

Construction Has Started

As you would've noticed we have officially become a construction site. Fencing went up last Friday and trees were removed last weekend. It really does feel like it is 'all happening.' The Site Manager and Project Manager have been in regular contact and are keen to work with the school to ensure things happen in an effective way. Each week I will meet with them and have an insight on what is happening next. They are currently preparing the area and next week they will be removing the Learning Centre. They are also constructing a new path from O'Connors Road to the office. This will provide a some space between the work site and the students. Parking is going to be an ongoing problem and I urge you to be patient. If you are a few minutes late because you have not found a park please do not stress. We need to work together at this exciting time.



Kullaburra Awards

On Wednesday afternoon, I was fortunate enough to attend the Kullaburra Awards at St Phillips. We had four students who were recognised during the ceremony. Congratulations to Peyton, Lucia, Amelia and Tameika on your awards. Thank you to Mrs Petrysen and our supportive families, who came along to support our students.



Father's Day Breakfast

What an amazing morning we had for our annual 'Father's Day Breakfast'. Though chilly, it was a fantastic morning for a sausage sandwich and a coffee. Was beautiful to see dads, grandads and children enjoying the time together at this special time. Happy Father's Day to all of our wonderful dads and special carers in our school community. We hope you all have a wonderful day on Sunday with your family and loved ones.



Regional Athletics

Friday is a jam-packed day with lots happening. We have around twenty students who have been successful in gaining a place in the Cessnock Zone Regional Team. I look forward to reporting on this in the next newsletter. Congratulations to all of these students, we are very proud of this achievement and wish you well on Friday.

University Tests and Certificates

This term we have had many University Tests that have followed on from those completed last term. We are beginning to receive results and students certificates. These will be presented at the Special Assembly that will take place in Week 9. Students are to be commended on their efforts. It has been great to see some students pushing themselves outside of their comfort zone and giving them a go.

Information Booth on Monday

On Monday, 3 September 2018 there will be an Information Booth at the school that is an opportunity for our families to access information about the construction of the new classrooms. The information booth will be happening from 2.30 – 3.30pm under the Cola. I would encourage our families to come along and have a look at plans and some of the more current information as it is all finally happening.

Sporting Support Clarification

Our school has a range of sports that have experienced wonderful success. We have students who have been selected in sporting teams to represent the Zone, Region and even State. These students have been selected through a process of trial in competition and are selected against students across the different areas. These sports are supported through the Department of Education and our school recognises these students through support from the P&C and on a special day at school to assist with raffle tickets that are organised through the PSSA. Although not a PSSA sport, we have the success of our wonderful Aerobics teams. These students are selected within the school and as a school, we support the students by covering the cost of teacher time and competition entry. I hope that this will clarify any confusion.



The School Ball

Finally a reminder about our annual School Ball. The Ball is on Saturday, 8 September 2018 and is always a wonderful event. It is a time for our school community to come together, enjoy a wonderful meal, have some fun dancing or in the casino and raise funds for our wonderful school. For our Kindergarten families we would love you to come along and see what it is all about and we hope that all of our Year 6 families have purchased tickets for this event. I look forward to seeing many of you on the night.

**Nulkaba School
Ball Presents...**

**6.30pm
Saturday 8th
Sept 2018**
Tickets: \$75
Dress: Cocktail

**Viva
LAS VEGAS!**
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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.

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Nulkaba P&C Association

At the August P&C meeting, the Committee voted to release sufficient funds for the completion of the following project:

- \$2000 to support the Year 2 Swim Program for 2018

Anyone with objections should address them in writing to Mr Gary Wills, P&C President.

Coming Events - 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	3 Sep	4 Sep	5 Sep	6 Sep	7 Sep
Week 7	Rugby League Gala Day		9:30a Mt View Enrichment Class Testing; Digby Rayward Rugby Union Competition	Spelling Bee Regional Final	Issue 6 Book Club Orders Due; Sat 8 Sep: School Ball
	10 Sep	11 Sep	12 Sep	13 Sep	14 Sep
Week 8	Final Calvary Visit	Year 6 STEM Fun Day at Mount View; Regional Public Speaking			9:30a Kinder Orientation
	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
	24 Sep	25 Sep	26 Sep	27 Sep	28 Sep
Week 10					Footy Finals Day (SRC); 9:30a Kinder Orientation

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
	3 Sep	4 Sep	5 Sep	6 Sep	7 Sep
Week 7	Leanne Robinson Lorraine Williams	Stephine Clark Renae Procter	Bianca Bartlett Kristy Maguire	Help Needed	Michelle Wills Help Needed
	10 Sep	11 Sep	12 Sep	13 Sep	14 Sep
Week 8	Leanne Robinson Lorraine Williams	Patricia Twentyman Help Needed	Sally Hare Melaney Knight	Help Needed	Kathryn MacDonald Melissa McLellan
	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
	24 Sep	25 Sep	26 Sep	27 Sep	28 Sep
Week 10	Kristy Maguire Alex McGregor	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**

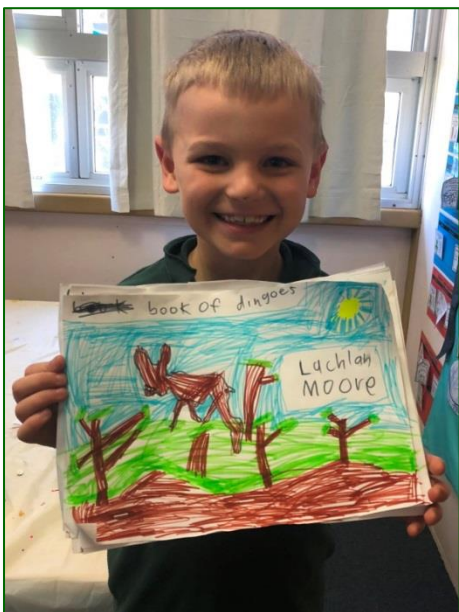
Class 1W

Wow! What a busy Term 3 it has been so far in 1W. We have had so many exciting things happening inside and outside of the classroom.

We created our very own projects in class of Australian animals and landmarks. We also enjoyed wearing crazy hair and socks to school. By far our favourite thing this term has been Book Week. We all wore fabulous costumes and participated in exciting activities on the day.

We are looking forward to enjoying the rest of Term 3!

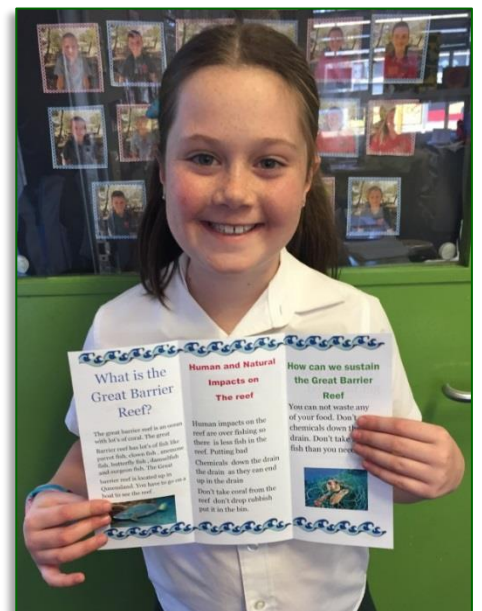
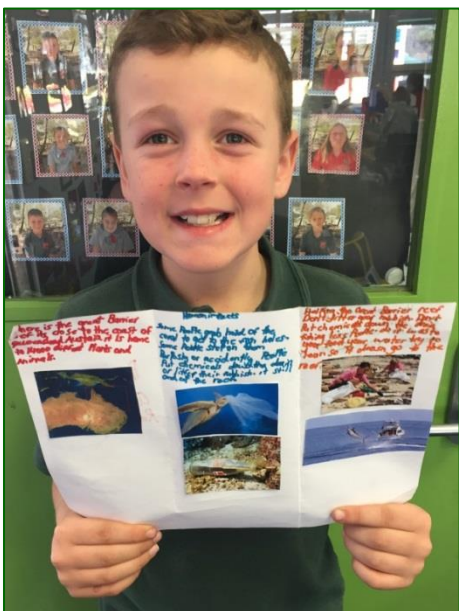
Thankyou,
Miss Woodbury and 1W





Class 3-4S

This term in 3/4S, we have had so many great learning experiences and have been involved in lots of fun activities. In Project Learning, we have been learning about the history of Australia since European settlement and how our environment is being impacted by our carbon footprint. With a focus on The Great Barrier Reef, we have developed brochures to encourage the protection and sustainability of this important ecosystem for future generations.



This term we have been lucky to have Ms Manolis join us for Math Groups every Monday and Tuesday. In the first few weeks we were focusing on developing our addition and subtraction skills. It has been wonderful to have the support of Ms Manolis, as this allows 3/4S to work in smaller groups with close teacher guidance.

We were also fortunate to have Mr March in the first few weeks join our class to assist with Guided Writing. I am so amazed with the work the children have been producing in these sessions as they begin to use sophisticated descriptive language in their writing. Take a look at some passages from our writing. We visited KE last week so that we could read them one of our published stories.



Amanda was too sleepy to stay up. Her eyes snapped shut but flicked open when she heard voices murmuring in the living room. Her cat Belle, purred on the end of her bed. Amanda crept out of bed and Belle followed. She decided to investigate. Who was in the living room?

Ava C

Jackie anxiously gazed around the room. Shadows danced on the walls. She saw the lights flickering in the room; it was as dark as midnight. The sky was a dark blanket. Jackie got out of bed. Slowly, slowly to the door she crept. She peeked through a crack in the door. She saw shadows coming closer, closer. She gingerly stepped out into the corridor. The light was off. The shadow got bigger.

Evie G

Benji gazes around the dark shadows were dancing and then he sees something out of the corner of his eyes. The room was as dark as the colour black. He was laying in bed and he can hear bang clang. The fridge fell over and then someone talking in the background saying "Help."

Kane P

Cooper anxiously lowered himself out of the bed then tiptoed to the door and peeked through the lock. It was all clear. The door creaked slowly open then...

He slowly shuffled into the hallway. The shadows were dancing on the wall.

Bailey P



Education week was a wonderful day as we opened our classroom to our family and friends. We enjoyed examining the impact of oil pollution on our oceans through a fun experiment. All of 3/4S looked amazing in their book week costumes last week and they enjoyed the pirate drawing and treasure hunt activities throughout the day.

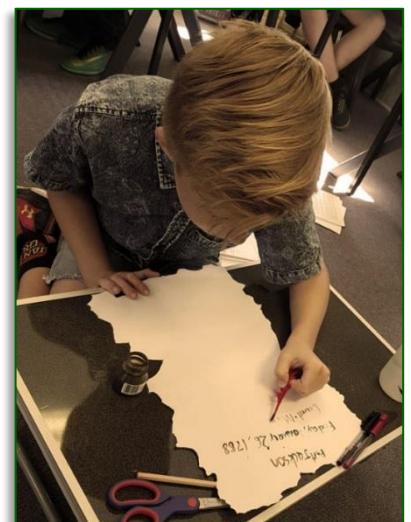
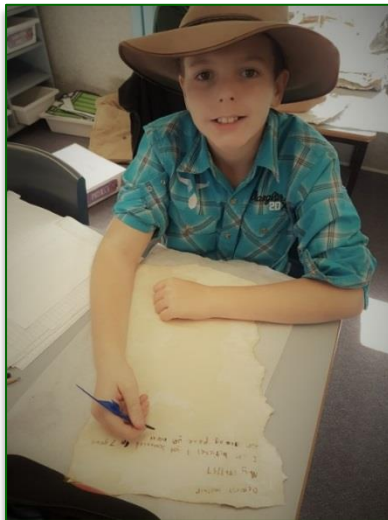
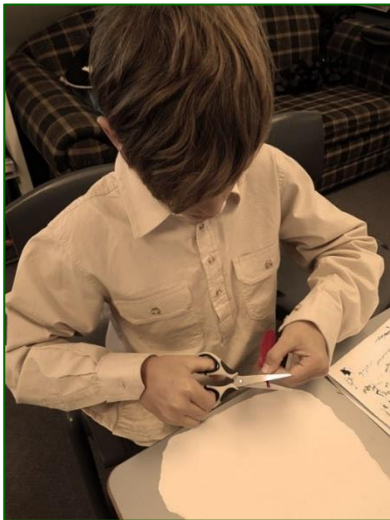


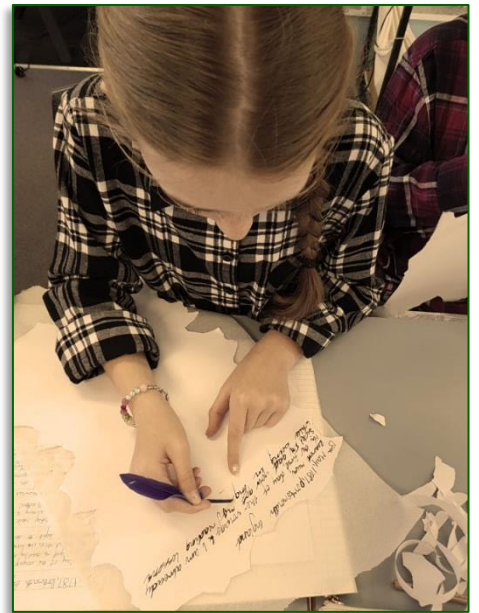
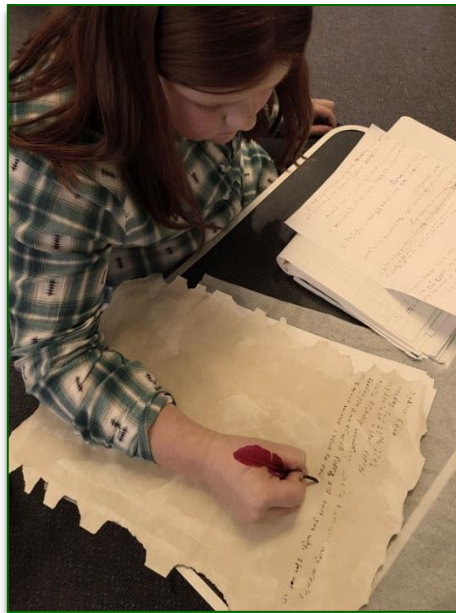
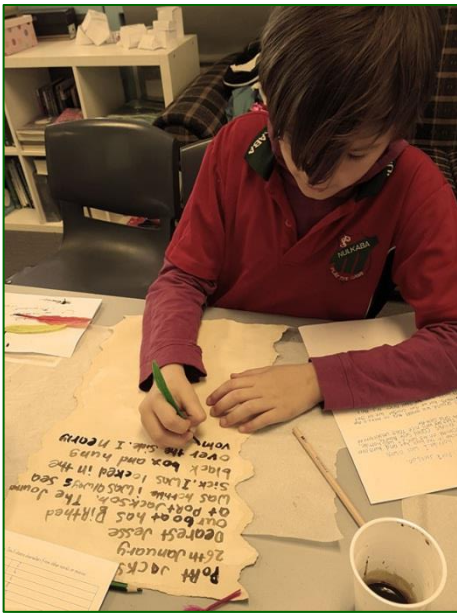
We still have lots to look forward to this term. We would like to thank our wonderful parent helpers who change our RATS and help out in the classroom



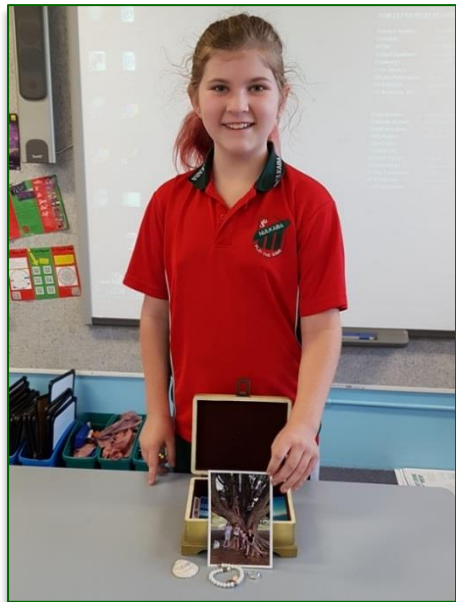
Class 5G

5G have stepped back in time to the late 18th century and early 19th century. Imagining they have committed a crime in England and have been sentenced to a period of time in New South Wales, each student created a 'love token' from clay to leave behind with a loved one in England. They have also been writing letters home from aboard the ship they were travelling on and from the new colony in New South Wales. The students created old style paper with coffee and carved their own quill pen out of a feather. They are using their quill pen and the ink from an ink well to write their letters.





As part of a homework project, the students had to imagine they were migrating to another country and leaving their life here and now behind. They were given the task of creating a 'chocolate box' – a box of memories to take with them to remind them of their current life. A lot of effort was put into this project and the presentations were quite emotional for some students.



Book Club – Issue 6

The latest Book Club brochure was distributed to classes earlier this week. This issue has new stories in some favourite series available – we have a new story in the Pig the Pug series and the newest story in the Weirdo series for example, as well as many other terrific items on offer. Orders and payments need to be in by Friday, 7 September 2018 or place your order via Scholastic's LOOP format.

Premier's Reading Challenge

With the distribution of this newsletter, the 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge will have closed for students. We have had several more students complete the Challenge since the last newsletter, with some 269 students now completed. This includes all of 3/4S and 4Z – who are the only two primary classes so far to have a full class finished – great work! Congratulations to – Chelsea B 3/4S, Phoebe A 3/4S, Ruby L 3/4S, Sonny A 3/4S, Bryyce R 4Z, Dacoda M 4Z, Declan A 4Z, Eliza H 4Z, Kayley H-P 4Z, Lara J 4Z, Matilda W 4Z, Millie B 4Z, Preston M 4Z, Sonny O 4Z, Tom C 4Z, Zane B 4Z, Charlotte A 5M, Mattilda C 5M, Sunny K 5M, Ava L 5M, Chris T 5M, Phoebe P 5/6P, Tayah K 5/6P, Charlotte C 5/6P, Jasmine K 5/6P, Zahlee C 5/6P and Sophie M 6H.

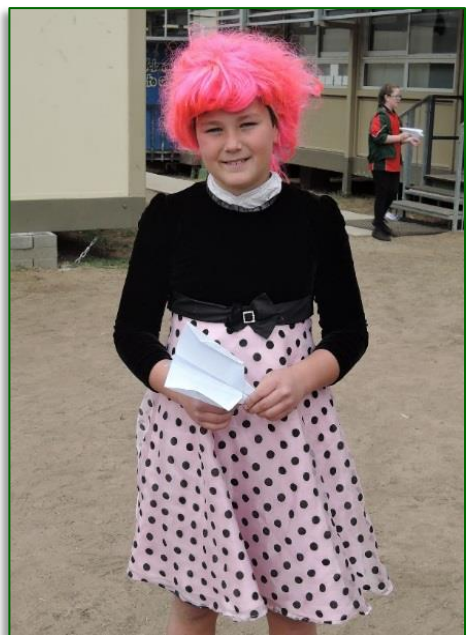
All students who have undertaken this year's Challenge should be proud of their commitment to reading and to continuing their individual record. Many of our completed students will receive the Gold Level Certificates at the end of Term 4, as well as some of our Year 6 students who will receive the Platinum Level Certificate – which is a real achievement.

For any student who was unable to complete their online entry in time, Mrs Morris can still assist – as our main Challenge co-ordinator, Mrs Morris has until Friday, 7 September 2018 to ensure that all entries are complete and validated. So any student needing to finalise their entry needs to see Mrs Morris ASAP next week.

2018 Book Week – Find Your Treasure!

WOW! We certainly found our treasure last week during our Book Week activities. The day started with the whole school sharing the story of The Greatest Treasure of Charlemagne the King – a retelling of how, centuries ago, King Charlemagne discovered the treasure of reading and books, resulting in the creation of a magnificent library. This then led to classes undertaking a variety of activities related to the Book Week theme. We had classes creating pirate ships, pirate hats, pirate wanted posters, swords and treasure chests. Then there were activities with the use of clay to create treasure items, outdoor pirate activities and even a treasure hunt that had students heading around the school looking for clues. Mrs Morris was able to travel around the school to snap photos of many of the activities and met many students having a fabulous time.



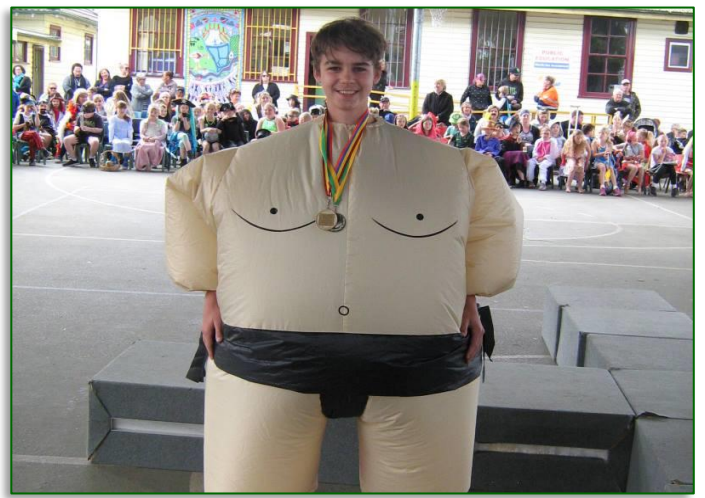


After a yummy sausage sizzle lunch, our Book Week Parade kicked off and this was a wonderful event in itself. The range of costumes, both in the variety and creativity was just amazing. Many comments were made after the parade saying that this year's parade was one of the best we have ever had. Students themselves loved all the costumes and seeing so many of our staff members joining in as well. Possibly the hit of the afternoon was the children from Nulkaba Pre-School, who looked just wonderful as The Very Hungry Caterpillar. This was a brilliant idea for a group costume and we cannot wait to see what will happen next year!

Mrs Morris and Mrs Rutherford, amongst many parents and friends, captured much of the parade in photos, and several of the photos have been included in this newsletter. It was quite difficult to pick out just a few photos to use for the newsletter as they all showed so many great outfits and lots and lots of happy faces. Mrs Morris is planning to put as many photos as possible on display on the library windows, so that everyone can take a look.

We absolutely have to say a HUGE THANK YOU to all our wonderful Mums, Dads, Grandparents and anyone who helped out with costumes for the day. Your creativity is amazing! Thank you all so much for supporting our parade – we all had a great day.





Lastly, mention should be made of our competition winners – Mrs Morris organised some Book Week themed competitions. There were some gorgeous colouring competition entries and many students had great fun searching out the hidden pictures in the library as well as trying to guess how many piratey things were in the pirate bucket (2155 items actually!). Prizes went to Kiara H, Rebecca B, Imogen F, Cooper S, Sienna E, Hannah H, Lachlan S, Ayaan G, Tahlia W, Kobi M, Jordan C, Paige B, Ella-Rose O, and Hal M. See you all again in 2019!

Jackie French Visit

Only a few more weeks until we have the privilege of meeting Jackie French when she visits NPS. As mentioned in previous newsletters, this wonderful opportunity to meet Jackie has come about thanks to the work of Cessnock City Library. Pre-orders for signed copies of Jackie's books have now closed, and ordered titles will be delivered on the day of Jackie's visit. As Jackie's visit is a morning one, we are sure that many parents are wondering if they are able to be part of the audience – it would be wonderful for any interested parents to be a part of this very special event, so we are sure that Jackie will have a captivated audience of students, teachers and interested parents! What an exciting time it will be!

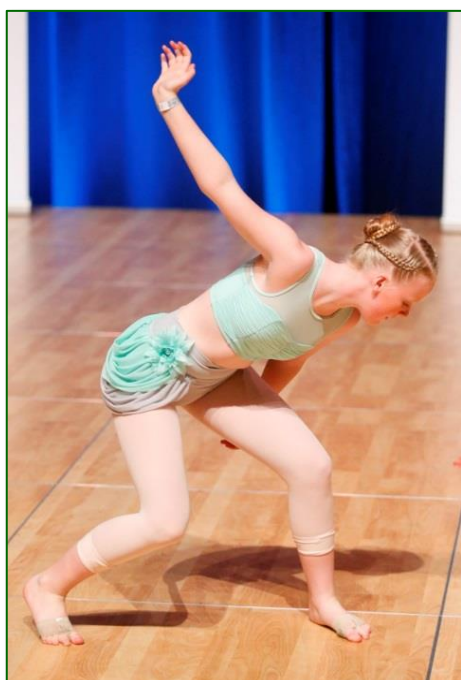
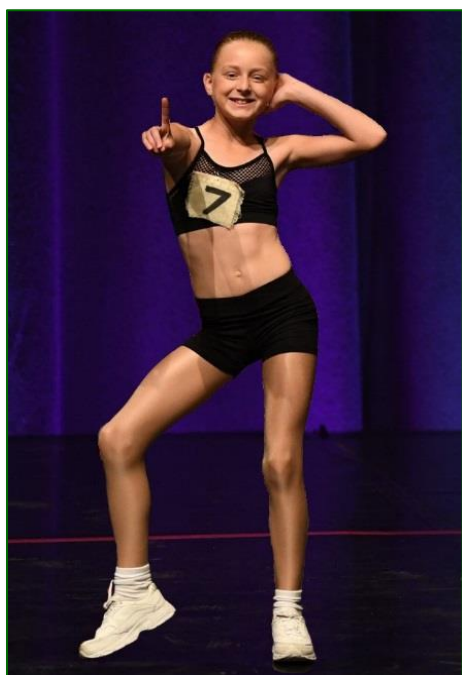
Aerobics and Dance Nationals

Last weekend our Aerobics team 'Wild Kids' and our pairs 'Perfect Pair' along with Maddison A and Sophie M travelled to the Gold Coast to compete in the Aerobics and Dance Nationals. All girls were outstanding and we achieved the following results;

Aerobics Auditions: Tahni B 2nd and Jasmine K 4th

Wild Kids (Demi H, Ava C, Kate C, Charli F, Peyton H and Laura B)– 4th

Perfect Pairs: (Tahni B and Jasmine K) – 3rd





Good for Kids good for life

EAT A RAINBOW

Fruit and vegetables come in all the colours of the rainbow! But did you know that each colour provides different nutrients so why not pack a different colour for each day of the week?

- Red:** Red capsicum sticks, cherry tomatoes, strawberries, red grapes
- Orange/Yellow:** Carrot sticks, yellow capsicum sticks, oranges, mandarins, pineapple
- Green:** Cucumber sticks, celery sticks, snow peas, green beans, kiwi fruit
- Purple/Blue:** Red cabbage in salads, plums, blueberries
- Brown/White:** Mushrooms, cauliflower rice, banana



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Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to make rainbow and chickpea salad.

Ingredients

- 4 tbsp of reduced-fat Greek yoghurt
- 1 tbsp honey
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- ¼ tsp ground cumin
- Freshly cracked pepper to taste
- 1 400g can chickpeas, drained & rinsed
- 1 large beetroot, peeled & grated
- 2 large carrots, peeled & grated
- ½ small green or red cabbage, finely sliced
- 1 bunch kale washed, stem removed & leaves torn



Method

In a small bowl whisk yoghurt, honey, lemon juice, cumin and a pinch of salt. Add pepper to taste.
In a large salad bowl toss all the chickpeas and vegetables together. Drizzle with the yoghurt dressing.

Tip: This is the perfect accompaniment to a grilled lamb or chicken kebab marinated with lemon and garlic. Try wrapping everything in a wrap with a little hummus and crumbled feta.

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