



NULKABA NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Out and About with Mrs Zoneff

Welcome to the first newsletter for Term 4. It has been an insanely fast year and Term 4 is traditionally the term when there is so much happening and already this term is keeping with that tradition. For the next couple of weeks Mrs Hunt is overseas meeting her brand new grandson and has left me in charge to keep things travelling. So for my newsletter I thought I would take you on a bit of an adventure looking at all that is happening at Nulkaba Public School...

Futsal Success

Firstly we jump back into the school holidays where three of our students travelled to Brisbane to participate in the National Futsal Competition with all three students representing NSW. We had Braiden who played in both under 8s and 9s, Charlotte and Helena in the under 12s team. All students also had the familiar face of Mr Melmeth along on the trip as he was also coaching the girls as well as another team. Congratulations to all of the students on this achievement and to the families for supporting such a wonderful experience. Congratulations also must go to Braiden and Helena who have been selected in the National teams for their respective ages. Braiden will be travelling to Spain in 2020 and Helena to America. Great job!



State Title

Our very own Zane in Year 5 was successful at his State titles during the holidays in BMX riding. Zane competed at his home track in Maitland and was successfully named as the Number One NSW rider in 10 years boys. Well done Zane! (And thank you Seth for the information!)

Project Launch and First Day

What a buzz of excitement there was throughout the school on the first day of term. Kindergarten were introduced to a range of customs for Aboriginal people, looking at language and traditional dancing to introduce their topic. Kinder will also be going on a very special excursion later in the term. Nothing like a mystery excursion to get those minds racing. Stage 1 had a fantastic day at Murrook Cultural Centre, looking at artefacts, sand dunes and went on a bush tucker walk. Students in stage one will be learning all about Indigenous Australia and the customs and practices of Aboriginal people. Stage 2 had a range of activities that all had a common theme of fun. Students were creative and completed some STEM challenges, played garden games and then did some construction work with junk. Students will be learning about fun throughout history and also looking at a specific country's customs and activities that they engage in for fun. Stage 3 came dressed as a significant Australian from throughout history and it was amazing to see the people who rolled in. We had Cathy Freeman, Kylie Minogue, Steve Irwin, Nicole Kidman, Don Bradman, Fred Hollows and a range of European explorers. Students then engaged in some exciting and challenging trivia for a fun filled day.

Continued Works

As many of you would have noticed, there continues to be lots of improvements happening throughout the school. A-Block is having the roof replaced and during the holidays they had some problems which extended their time. The roof is almost complete so 3/4B and 4Z will return to their usual classrooms soon.

P&C Meeting

Last week we had the first P&C meeting for the term. It was exciting to hear of the success of the school ball and the amount of items that had been collected. Each year we have been left with auction items and prizes that have not been collected. Please remember that you are able to collect balloon pop and teacher card prizes on Mondays and Thursdays when the uniform shop is open. Also discussed at the meeting was the success of the Canteen to be recognised as a healthy canteen in preparation for 2020. There were only small adjustments made to the menu and those have been sent home. Well done to Bec and all involved. Our canteen is still in need of volunteers, so if you are able to assist please call in and see Bec to see how you can get involved.

Our Flash Library

On Monday morning it was so exciting to take a walk through the newly refurbished library. What a fantastic space for our students. Mrs Morris has worked extremely hard to get the space functional and user friendly. Please look on to see the impressive photos and don't be scared to pop into the library and take a look. We must thank you the school community for supporting this development through P&C funds. The library is a space that every student spends time in and the improvements will be enjoyed for many years to come.

Grandparents Day

Our annual Grandparent's Day is just around the corner. Notes have gone home alerting you that Grandparent's Day will be held on Wednesday, 30 October 2019 with grandparents invited to enjoy some morning tea with students and the opportunity to peruse our annual Book Fair. We can't wait to see our grandparents on the day.



NDIS

Some of our families utilise the supports provided through NDIS. NDIS are running two afternoon sessions for families regarding this process. They will be held at East Cessnock Bowling Club on Tuesday, 5 and Tuesday, 12 November 2019 at 5:15pm. There are some pamphlets with all information in the front office if you require any further information.

Social Media

Technology and Social Media is becoming a more prominent topic of discussion for students within our school. Educating students about technology and working with students around building knowledge of cyber safety is a focus for our school. It is important however that parents are active in following up incidents that occur outside of school. We will support students and families and if incidents impact on students time at school. We encourage families to seek advice if unsure but the school Welfare Policy does not cover outside of school incidents. Michael Steele (Police Youth Liaison Officer) will be talking to students on Wednesday, 20 November 2019 all about cyber safety.

Kinder Expo

Last Thursday we held our annual Kinder Expo. It was lovely to see so many families engaging in this day. It was nice to show new and some existing families through the school and it was also fantastic to have some constructive feedback on ways that we could make this event even more successful. Welcome to all of the families. We look forward to working with you in 2020 and beyond.

Day for Daniel

On Friday we had 'Day for Daniel'. This is an important day to be recognised and one that all students get behind. Classroom teachers talked through lessons that look at safety. It was great seeing the 'sea of red' on Friday.

Jaclyn Zoneff
Relieving Principal
Nulkaba Public School



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Attendance Messaging

From next Monday, parents will receive a text message advising that your child is absent from school. You will only receive this message if your child is absent and you have not advised the school. You can reply to the message with a reason for your child's absence or you can call the school after receiving the message and the details will be recorded in the school attendance system. For all attendances not reported, they will be recorded as an unjustified absence in the system. Please be aware that these messages are sent from a Sentral message system and the number can vary on each message. We hope that this new procedure will assist parents with advising student absences.

Uniform Shop Hours

Monday: 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Thursday: 8:45am to 9:45am

Please come to the office if you would like to visit the uniform shop during these times.

Old Phones for School

Have you got an old iPhone or iPod that you no longer use? NPS are asking our school community for any donations of working iPhones or iPods. We are wanting to use them in literacy groups so that students can record themselves reading and then play it back to hear how smooth their reading is. We are also hoping to use them for listening posts which could free up some of the school iPads for other educational activities. We are happy to accept any model iPhones or iPads. If possible, could you please reset the device to factory settings before donating. All donations can be dropped off to the front office and if you have any questions please contact Mrs Hill or Mrs Anderson.

School Sport News

BMX Champion

Congratulations to Zane B from Year 5 who was recently named NSW Young Rider of the Year! During the NSW BMX Championships earlier this month, Zane won the 8-10 Cruiser boys title on the Saturday and backed this win up with the 10 boys on the Sunday. Incredible and well deserved achievements from such a determined, humble and hardworking student. Well done Zane!



The graphic features a large green apple with a white outline. Inside the apple, the text reads: "grillex. together outdoors.", "WIN \$10K", and "to bring students together outdoors". To the right of the apple, there are two photographs of school outdoor spaces. The top photo shows a paved area with some equipment, and the bottom photo shows a grassy area with yellow and green equipment. An orange arrow points from the top photo to the bottom photo. Below the apple, the text says: "Tell us which outdoor space at your school needs a makeover and you could win \$10K worth of Grillex products to make it happen!"

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Coming Events - 2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	28 Oct	29 Oct	30 Oct	31 Oct	1 Nov
Week 3	Book Fair Viewing Day 1; 1:15p Year 2 Swim School; 3:30p AECG Meeting	Book Fair Viewing Day 2; 1:15p Year 2 Swim School	Book Fair Sale Day; Connecting to Country; Grandparents Day; 12:30p Stage 2 Swimming; 1:15p Year 2 Swim School	Kindergarten Orientation; Connecting to Country; 1:15p Year 2 Swim School	Connecting to Country; 1:15p Year 2 Swim School
Week 4	4 Nov	5 Nov	6 Nov	7 Nov	8 Nov
	Interrelate - Year 6; 1:15p Year 2 Swim School	1:15p Year 2 Swim School; 4:00p Children's University Graduation	ASTI Student Cultural Camp; 12:30p Stage 2 Swimming; 1:15p Year 2 Swim School	ASTI Student Cultural Camp; 1:15p Year 2 Swim School; 2:10p Nearly at Nulkaba session; Disco	ASTI Student Cultural Camp; ES1 Project Excursion; 1:15p Year 2 Swim School
Week 5	11 Nov	12 Nov	13 Nov	14 Nov	15 Nov
	Stage 2 Camp; Interrelate - Year 6;	Stage 2 Camp; 8:45a Jump Start - Session 1 6:30p P&C Meeting	Stage 2 Camp; 12:30p Stage 2 Swimming;	Stage 3 Leadership Speeches – Girls; 2:10p Nearly at Nulkaba session	Stage 3 Leadership speeches - Boys
Week 6	18 Nov	19 Nov	20 Nov	21 Nov	22 Nov
	Interrelate - Year 6; 4:00p Academic Enrichment Class Info Afternoon Tea	8:45a Jump Start - Session 2	Michael Steel - Cyber Safety Talk; 12:30p Stage 2 Swimming;	2:10p Nearly at Nulkaba session	Kindergarten Local Excursion

For more information, please visit our website: <https://nulkaba-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/events.html>

Canteen Roster - 2019

Week 3 = Roster D

Week 4 = Roster A

Week 5 = Roster B

Week 6 = Roster C

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	28 Oct	29 Oct	30 Oct	31 Oct	1 Nov
Week 3	Lorraine Williams Help Needed	Help Needed	Bianca Bartlett Renae Procter	Closed - Help Needed to Reopen	Krishna Tysoe Help Needed
Week 4	4 Nov	5 Nov	6 Nov	7 Nov	8 Nov
	Sharon Bamforth Help Needed	Patricia Twentyman Help Needed	Sally Hare Alex Repacholi	Closed - Help Needed to Reopen	Jenny Bosden Jess Bosden
Week 5	11 Nov	12 Nov	13 Nov	14 Nov	15 Nov
	Helen Campbell Help Needed	Anna Duffie Leah O'Donnell	Danielle Codd Sally Hare	Closed - Help Needed to Reopen	Lynda Hirst Sue Hirst
Week 6	18 Nov	19 Nov	20 Nov	21 Nov	22 Nov
	Help Needed	Lisa Edwards Lyn Fallon	Megghan Findley Kathryn MacDonald	Closed - Help Needed to Reopen	Sophie Day Lauren Goodwin

If you can help to fill our current vacancies, please contact **Rebecca on 0435 011 319**

Stage 1

Stage 1 Project Launch – Murrook Cultural Centre

'What's Our Place? What's Our Heritage?' is our enquiry question this term. We launched our project on the first day of term by travelling to Murrook Cultural Centre at Williamstown. Our first activity was to explore the sand dunes. There were many excited and energetic students running up and down the sand dunes multiple times. Our guides took us to a particular spot in the sand dunes and the students learnt how to find and dig for fresh water, just like the indigenous Australians would have done in the past. After some time the students found water and surprisingly, to both staff and students, the water was fresh and we all quenched our thirst after our big walk.

The students walked further over the dunes and were questioned on how stone artefacts from Newcastle were found in Western Australia. We discovered that these artefacts may have been traded for food or tools.

In the afternoon we had an artefact talk and were able to touch boomerangs, shields, coolamon and hunting spears. We also wandered through the gardens and learnt about the many uses for lemon myrtle, paper bark trees and native bees. The Stage 1 teachers are all very proud of the student's behaviour and interest they showed throughout the day.

Our Project will see us learn about sacred sites, food, weapons and traditions of the Aboriginal people.





News from the Classroom (continued)

4Z are off and Rolling

4Z are fortunate to be the class that start each term for the newsletter. We have hit Term 4 with a bang and the students take every new experience with such a positive and enthusiastic attitude. On the first day we were kicked out of our room and sent upstairs. Now in the words of Maka the steps are hard work, it has been interesting overcoming this without our usual resources. The project launch was a heap of fun and the creativity that students are demonstrating is really quite exciting. While Mrs Zoneff is relieving for Mrs Hunt, they have been working with Miss Manolis continuing to look at 'Who has the most fun?' Mrs Anderson has spent some time with the students working with the Virtual Reality kit and they looked at computers throughout the ages and then created a tour of the school. (It is mind blowing what the students are able to achieve). There is a definite buzz starting as the notes are rolling home about camp, as that is only 3 weeks away. Loads of fun to be had and a term of adventure.





News from the Classroom (continued)

Class 5-6P

Another amazing start to a new project! This term our project is 'We come from a land down under'. Our launch involved all students (and teachers) dressing up as a significant Australian. We all showed off our costumes on the red carpet and then listened to Olympian Dan Repacholi in a Q&A with Miss Kermode. Our morning wrapped up with an Australian trivia quiz. Over the remainder of the day we looked at famous Australians and had a movie afternoon. We are all very excited about what we will learn this term.

Our project will involve looking at what makes someone significant, how we can be significant in our own lives, significant Australians and people from overseas, a of study of our States and Territories and Australian money and icons.



Term 4 is always extremely busy. Very soon Year 6 will start the 'Interrelate' program. Once again our wonderful P&C have offered to pay for all students to attend! All Year 6 students are asked to please make sure you return your note.

Leadership speeches for 2020 will also be held soon. We wish all nominees the best of luck. With our disco, Surf Day, Leader's Camp, Year 6 farewell and party day all yet to come, we are very busy.





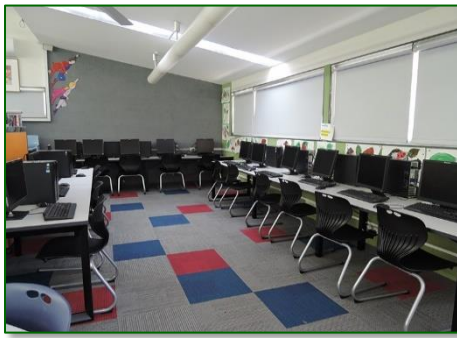
School Library News

Latest from the Library!

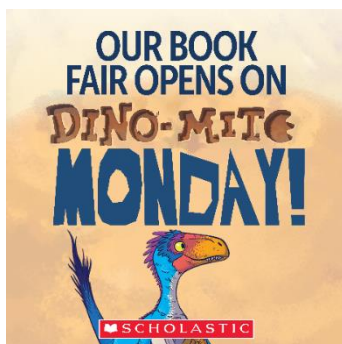
It has taken longer than we thought but the Library is ready for classes again! This week has seen classes be able to have their library sessions in the Library, with all our wonderful books back on our new shelves or stands. There have been so many comments by students, staff and other visitors to say that our Library deserves a huge 'thumbs up', and everyone is impressed with the new layout and colour scheme. Just take a look at the most recent photos and you will see what we mean. Parents and visitors are more than welcome to pop into the Library for a first-hand look.

Of course, if you have ever moved house, there are always things to be rearranged and tweaked to make a house become a home, and so it is with the Library – Mrs Morris has some rearranging to do, signs to put up and other decorative items to be put on display, so it will be a while yet before she can say that the Library refurbishment is completely finished – but in the meantime, the Library looks fabulous and can safely be used by students and staff. Again, many thanks to the hard-working members of the P & C, whose support and has made it all possible!





It's Our Annual Book Fair!



Join us at the Dino-Mite Book Fair next week. Have a browse on Monday and Tuesday, then check the piggy bank for Wednesday's Sale Day.

The Fair will be open for browsing before and after school in the hall, as well as at each break during the day. On Wednesday, the Fair will be open all day – a good opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping with the kids in tow! EFTPOS facilities will be available, or items can be purchased in cash. Brochures have already gone home and items shown can be ordered and prepaid

via the Scholastic website – details are included.

There are hundreds more items to see at the Fair so it is worth a visit to check them out – see you there!

Book Fair Wish List Prepayments



If your child brings home a Book Fair Wish List and you want to pay for these selections by credit card in advance, please:

1. Go to scholastic.com.au/payment
2. Click 'Book Fairs'
3. Enter amount and pay
4. Record receipt number on back of Wish List
5. Your child then takes this payment record back to school, chooses books at the Fair and takes receipt number to cashier as payment.

SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs



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NPS Canteen Volunteer Information 2020



Would you like to **help in the Canteen in 2020?**

You could be a canteen regular or just on casual days to sort and prepare orders and to serve students at recess and lunch. You will be working with other volunteers who are experienced in running the canteen and receive "on the job" training. **Your kids will love it** (just ask them)!

Regular volunteers are the backbone of our canteen but we also need casual volunteers to fill gaps when a volunteer can't make it. Please complete the attached form if you could help in 2020.

We have a part time paid Canteen Manager running the daily operations, Rebecca Andrews. Bec's job is to coordinate the roster, purchasing, keep track of stock, organise special canteen days, reconcile takings and general canteen administration, as well as helping with food preparation on busy days.

Canteen Roster for 2020

Our roster is currently being produced for the 2020 school year. Volunteers are rostered on (usually 2 volunteers per day) over 4 weeks and then it cycles again. If you want to be rostered on with friends, there is a space to nominate that on the attached form. With Friday being our busiest day of the week, we are in desperate need of volunteers who can help on a Friday!

Bec will send out a reminder text the week before you are rostered on. There will also be a reminder in the school newsletter.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR VOLUNTEER FORM TO BEC BY FRIDAY 1st NOVEMBER

(either in person at the canteen, via email to bec494@hotmail.com or take a photo of your completed form and text it to Bec on 0435 011 319).

Can't Make It

If you can't come in on your rostered day, please try and fill the vacancy yourself either by contacting a friend or swapping with someone else on the roster. If you are unable to find a replacement please let Bec know as early as possible so that she can try to find someone. Bec will send out a text to anyone she thinks might be able to help when a vacancy arises. If you can help out that day, let her know. Unfortunately without enough volunteers the canteen will have to close for the day.

What does volunteering in the Canteen involve?

- The hours are 9.15am to 1.15pm. Volunteers start when school goes in and we close after the second lunch bell (1PM), although the final clean up and counting the takings may take longer.
- Tea and instant coffee are supplied free and canteen volunteers are entitled to one free lunch item and one free drink. Please pay for any other purchases.
- Your kids will love the days that you are on canteen and everything seems "free" to them. Please run a tab to pay at the end of the day (and ask another volunteer to handle the payment).
- Unfortunately no children (babies, toddlers or school age) are permitted in the canteen due to health and safety requirements.

P&C membership

Anyone doing volunteer work at the school is encouraged to join the P&C so that you have insurance cover. Annual membership to the Nulkaba P&C is just \$1. Please see the school office to complete a P&C membership form. For more information please don't hesitate to contact us.

P&C Canteen Manager - Bec 0435011319 or bec494@hotmail.com

Nulkaba Public School Canteen Roster Dates 2020

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Volunteer Form Nulkaba School Canteen 2020



Volunteer Details

I would like to be a **CANTEEN REGULAR VOLUNTEER** once every 4 weeks on:

Possible Days: ☐ Mon ☐ Tue ☐ Wed ☐ Thu ☐ Fri

Preferred Week: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

If possible I'd like to be rostered on with: _____

AND / OR

I'd be happy to be contacted as a **CANTEEN CASUAL VOLUNTEER** on:

Possible Days: ☐ Mon ☐ Tue ☐ Wed ☐ Thu ☐ Fri

Name: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Student's Name: _____

Please return this form to NPS Canteen Manager Rebecca Andrews either:

- *in person at the canteen,*
- *via email to bec494@hotmail.com, or*
- *take a photo and message to Bec on 0435011319*

by FRIDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2019

Good for Kids good for life

CHOOSE WATER as a drink

Water is the best drink as it does not have any added sugar. Fruit juices, soft drink, sports drinks or cordials should not be given to your child everyday as they contain a lot of added sugar. Tap water is the best choice. In most areas, tap water contains fluoride, which helps children to develop strong teeth.



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SunSmart Snippet

The simplest way

...to use shade!

Shade is one of the easiest ways to protect yourself from the sun. Using shade can reduce your UV exposure by up to 75 per cent!

There are plenty of different types of shade including trees, tents and shade sails. All of these provide good protection from UV radiation.



Remember to lead by example!

Children learn from adults around them so make sure that you are seeking out shade when you go outside. Encourage children to think about where the shade is and move throughout the day to stay safe.

For total sun protection, make sure that you Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide whenever the UV is above 3.

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

