



NULKABA NEWS

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Issue 153: 2019 Term 4 Week 6

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Out and About with Mrs Zoneff

Week 6 has rolled around and it is time for Mrs Hunt to return from her Nanny adventures. It is amazing to reflect on all that has happened since she went away but we are looking forward to welcoming her back, and I am excited to return to 4Z. It has been another busy two weeks with lots happening so grab a cup of tea and enjoy this week's newsletter.

State Success

Two of our amazing students progressed through to the State competition in Athletics. Kobi from Year 2 and Ella from Year 5 both qualified in their events. Kobi is an amazingly fast 100 metre runner who broke records at our own carnival and then broke his personal record at Regionals to proceed through to State. He achieved wonderful success at State, also placing 15th (in the State). Congratulations Kobi! We cannot wait to see your running in 2020. Ella went to State as an experienced athlete as she has progressed through to State 3 years in a row. Ella qualified to compete in Shot put and Discus at the State Carnival. She placed 34th in Shot Put and 28th in Discus. A massive congratulations to Ella on this achievement and continued success. It is an unbelievable achievement to consistently perform at such a high level.



Bush Fire Alerts

Last week we experienced terrible weather and alarming warnings from the RFS, which resulted in the postponing of our Stage 2 Camp. I must thank families for making decisions that were best for them and to the students who were so respectful and sensible during these few days. We were fortunate in being able to stay open and functioning, but understand those families who decided to keep their children at home. We have also been fortunate in rebooking our camp for Week 10. What an amazing way to finish the term.

Year 4 at Mount View

Traditionally Mount View High School has run a middle school program with our Year 6 students but for Term 4 they trialled it with some Year 4 students from local schools. We have had six students attending each Thursday afternoon and they have thoroughly enjoyed the STEM activities and it has been a great opportunity for students to have a look at where they may be attending in the future.

Police Visit

On Wednesday, we were visited by Sergeant Michael Steel to discuss Cyber Safety with Stages 2 and 3 students. Sergeant Steel is a well experienced policeman who has worked within our community for many years. It was definitely an eye opening chat for many students, and teachers were amazed at the amount of students who are exposed to a range of adult scenarios through the internet. This is an opportunity for our families to talk to their children about what they learned from the session and perhaps even what they found scary or interesting. I know that it has generated lots of discussion in the Zoneff household. Thank you to Mrs Anderson for organising this for our students. The whole program has been extremely beneficial to our students.

Random Act of Kindness

We have a growing number of students each day coming to school without lunch or fruit break. We had an amazingly generous donation from the Wollombi Provedore of a large bag of apples. Lisa and Mick regularly support our school through the Fair and Ball, but Lisa hated the idea of kids not having fresh fruit. Thank you to Mick and Lisa for their support. Parents if you could maybe check what your child is packing to ensure they have enough food to get them through the day.

Cessnock Kawuma Walk

Our Indigenous students travelled with Mr Melmeth, Mrs Carr and Miss Nichols to the Performing Arts Centre to participate in the Cessnock Kawuma Walk to the Cessnock TAFE. This walk is to raise awareness of Domestic Violence within our community. Mrs Carr said that it was a great day and the students enjoyed many of the activities. Congratulations to the local AECG for their organisation and initiative in our area. This will be a fantastic annual event.

Special Assembly and Important Dates

It is getting closer and closer to the end of the year and there are so many things on the calendar to get to. Our Special Assembly will be held on the Monday of Week 8. It is important that students bring in their certificates so that School Awards and Principal Certificates can be organised. Please also be mindful that our Presentation Day will be held at Mount View High School on Tuesday, 10 December 2019 and our Recognition Assembly will be held at school on Friday, 13 December 2019. Letters will be sent out as soon as details are finalised.

Special Thank You

Thank you to all of the staff and families for supporting me while Mrs Hunt has been away. It has been a wonderful learning experience and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the students right across the school. Thank you again, I appreciate your support.

Jaclyn Zoneff
Relieving Principal
Nulkaba Public School



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Canteen News

The canteen will be CLOSED on Tuesday, 10 December 2019 for Presentation Day.

Our last official canteen day is Friday, 13 December 2019. We will open on the Monday, 16 December 2019 to sell ice blocks.

Bec our canteen manager and the P&C would like to thank all our lovely volunteers for all your help during the year! We look forward to seeing you all again next year. If you'd like to volunteer and haven't seen Bec regarding a day, feel free to pop in and see her at the canteen.

Also a big thank you to all the children and parents that use our canteen! See you all after your holidays.

Make Online Payments

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card, and can be made via computer, tablet or mobile phone. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting [MAKE A PAYMENT](#).

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called 'Other' to cover items not covered in the previous headings, 'Other' can be used to make a complete payment of a school Statement of Account.

When you access the [MAKE A PAYMENT](#) you must enter:

- the students name
- class
- date of birth

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the online payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

Hunter Valley Zoo Sponsorship

Thank you to everyone who made posters, baked or bought a cupcake from the Stage 1 Cupcake Stall last term. We raised a staggering \$557! The children are excited to sponsor the koalas. Please look out for our Stage 1 plaque the next time you visit Hunter Valley Zoo.



Coming Events - 2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	25 Nov	26 Nov	27 Nov	28 Nov	29 Nov
Week 7	Healthy Harold K-2; Basketball Coaching Clinic; 9:15a Year 6 Tennis Program 3:30p AECG Meeting - Cessnock High	Healthy Harold K-2; Basketball Coaching Clinic; Stage 3 Surf Day; 1:00p Infants Sista Speak	Healthy Harold K-2; Leaders Camp; 8:45a ASTI Student Transition Day; 12:30p Stage 2 Swimming	Leaders Camp; Touch Rugby League at Cessnock Stage 3; 2:10p Nearly at Nulkaba Session	Library Borrowing to Finish for 2019
	2 Dec	3 Dec	4 Dec	5 Dec	6 Dec
Week 8	9:15a Year 5 Tennis Program; 1:00p Special Assembly	9:00p Stage 2 Careers Day; 9:00p Year 6 Orientation Day and Parent Meeting; 1:00p Infants Sista Speak	Final Leadership Speeches - Girls; 12:30p Stage 2 Swimming	Final Leadership Speeches – Boys; 2:10p Nearly at Nulkaba Session	All Library Material to be Returned by this Date
	9 Dec	10 Dec	11 Dec	12 Dec	13 Dec
Week 9		10:00a Presentation Day - Mount View High; 6:30p P&C Meeting	11:35a Dog Safety Program Kindergarten (Free); 12:30p Stage 2 Swimming; 1:00p Stage 3 Social Group Bunnings Visit; 6:00p Year 6 Farewell	Student Talent Show; 6:30p Music Conservatory Concert	Reports go Home; 9:30a Recognition Assembly
	16 Dec	17 Dec	18 Dec	19 Dec	20 Dec
Week 10	Stage 2 Camp; Party Day	Stage 2 Camp	Stage 2 Camp; Last Day for Students	Staff Development Day	Staff Development Day

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

Canteen Roster - 2019

Week 7 = Roster D

Week 8 = Roster A

Week 9 = Roster B

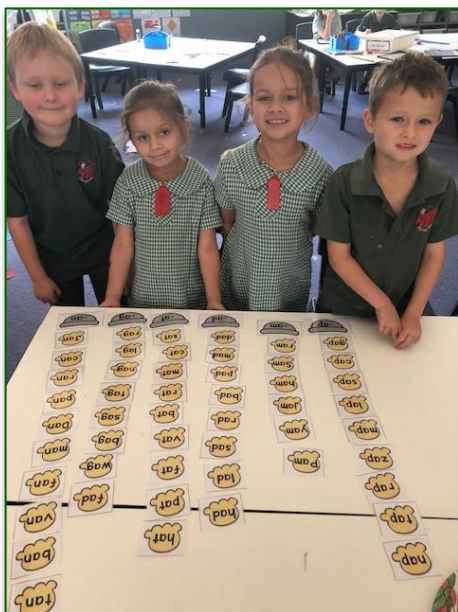
Week 10 = Roster C

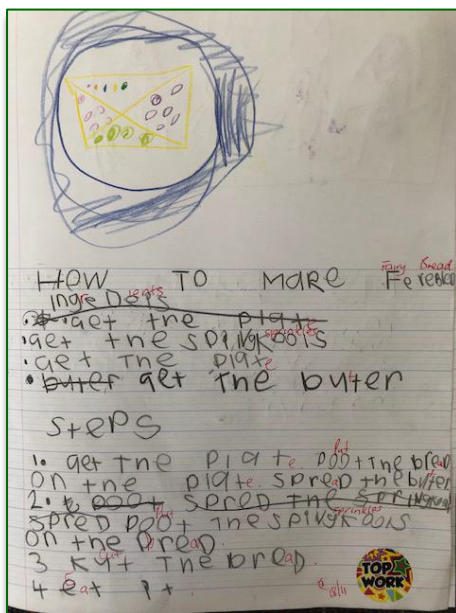
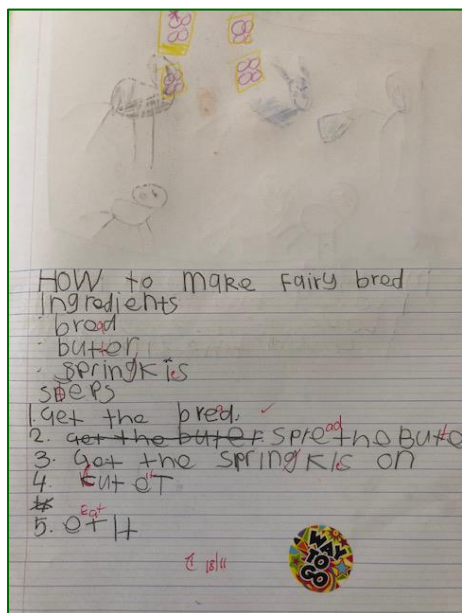
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	25 Nov	26 Nov	27 Nov	28 Nov	29 Nov
Week 7	Lorraine Williams Help Needed	Help Needed	Bianca Bartlett Renae Procter	Closed - Help Needed to Reopen	Jo Wharton Help Needed
	2 Dec	3 Dec	4 Dec	5 Dec	6 Dec
Week 8	Sharon Bamforth Help Needed	Patricia Twentyman Help Needed	Sally Hare Alex Repacholi	Closed - Help Needed to Reopen	Jenny Bosden Jess Bosden
	9 Dec	10 Dec	11 Dec	12 Dec	13 Dec
Week 9	Helen Campbell Help Needed	Canteen Closed - Presentation Day	Danielle Codd Sally Hare	Closed - Help Needed to Reopen	Lynda Hirst Sue Hirst
	16 Dec	17 Dec	18 Dec	19 Dec	20 Dec
Week 10	Ice Block Sale Only	Closed for the Year	Closed for the Year	Closed for the Year	Closed for the Year

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

Class KT

Wow! Term 4 project launch was a hot but fantastic day. Kindergarten went to Baiaame Cave at Milbrodale. KT loved hearing from Uncle Warren as he told us about the Great Spirit Baiaame and the Dreaming story about the creation of our local area. The children loved viewing the painting of Baiaame on the cave wall. At school we have enjoyed listening to Dreaming stories and we made pattern artworks on seed pods. KT love working in literacy groups and have worked hard to improve their reading and writing skills. On Grandparents Day, we made fairy bread and we have written procedures explaining how to make it. Look how clever we are! Also, we were very lucky to have Mrs Anderson come to visit again and teach us about virtual reality. We loved using the VR glasses to look at the solar system, learning about planets and to take a virtual tour of our school which was created by our Stage 3 friends.





News from the Classroom (continued)

Class 2C

At the beginning of the term 2C had a wonderful day at Murrook Cultural Centre for our Term 4 Project Launch. We have been learning about the Anangu People who live near Uluru, the bush food they eat, their beliefs and artefacts and tools they would use. Our class artwork with Mrs Parker has been based on our Aboriginal unit.

We had a visit from our Grandparents on Grandparent's Day and were very proud to show off our game boards that we had made during our technology lessons with Mrs Anderson. We designed the game and its rules, and the box the game would be contained in and used the 3D printer to make our game pieces. These games are kept in our classroom and are used during wet weather lunches and recess.

We spent two weeks at swim school practicing our swimming skills. Gliding and treading water every day for two weeks sure made us tired.

We have been lucky enough to have writing time with Mr March this term and have been writing quality texts. Recently 2C wrote a text titled 'Would you believe...'. This writing task required the students to write a truthful piece of writing and a false piece of writing. Teachers and students had to guess what the truth was and what wasn't. Some students made it very difficult to choose.

This term is rapidly coming to an end, but we still have so many exciting things to participate in. These include Healthy Harold, Presentation Day, Recognition Assembly and the most important - Party Day in Week 10.



Class 3-4B

3-4B are enjoying challenging each other and beating their personal best scores using the computer program Mathletics. We are now back in our old classroom and we are looking forward to camp in Week 10. A big thank you to Maritza's mum who has helped the students with craft all year.



Class 6M

This term, 6M has had the chance to use the VR (Virtual Reality) and AR (Augmented Reality) kits with Mrs Anderson that the school has on loan at the moment. They had an amazing time visiting the Ancient Wonders of the World, various famous world landmarks, dinosaurs and taking a virtual tour of our school. They were then given the opportunity to capture and record our classroom and a few other rooms for the virtual school tour.



This week, Stage 3 had the first session of their tennis program at Cessnock Tennis Centre. The students were first shown proper tennis forehand and backhand technique before being separated into two groups. The groups then spent some of the time working on the different strokes and then played some quick 'king of the court' tennis games. We will have our second session next week and maybe we might have set the wheels in motion to create the next Ash Barty or Alex de Minaur.



Library Borrowing Finishing Next Week!

As the end of Term 4 fast approaches, it is time to finish borrowing from the Library. Next week will be the last week of borrowing for this year, with all Library material to be returned by the end of Week 8.

During Week 9, Mrs Morris will be holding her annual prize draw for all students who have made sure that their Library books are all returned. With some great prizes to choose from, be sure to return all Library items so that your name goes into the prize draw!



Samaritans Christmas Appeal 2019



It's that time of year again where the Samaritans are asking for your kind donations of gifts such as **non-perishable food, stationary, gift vouchers or board games.**

Gifts will be accepted from **Monday, 25 November to Friday, 13 December 2019.** Please place your gifts in any of the large boxes located in the **staff annex** (the room near Lost Property), **Stage 1 Block** (downstairs) or **Stage 3 block** (upstairs). The Samaritans have asked please **do not wrap** any gifts.

Thank you for your support.



BRAIN GYM INFO SESSION @ NPS

Has your child been talking about Brain Gym?

Would you like to learn about some simple movements that could assist your child's learning and behaviour?



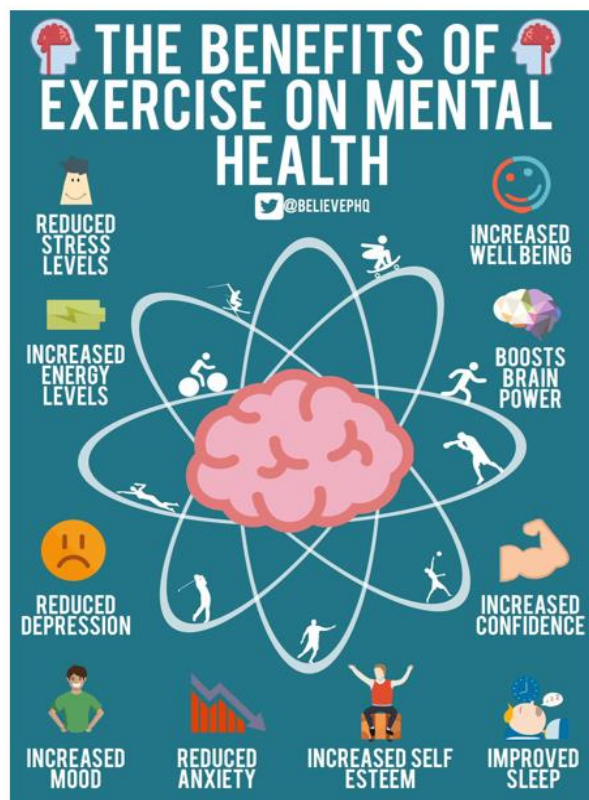
WHEN: Monday 2nd December 2019

WHERE: Nulkaba School Library

TIME: 5pm

The session should go for approx. 30mins and is intended to give parents and carers some background info and simple movements that they can use at home.

For any questions please contact Mrs Amy Hill



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