



# NULKABA NEWS

## Nulkaba Public School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is our Final Newsletter for the year and the decade. It has been a wonderful year full of many amazing experiences for our staff and our students.

We began the year in demountables and have ended in our new school. This week teachers have moved classrooms if needed and have set up ready to start 2020.

The last two weeks have been a flurry of activity as reports were finalized, checked and sent to me for a final check and signing. A lot of work goes into making these reports a valuable piece of information. If you have any queries about your child's report please make an appointment to talk to your child's teacher.

### Special Events

We began our final events for the year with **Special Assembly** on the Monday, 2 December. It was a lovely assembly with many students receiving either School Awards or Principal's Awards. Our Jurds' book prizes were awarded and Citizens of the Month announced. Term reports from the Captains and Library assistants were also read. Lots of parents and friends were there to see their child recognised.

**Presentation Day** was again held at Mount View High School on a very, very hot day. Our students were so well behaved for the hour and a half. Our video of the new school was shown at the beginning of the Assembly and it made me feel very proud. Lots of wonderful awards which included our Dux - congratulations Kiara and Kodie, the Michelle Rowsell Memorial Award - well done Aubrey, and our 2020 school leaders were announced - congratulations Captains Amelia and Preston; Vice-Captains Alex and Mackenzie; and Leaders Max, Dacoda, Sonny, Lara, Ashton and Matilda. Well done to all. It was a wonderful way to showcase the vast academic and sporting achievements for 2019.

The **Year 6 Farewell** was a fantastic night with all the children enjoying sharing a meal and dancing the night away. Our Year 6 students are then presented with a graduation certificate and all of Year 5 and 6 performed a wonderful dance routine. Again a very fitting event to farewell a wonderful group of students.

Our **Recognition Assembly** again showcased many wonderful achievements and announced the new AET leaders and the new Sports Captains for 2020. We acknowledged our year 6 students, Premiers Reading Challenge Gold and Platinum Levels, Library Assistants, Environmental Team, Sound Technicians, SRC representatives, Peer Support Leaders, successful R.A.T.S readers, excellent Library borrowers and Play the Game Award winners. We were also treated to performances from all stages and our fantastic Choir.

This week we also acknowledged all the hard work put in by our students who are fortunate enough to have lessons provided by the Upper Hunter Conservatory of Music, well done. The Guitar Ensemble also opened our Presentation Day. Well done everyone.

## P&C

Our P&C held their final meeting of the year on Tuesday night which was followed by our Christmas Dinner. Although Wendy Saywell could not make the dinner she was made a Life Member for all the hard work she put into working with the P&C and taking on executive roles. A big thank you to all the members of the P&C, to Bec our Canteen Manager and to all the volunteers who give up their time to work in the Canteen and to help out with our Special Fundraising Events such as the School Ball and the Annual School Fair. Without all your hard work we would not have a wonderful air conditioned Administration Block or our beautiful new-look Library.

Thank you to all the volunteers who help out in classrooms and with our many sporting and academic pursuits. Our school would not function without you. Friday's Thank You Morning Tea is our way of saying thank you to all of you. At this function we also receive a special presentation from the P&C who have supported the school in many ways.

Friday was also our **Term Rewards Day**. We had planned water fun on the oval and we had planned it for the last day of term. The fires have meant that all of Stage 2 will be at camp for the final week of school and water restrictions canned the water play. So instead it was Friday Week 9 and we had a disco and movie afternoon. The children had a wonderful time. Have an awesome time at Camp Stage 2.

On Wednesday afternoon we will have our Clap Out for Year 6 from 2:45 pm in the Hall.

As I said in my speech at Presentation Day it has been a massive year, with packing and unpacking, wonderful Projects and very sad moments for staff and students and families, but we have worked together and our students have achieved great things.

Congratulations to this year's School Leaders. It has been a pleasure working with you and watching you grow and mature. Good luck to all Year 6 as they embark on a new adventure. Great things will happen for each and every one of you. You are the first group I have been with since I met you at Orientation in 2012. You are all very important to me and I proud of each and every one of you.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year and holiday break. I look forward to seeing most of you again in 2020 as we embark on this new and exciting decade.

## Important Dates

<b>Tue, 28 January</b>	<b>8:30am:</b> School re-opens
<b>Tue, 28 January</b>	<b>All Day:</b> Staff development day
<b>Wed, 29 January</b>	<b>9:10am:</b> Years 1 to 6 return
<b>Wed, 29 January</b>	Best Start for Kindergarten, as per your letter
<b>Thu, 30 January</b>	Best Start for Kindergarten, as per your letter
<b>Fri, 31 January</b>	<b>9:30am:</b> Kindergarten students start

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## Coming Events - 2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 10</b>	16 Dec Stage 2 Camp; Party Day	17 Dec Stage 2 Camp	18 Dec Stage 2 Camp; Last Day for Students	19 Dec Staff Development Day	20 Dec Staff Development Day
<b>T1 Week 1</b>	27 Jan Australia Day Holiday	28 Jan Staff Development Day	29 Jan 9:10a Years 1-6 Returns  Kindergarten Best Start – as per your letter	30 Jan Kindergarten Best Start – as per your letter	31 Jan 9:30a Kindergarten Start Day
<b>T1 Week 2</b>	3 Feb	4 Feb Swimming Carnival	5 Feb	6 Feb Dance Fever	7 Feb
<b>T1 Week 3</b>	10 Feb	11 Feb 6:30p P&C Meeting	12 Feb	13 Feb Dance Fever	14 Feb
<b>T1 Week 4</b>	17 Feb	18 Feb	19 Feb Zone Swimming Carnival	20 Feb Dance Fever	21 Feb

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

## Canteen Roster - 2019

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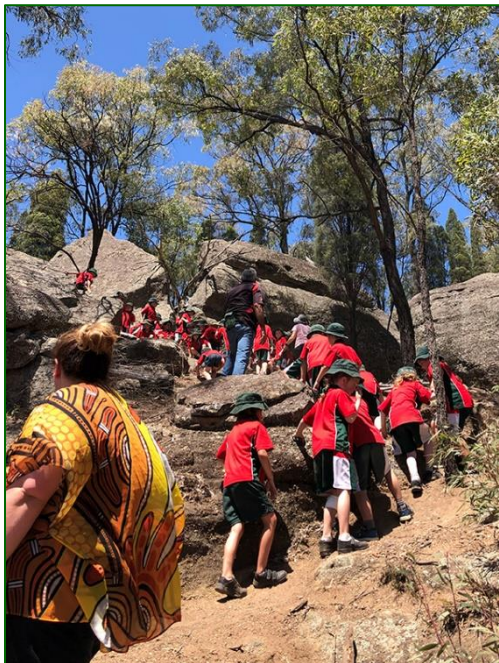
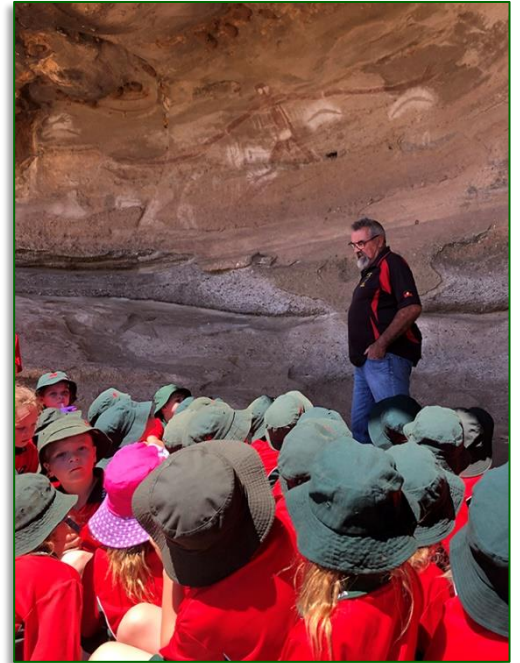
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 10</b>	16 Dec Ice Block Sale Only	17 Dec Closed for the Year	18 Dec Closed for the Year	19 Dec Closed for the Year	20 Dec Closed for the Year

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



### Class KE

What a massive term and it isn't even over yet. We have had so many hands on learning experiences as well as excursions - KE are so lucky. Our dirty and windy trip to Baiame Cave was worth the dust storm. For the children to witness the cave first hand and not just hear the stories was wonderful. They had listened so well to the stories of the cave and of Kawal the eagle and could tell Uncle Warren so much. Climbing through caves and a big bush walk made the experience of connecting to country so real.





From bush to city, we also had our local community excursion where we had a back stage pass to all the hidden areas of Coles. We went into the freezers, loading docks, store rooms and butchery... and even behind the deli section. At the fire station, we loved pretending to be fire fighters and climbing through the fire engine as well as using the fire hose... Miss Ebony even got wet, cheeky KE!



The PCYC was so much fun, we played hockey and soccer as well as doing adventure play and skate park sliding. Another exhausting but fun day.





We explored halves and quarters in a delicious way by making and cutting up pizza and having half a cup of juice to wash it down.



We have been exploring many Aboriginal dreaming stories and the children love hearing the stories and really appreciate the messages behind them. We even made Jonny Cakes (like damper) for some added fun. Our art works have been so much fun to make - we have made owls, echidnas and snakes so far. We will start sneaking into Christmas art and sorties now.

This is the time of year that Miss Ebony finds the hardest... I get very attached to my little people and don't like saying good bye. I think they are very well prepared for Year 1. It has been an absolute pleasure having Kindergarten this year, we have made so many glittery memories.

## News from the Classroom (continued)

### Class 3N

WOW! So crazy to think this year is nearly over. 2019 has absolutely flown by and 3N have been working hard. This term we have had some amazing events happen and more to come as the year winds to a close.

Our project has been amazing as we endeavour to answer the question "Who Has The Most Fun?". We have discovered what the meaning of fun is, how people across different eras had fun, how technology has changed the way we have/ perceive fun, and how children and adults have fun around the globe. We are excited to be learning next about the impact of fun on our brains.

We had Grandparents Day this term, where we had our wonderful grandparents come in and spend some time with us. We enjoyed playing games with them and reading our stories, and showing the amazing work we have been doing over the course of the year.

We have had lots of fun at many awesome classroom and school events such as the Scouts, weekly Table Tennis Tournament, Basketball Coaching Clinic, School Disco, Book Fair, Careers Day, the school talent show and school camp at the Great Aussie Bush Camp. It has been a really fun year in 3N and we are all excited for future activities as 2020 comes around.



## Class 1AW

1AW have immersed themselves into their new project “What is our Place? What is our Culture?” We have loved every moment of it, from the thrilling visit to Murrook and the sand dunes, to experiencing real artefacts and going on virtual tours using the VR goggles. We even summed up everything we learned in an iPad presentation!

### Our Project Launch





## Aboriginal Artefacts

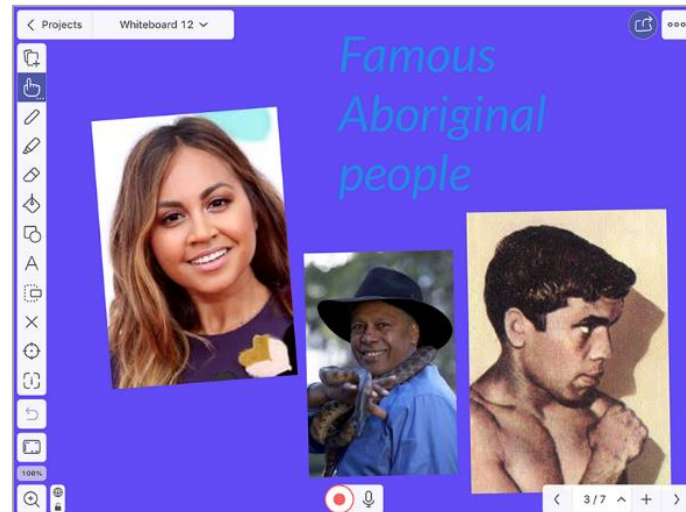
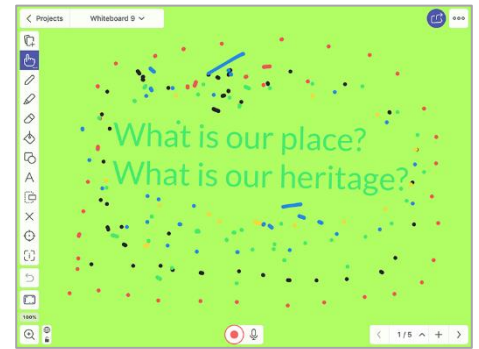
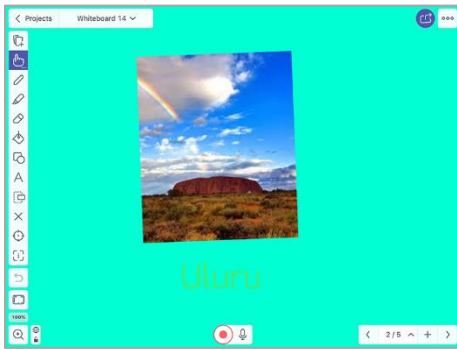


## Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality





## iPad Presentations



As the year comes to an end, we have started to relax and enjoy ourselves. Healthy Harold visited us last week and taught us about how to keep our bodies safe. We have been lucky enough to learn basketball skills in our Basketball Clinics. Thanks Mr Melmeth for organising this. We have also enjoyed creating our own Aboriginal 'Uluru' and 'lizard' artworks. Literacy groups with 1M is always one of our favourite times of the day, however, after working so hard all year, we enjoyed some Christmas activities as a reward for good behaviour all term.

## Literacy Groups with 1M – Christmas Fun Day



2019 has been an absolute blast. Mrs Anderson and Mrs Woods are so proud of how far 1AW have come and of the lifelong memories we have created together. We would like to thank the beautiful students of 1AW for trying hard all year.



### Class 5W

Wow! What a year it has been in 5W. It's hard to believe that the year has come to an end. We have had an absolute blast this year, making many wonderful new friends and memories. Our favourite highlights include our Sydney trip, surf day, discos, tennis clinics, rewards days, Book Week Parade and so much more inside the classroom.

We look forward to a wonderful 2020, where we will take on Year 6. We can't wait to see what opportunities Year 6 and our last year of primary school will bring.





### Class 6PK

6PK wrote about some important events from the term.

### Tennis

We all got to do a tennis program it was very fun year six went on Tuesday and then Monday we did many activities and we got a prize bag and then we took it home with us.

### Surf Day

Surf day was about fun activities and learning how to surf. When Stage 3 were learning how to surf you had to hold the board and the instructor pulled you out into the water and waited for a good wave.

### Wholesome Food Show

This term we did a wholesome food show where we got to experience the food we made. They were showing us all the nice and healthy foods to eat.

### Secret Santa Newsletter

Last week we chose our secret Santa on Friday. We all wrote what we are interested in and put it in an envelope with our names on them. We put our envelopes in a box, one by one we picked them out of the box, each choosing a different person. Next week on Monday we get to open our presents and find out who get us.

### Presentation Day

Presentation day was really good and was really hot everyone was hot and went on for two hours and had to bring two drink bottles and many people got awards. We also found out who the captains and vice captains are for next year.

Everyone loved it and me too!

### Year 6 Farewell

A couple of weeks back all the Year 6 classes voted on a theme. Then the top three votes got sent to Mrs Petrysen and the theme was picked 'Back to The 80's' was picked. We chose the song which was Sucker by the Jonas Brothers.

We practised the dance on Wednesdays Thursdays and Fridays for the past weeks. Recently we got into rows of four and designed formats for under our plates for dinner!

*From Miss K and Mrs Page: 6PK, Thank you for a great year of learning and fun. We wish you the best of luck in high school and well beyond. Remember, from little things big things grow!*





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**8 tips to keep on top of your child's screen time**

1. Plan screen-free time, like outdoor play, music and sport.
2. Lead by example – reduce your own screen time.
3. Agree on daily screen time limits. It's not punishment, it's about keeping a balance.
4. Be involved – watch TV and play games together.
5. Start with small reductions to help lessen any resistance.
6. Use tech tools to manage access, such as parental controls.
7. Resist giving mobile devices to children when going out – take books or toys instead.
8. Set tech-free zones and times at home – e.g. all screens off in bedrooms after a specified time.

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# The simplest way

...to make tasty tabouli.

**Serves: 6 | Preparation: 10mins | Cooking: 30-60mins**

## Ingredients

½ cup uncooked bulgar\*  
2 cups reduced-salt chicken or vegetable stock, hot  
2 bunches Italian flat leaf parsley, chopped  
1 bunch mint, chopped  
3 shallots, chopped  
3 Roma tomatoes, chopped  
2 tbsp olive oil  
2 tbsp lemon juice



## Method

1. In a large bowl, pour the boiling stock over the bulgur. Let sit for 30-60 minutes until softened and then strain through a fine mesh sieve. Cool.
2. Combine the bulgur, parsley, mint, shallots and tomatoes in a large bowl. In a small bowl, combine the olive oil, lemon juice and pinch of salt. Pour over the bulgur mix and toss to mix well.

*\* Bulgar is a cereal made from whole wheat partially boiled then dried. It can be substituted with couscous or quinoa.*

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