



NULKABA NEWS

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Issue 136: 2019 Term 1 Week 2

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another year. 2019 is going to be a really exciting one for Nulkaba Public School. As most of you are aware 3N and 3S moved into Block E ready to start the year. The rooms are beautiful and the children and teachers are enjoying the flexible spaces to work in. Our new toilet block was also opened and demountable toilets decommissioned. This is very exciting. While it appears to be a short cut from the Year 2 classes down that grass embankment, can I please ask you to use the path as we are trying to get the grass to grow there and it is out of bounds for the children. We are still on track to have Block F ready for use by the end of Term 3. As I write this the scaffolding is coming down and we can see the outside of the buildings.

We had a wonderful start to the year with all students ready to learn and our project launch for Years 1-6 being very well received. I know many of you have seen the wonderful You Tube clip. If not here is the link.

https://youtu.be/CZYlpQ3_8qc A big thanks to Mrs Anderson for organising this. All the students enjoyed watching it and 'I Wonder' will continue all term. We are all wondering what is in the box. Kindergarten have settled in well with the help of their buddies. A warm welcome to all our new families, I know you are going to love being a part of this wonderful community.

Calendar

Last year we made our first calendar. It was a bit late getting finalised but it is an awesome calendar. Every child in the school is in it including this year's kindergarten children. We have not sold as many as we would like. They are \$15 and the money will go to supporting the new school and making sure the rest of the school has the same facilities. They are here and you are welcome to have a look at one in the office before purchasing. We would really appreciate your support.

P&C

Our first P&C meeting will be held next week at 6.30pm in our Staff Room. Please come along, you will be most welcome as we work together to support our school. Our School Fair is scheduled for Friday, 5 April 2019. If you can help in anyway please let the office know and they will pass your information onto the members of the P&C Fair Committee. We are in need of a Canteen Manager. The ad is on the Nulkaba P&C Facebook page and more details can be obtained through the school if you are interested. We are also urgently in need of volunteers to work in the canteen especially on Thursdays. As we do not have enough volunteers it will be closed on Thursdays until further notice.

Parking

While the building is happening parking is at a premium around the school especially at pick up and drop off times. It is important that you try and park courteously and carefully so the most number of people can fit into the spaces available. At any one time there can be up to 40 work men on site, which is why we are progressing so quickly. Please also be mindful of the pre-school across the road as their parents need access too.

Programs

Gymnastics has begun and the first two weeks are free. A note has been sent home and \$20 is what will be needed to continue with the program. Gymnastics is part of the curriculum and doing it this way makes sure the children get quality instruction. All children have been invoiced in regard to our stationery fees. We do not have school fess. It is \$20 per term and can be paid by term or for the whole year.

Parent Information Sessions

Over the next few weeks information sessions will be held by stages to inform you about the coming year. Notes will be sent home with more information.

Excursions and Concerns

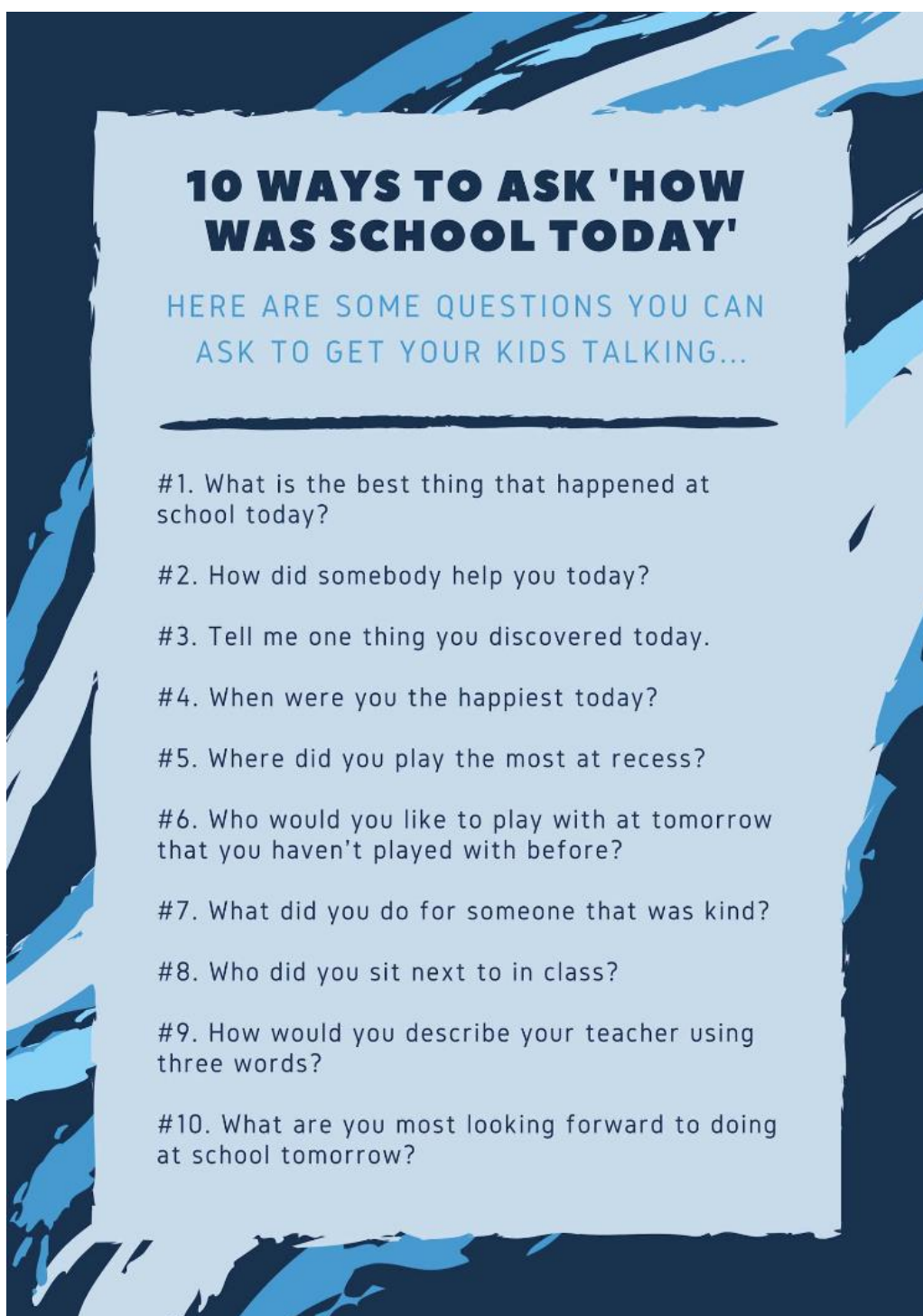
Notes for Stage 3 excursions are out now. If you have any difficulties with costs or just need more time to pay for these please come and have a chat. This applies to all activities and excursions. If you have any concerns about anything happening at school we encourage you to make an appointment to talk to your class teacher, an Assistant Principal or myself. We need to know about it to help and support both you and your child.

Once again welcome back, I look forward to catching up with you over the next few weeks.

Narelle Hunt
Principal
Nulkaba Public School



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Coming Events - 2019

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Week 3 | 11 Feb | 12 Feb | 13 Feb | 14 Feb | 15 Feb |
| | | Swimming Carnival; 6:30p P&C Meeting | 3:20p 6PK Parent Information Session | Book Club Orders Due; 3:20p 5/6P Parent Information Session; 3:20p 5W Parent Information Session | |
| Week 4 | 18 Feb | 19 Feb | 20 Feb | 21 Feb | 22 Feb |
| | StEPS Vision Screening; 8:30a Debating at Singleton Heights PS | | Zone Swimming Carnival | | |
| Week 5 | 25 Feb | 26 Feb | 27 Feb | 28 Feb | 1 Mar |
| | 3:30p AECG Meeting - Kurri High School | | | | Clean Up Australia Day for Schools |
| Week 6 | 4 Mar | 5 Mar | 6 Mar | 7 Mar | 8 Mar |
| | | | | 4:30p School Disco | |

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

Canteen Roster - 2019

Week 3 = Roster C

Week 4 = Roster D

Week 5 = Roster A

Week 6 = Roster B

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Week 3 | 11 Feb | 12 Feb | 13 Feb | 14 Feb | 15 Feb |
| | Kristie Maguire Alex McGregor | Lisa Edwards Lyn Fallon | Megghan Findley Kathryn McDonald | Closed | Sophie Day Lauren Goodwin |
| Week 4 | 18 Feb | 19 Feb | 20 Feb | 21 Feb | 22 Feb |
| | Loraine Williams Leanne Robinson | Help Needed | Bianca Bartlett Renae Procter | Closed | Natalee Jennings Casey White |
| Week 5 | 25 Feb | 26 Feb | 27 Feb | 28 Feb | 1 Mar |
| | Leanne Robinson Lorraine Williams | Patricia Twentyman Help Needed | Sally Hare Alex Repacholi | Closed | Jess Bosden Help Needed |
| Week 6 | 4 Mar | 5 Mar | 6 Mar | 7 Mar | 8 Mar |
| | Kristy Maguire Help Needed | Leah O'Donnell Help Needed | Danielle Codd Sally Hare | Closed | Lynda Hirst Sue Hirst |

If you can help to fill our current vacancies, please contact **Linda on 0457 514 786**

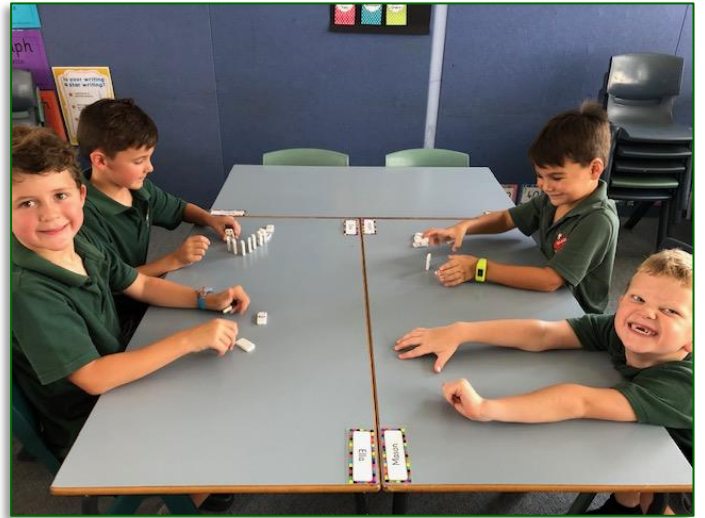
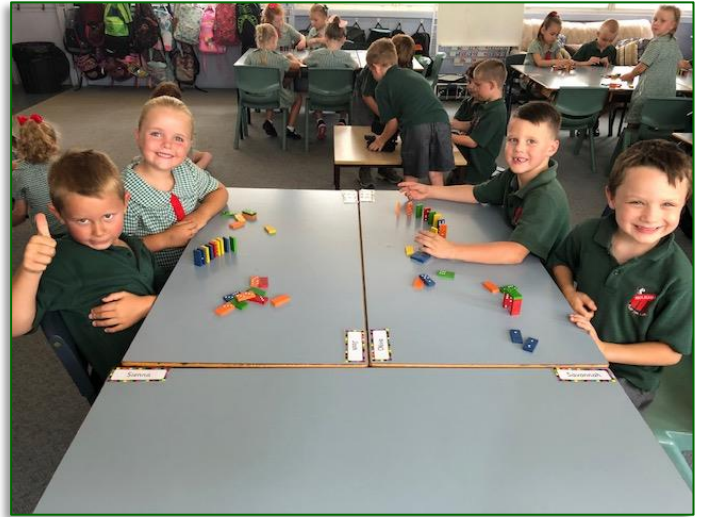
Stage 1

This year we have four classes in Stage 1. The classes and their teachers are; 1M – Miss McCallum, 1AW – Mrs Woods and Mrs Anderson, 2F – Mr Filis and 2C – Mrs Cousins. Stage 1 have had a great start to the term. On the first day we met our classes and teachers and spent the morning learning about each other. After morning tea we participated in many challenges across the school to solve the mystery of what topic our Project is about and what is in the mystery box in the back playground. Students completed food and aeroplane challenges, they solved puzzles and created cup towers. Each time a challenge was completed, the students were given a letter. At the end of the day all the letters were placed out and rearranged many times to discover that our project title was 'I wonder'. Stage 1 are 'wondering' about everything related to space. The students will continue to complete tasks about space and eventually solve the mystery of 'What is in the box?'

This week saw the beginning of our Sport In Schools Program where students participated in gymnastics and dance activities. All students are able to attend the first two weeks and payment is required before the third week. It would be beneficial if all students attended as these lessons are based around our PD/Health/PE syllabus and students are able to use specialised equipment not normally found in our school.

The Stage 1 teachers are looking forward to a fantastic year of fun and learning.

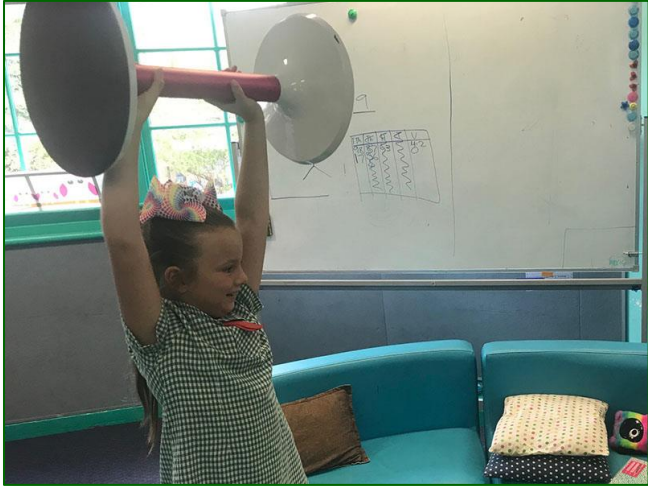




Class 4Z

4Z are finding their groove!

We have had a fantastic start in 4Z and it is hard to believe that we have only had two weeks together. (Only due to the things we have already done!) We started with an amazing Project Launch, which led to the students finding the letters for the word 'I wonder...' We have then started our active spelling, our writing processes, we have looked at Nessie the Loch Ness Monster and work with Miss Manolis on origins of Mythical Creatures. They are enjoying our daily visit to the garden to keep our school beautiful and love our fitness games. We also have had our first week of Sports in Schools, getting involved in some Athletics. The students are coming together well and are starting to understand expectations well. Mrs Zoneff is ready for a fantastic year of learning and fun.



Class 5-6P

What a wonderful start to the year we have had! The year started with our new project launch - 'I Wonder'. We all had a fun day completing activities and breaking codes. More activities will follow in the future, so we can crack the final code and find out what is in the box! The whole school has 'Wonder' as their theme, but Stage 3 are learning about the Seven Wonders of the World, with a focus on the Ancient, Modern and Natural Wonders.

This week was the first week of the Sports in Schools program - an independently run sport company that takes the children through a range of gymnastic skills. This is a valuable skills program and one the students really enjoy.

It is such an exciting time for Stage 3 at Nulkaba this term. We are all enjoying 'project based learning', and look forward to the learning ahead of us. Of course we are also looking forward to our upcoming camp to Sydney for Year 5 and Canberra for Year 6, which will be a perfect way to end the term.

The parent information session for 5/6P will Thursday, 14 February 2019 in the classroom at 3.20pm.



Book Club Issue 1 Due Next Week!



Buy a book from
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Book Club
to help build
our classroom
resources

Book Club is up and running again for 2019. As usual, the current issue has lots of great books and activity items available. Orders need to be handed in by next THURSDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2019 – they can be placed online by using the Book Club LOOP, or can be handed in at the Library to Mrs Morris, or being put in the Book Club Orders box. Orders are usually received about a week after the closing date.

Book Club LOOP

The **EASIEST** way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!



Parents: Are you registered for **LOOP**?

LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for **LOOP** receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!



Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)
and register today!

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Are There Any Library Books or RATS Readers Still at Home from Last Year?

Several students still have library books unreturned from 2018, even though Overdue Notices were sent out to all students with books on loan at the end of last year. The return of these overdue items would be much appreciated so that the Library records can be brought up to date. Mrs Morris will be looking to resend notices to those students with overdue books in the next 2 weeks.

We also have RATS Readers that were not returned at the end of the year. Some of the class sets are missing far too many books – so if you have any RATS Readers at home at all, please send them into Mrs Morris so that they can be returned to class sets.



Nulkaba Public School upgrade

Project update

February 2019

Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$6 billion over the next four years to deliver more than 170 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. In addition, a record \$1.3 billion is being spent on school maintenance over four years. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

Nulkaba Public School upgrade

An upgrade is underway at Nulkaba Public School to improve facilities and cater for the anticipated growth in student enrolments. The project includes:

- 14 new flexible, permanent learning spaces and breakout areas
- new administration area and a lift
- new student toilets
- new staff toilets and store rooms
- relocation of one building and associated works to nearby Bellbird Public School.

Progress summary

Block E

The single storey building fronting Rothbury Street (Block E) is now complete.

The new building containing two classrooms and toilet facilities has been handed over to the school for occupation, allowing students and teachers to start using the new facilities for the first time.

Block F

Work is continuing on the two-storey building fronting O'Connors Road and Rothbury Street with all formwork and concrete pours now complete and the main roofing installed.

Over the coming months the contractor will:

- Complete the brickwork facade and internal wall framing
- Continue with the internal fit out
- Continue external pavement work
- Start major landscaping activities

Once complete, the building will incorporate 12 classrooms, a breakout area, an administration area, store rooms, amenities and lift. It is also proposed to include solar panels on the roof.

The school upgrade is expected to be completed in early 2020.

Working hours

Work will take place in accordance with the approved working hours from 7am to 5pm, Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm 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 on the community at every opportunity.

Thank you for your patience while we deliver this important school infrastructure, to meet future growth in the area.

For more information contact:

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2019 CALENDAR SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



Dear Parent/Caregiver,

We are currently selling a 2019 calendar for \$15. The beautiful high-quality glossy pages feature a range of photographs from 2018 events, including sporting teams, NAIDOC, the 2019 Kindergarten students and class celebrations. All profits from the sale of calendars go towards our new air conditioning.



Please return this note below with your payment promptly to ensure you get your calendar before the end of school.

2019 CALENDAR - SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



My child in class

- ☐ Would like to purchase ____ calendars
- ☐ I have included cash for the full payment of \$ _____ (\$15 each)
- ☐ Please use my **'FEES IN ADVANCE'** to cover the cost of this activity.
- ☐ I will call the school to make payment over the phone using my credit card.

Parent/caregiver Name: Signature Date

Good for Kids good for life

ACTIVE TRAVEL IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Active travel to school is a great way to get extra activity in your child's day but sometimes it isn't safe to do so. Luckily active travel can be added into everyday life to get your heart working!

- Check your local area for designated bike paths and ride your bikes to the shops
- Try parking at a greater distance from your location and walking the rest of the way.
- If you use public transport, get off one station before your destination and walk.
- Even making little changes in everyday life such as taking the stairs instead of the elevator can make a big difference.



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SunSmart Snippet

The simplest way

...to choose a sun-safe hat!

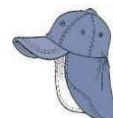
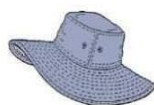
Hats are one of the easiest ways to protect you from UV radiation.

Like all sun protection, hats are needed when the UV is 3 or above. Download the free SunSmart App to find out when the UV level will be over 3. Most parts of NSW experience high UV throughout the year, especially from October to March.

A sun-safe hat protects the whole face, head, back of the head and ears.

Styles of Sun-safe hats:

- ✓ Broad-brimmed
- ✓ Bucket
- ✓ Legionnaire-style



Baseball caps and sun visors do not protect the cheeks, ears and back of the neck and are not recommended.

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

