



# NULKABA NEWS

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**Issue 137: 2019 Term 1 Week 4**

**Friday, 22 February 2019**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a wonderful swimming carnival last week even though it was a very hot day. Thanks to all the parents who helped in any way with the running of this carnival and to all the family and friends who came to cheer on their children. Following this we selected our team for Zone which was held this week, so not much time to prepare. By all accounts from Mrs Zoneff and Mr Melmeth, our children swam very well and represented Nulkaba with great pride, enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Looks like we may even have some children going on to Regional. Well done everyone.

### **P&C**

Our P&C had their first meeting last week. Our numbers were down which is quite disappointing. A number of our executive have their last child in either Year 5 or Year 6 and will be stepping down from leadership roles. Our P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12 March 2019 and we would love to see some more parents at this meeting. There is the opportunity to shadow someone for 2019 if that appeals to you. Please come along at 6pm for the AGM, a bite to eat and then the normal meeting. There are so many wonderful things that our school has, which would not have been achieved without the wonderful support of our P&C. The Canteen Manager's position closed this week, so we should have an outcome of that very soon. Thank you to the parents who have stepped up and made sure the canteen can still function and to the parents who have been in the canteen this month. We are still short of volunteers for Thursdays and other days too. Please let us know if you are able to help.

### **Parent Information Sessions**

It has been wonderful to see so many parents coming to school for our information sessions over the last two weeks. We hope these have been informative and given you a chance to meet your child's teachers and see what exciting things will happen throughout the year. Remember we always want to help with any concerns so please come to the office and make an appointment to see your child's teacher, an Assistant Principal or myself.

### **Parking**

I realise parking is quite difficult at this time. However, the zones at the front and the side of our administration building have strict times and instructions. These need to be adhered to at all times. In O'Connors Road, it is a 'drop and go' zone and traffic needs to be able to move through continuously. This is for certain periods in the morning and the afternoon. You may not leave your car unattended. The area in Branxton Street is very short term parking during those same times. Can you please make sure you follow this. The rangers come here often and you will be booked. We appreciate your support in this.

## Tips

Adrian Piccoli, who is a previous Education Minister, has written a book called 12 Ways Your Child Can Get the Best Out of School. It is a great little book and I will be adding excerpts from the chapter summaries each fortnight. This one: From Chapter 2 - Be Your Child's Best Teacher

### Summary:

- Your child loves you. What you do and say has a big influence on them.
- Be respectful and constructive when dealing with your child's school and its teachers.
- Model a positive attitude towards education.
- Emphasise that maths is important and talk about it positively.
- Be a positive role model to your children about self-discipline, wellbeing and resilience.

In this newsletter is the new School Community Charter which has been released by the current Education Minister.

Save Date Reminder: School Fair Friday, 5 April 2019. This is one of two major fundraisers. Please support it. If you can help, just let us know.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Narelle Hunt  
Principal  
Nulkaba Public School



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## 2019 School Leaders



## Coming Events - 2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	25 Feb	26 Feb	27 Feb	28 Feb	1 Mar
Week 5	3:30p AECG Meeting - Kurri High School		11:30a Zone Basketball Trials		Clean Up Australia Day for Schools; Rugby League Trials
	4 Mar	5 Mar	6 Mar	7 Mar	8 Mar
Week 6		Year 6 Girls 'Girl Talk'	School Photos	Kinder Project Launch; 4:30p School Disco	
	11 Mar	12 Mar	13 Mar	14 Mar	15 Mar
Week 7		AET Leadership Day at Cessnock High; Rugby 7's Tournament; 6:00p P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM)	10:00a Years 3 and 4 Soccer Gala Day		No Bullying Day
	18 Mar	19 Mar	20 Mar	21 Mar	22 Mar
Week 8		Junior Rugby League Gala Day	Connecting to Country	Connecting to Country	Connecting to Country; Bottle Day

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

## Canteen Roster - 2019

Week 5 = Roster A

Week 6 = Roster B

Week 7 = Roster C

Week 8 = Roster D

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

If you can help to fill our current vacancies, please contact **Lynda on 0422 988 177**



### Early Stage 1

Kindergarten have already been engaged in some very exciting learning this term and have all settled into the routines of school beautifully. We are looking forward to an enjoyable and productive year together.

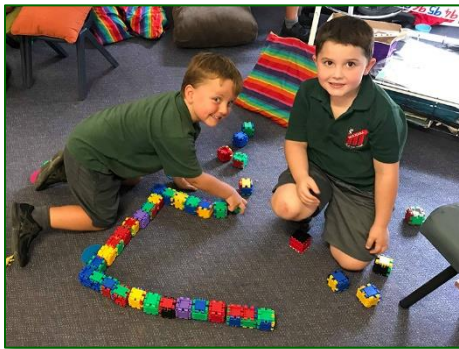
"I wonder?" Is the big question that Kindergarten will be working on during our Project Learning for the remainder of Term 1. We will begin our project with a 'Secret Excursion' on Thursday, 7 March 2019 to a secret location. Throughout the day the teachers will be posting photos on their class Seesaw page so we encourage parents to upload the Seesaw App if you haven't already done so. If you need another QR code just see your child's teacher.

Kindergarten have been super excited to have spent some time together as a whole grade where they are involved in Play Based Learning. Gymnastics is also an exciting time each week, where the children are learning a large range of new skills.

Last week we had our Parent Teacher Information Sessions and the response from parents was very positive. Thank you to those that were able to make it and if you weren't able to, we hope that the newsletter you received was informative. If at any time throughout the year you have any questions or concerns, feel free to pop in and have a talk before or after school or call the office to arrange an appointment time.

We would like to say a special thankyou to the dedication of our parent helpers. Thank you to those that have put their name down to change the R.A.T.S readers weekly. Some classes are still chasing volunteers so if you are able to help, please put your name on your child's timetables which are located outside of their classrooms. Without your help this program would not be as effective.

#### *Early Stage 1 Teachers*





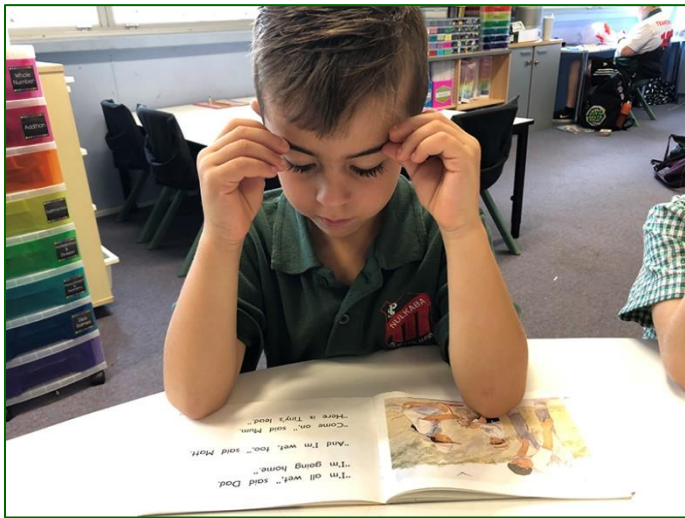
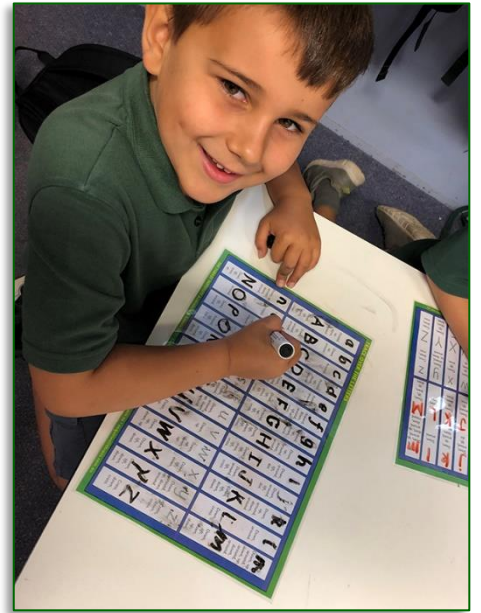
### Class 1M

1M have had an enjoyable start to Year 1 and have impressed Miss McCallum with how motivated they are to learn new things. We have been busy learning our new routines and how things work in 1M. A few of our favourite things have been:

- Making new friends
- Starting our Magic words program
- Learning about phonemes and graphemes in THRASS
- Playing new maths games
- Beginning Sports in Schools
- Learning how to be a 'bucket filler' and have a growth mindset

We can't forget to mention our super cool project we are learning about this term! In Stage 1, we are 'wondering' "What's up?" It has been interesting to learn about the sun, stars and planets in our solar system. We have only just started and have plenty to look forward to during the rest of the term. One thing is for sure though, our learning will be out of this world!

Finally, congratulations to Marley W and Tyson C on being elected by their peers to be the SRC Representatives for 1M in 2019.



### Class 3S

3S have had an amazing start to the year! Our class has been settling in beautifully as we work together to be a positive and collaborative team. Mrs Schilder and Miss Manolis are looking forward to the many adventures to be had in 2019. We are so lucky to be located in one of the new classrooms and have been having fun in our new space.

The year started with our new project launch 'I Wonder', where we completed a range of exciting challenges. We have been busy discovering the mysterious, mythical creatures around the world. 3S have been working hard in class and are enjoying the new challenges of Year 3. We have been participating in a range of fun gymnastic and





athletic activities during the Sports in Schools program. We love being creative in 3S and below are some of our self-portraits that were made in our first week. There are lots of talented artists in our classroom. Make sure you pop in and see our wonderful artwork!

3S, Mrs Schilder and Miss Manolis look forward to sharing the rest of the year together.



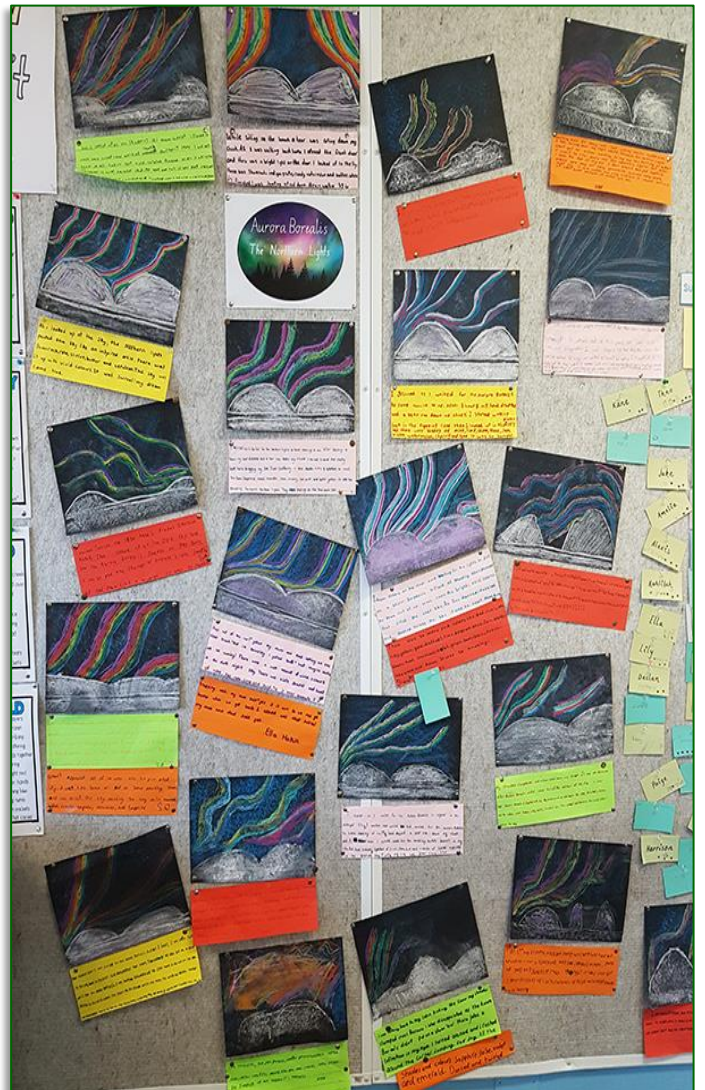
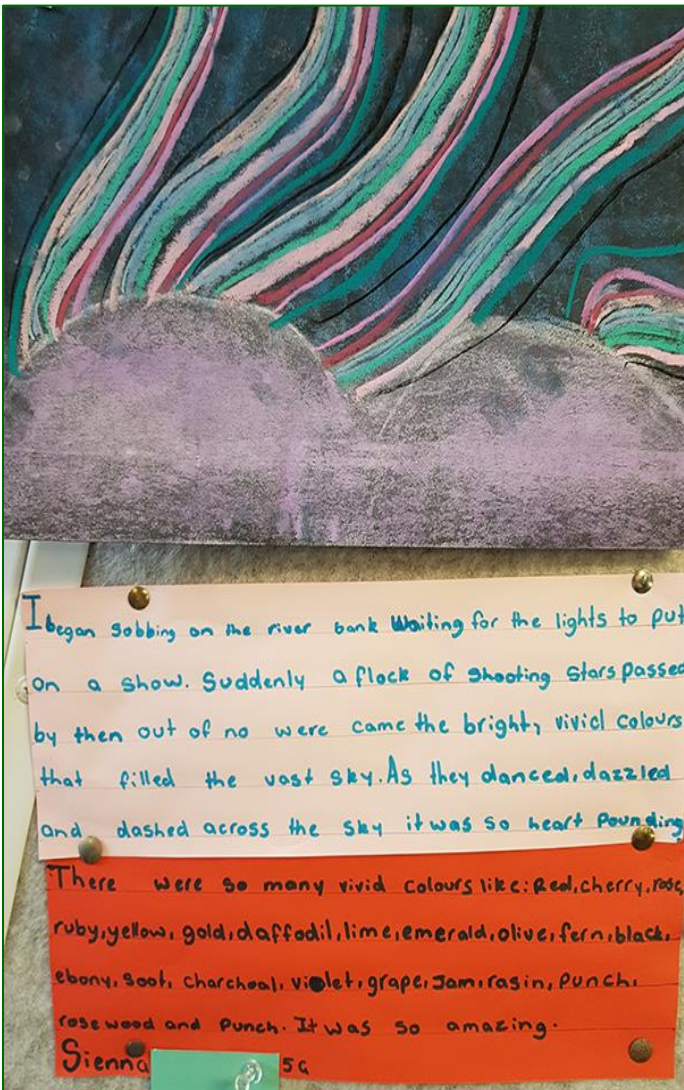


### Class 5G

'*Wonders of the World*' is our focus this term, and in 5G we have created some wonderful work as a result of our learning. On the first day, the students got a 'taste' of the colosseum with this delicious Tim Tam structure.



5G have been learning about the natural wonder Aurora Borealis – The Northern Lights. They have created some excellent descriptions using new vocabulary and descriptive language features including personification and similes.



Welcome to the new school year at Nulkaba Public School.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 12 March 2019** in the school staff room. This meeting will commence at 6pm, and then the AGM will follow at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcomed to come along.

At our last meeting we voted to support the following programs in the school for 2019:

- *2020 ASO Library Subscription( subject to proposal from Librarian) \$2,300*
- *Funding of Presentation Day bus travel for students (December 2019) \$1,500*
- *Educational Excursion Subsidy for 2019, \$500 per YEAR group*
- *Inter-Relate Program for Stage 3 Students (Year 6) contribute \$2,000 towards to running of the program.*

### **Air Conditioning in the New Building:**

To ensure that all areas of the new school building will be air conditioned, the P&C has voted to contribute \$34,000 to this. This will enable the common areas, office and staff room to all have air conditioning.

Anyone with objections to the above should address them in writing to Mr Gary Wills, P&C President via the school office.

## Clean Up Australia Day

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Clean up Australia day for schools is Friday, 1 March 2019. Students will need to ensure they have a pair of reusable gloves and their school hat so they can participate in cleaning up our school on the day.





# School Community Charter

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

## What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022.



## Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- to be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- to be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

We treat each other with **respect**

We **prioritise** the wellbeing of all students and staff

**Unsafe behaviour** is not acceptable in our schools

We work **together** with the school

**Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.**

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We create  
**collaborative**  
learning  
environments

We  
all play  
**a part**

We work  
**in partnership**  
to promote  
student  
learning

## Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process: [education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students](https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students)

## Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.



## Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



**Collaborative.  
Respectful.  
Communication.**

**School Community Charter**

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NULKABA PUBLIC SCHOOL'S  
**2019 FAIR**  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
FRIDAY 5TH APRIL 2019



HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR SCHOOL?

• buy a wristband • sell raffle tickets • volunteer • donate • participate •

email: biancabartlett70@gmail.com

## Good for Kids good for life

### SUGARY DRINKS

The *NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy* was introduced in 2017. As part of the strategy, sugary drinks are not to be sold in the canteen.

Sugary drinks include: regular soft drinks, flavoured mineral waters, flavoured waters, sports waters, sports drinks, fruit drinks, coconut waters, cordials, slushies and frozen fruit drinks with less than 99% fruit juice. All energy drinks are also included.

Our canteen stocks refreshing everyday drinks for the students and includes water, plain and/or flavoured milk and 99% fruit juice.

Why not try cutting back on sugary drinks at home too?



PHONE 4924 6499



Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

...to get the kids eating more fruit and veg!

Want to learn how to create easy, budget-friendly family meals, entice fussy eaters and eat well to prevent cancer?



Register for a **FREE Fruit & Veg Sense** workshop to get simple tips and ideas on:

- saving money by eating more fruit and veg;
- changing family favourites into healthy meals; and
- learning clever ways to entice fussy eaters.

All participants receive a **FREE** recipe book.

We have proven results that this workshop helps parents to eat more fruit and veg. And if you eat more fruit and veg, your children will too!

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**BUILD. CREATE. IMAGINE.**

**Come and join us at our free monthly Lego Club  
during school terms.**

**ages 5 –16**

**all abilities welcome**

**KURRI KURRI LIBRARY**

**3rd Monday of the month, 4-5pm**

**CESSNOCK LIBRARY**

**3rd Thursday of the month, 4-5pm**

**The Lego Club is in partnership with Ability Links NSW**



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Linking people and communities with opportunities

**For more information, check out our website or phone**

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CESSNOCK 2325  
Phone: 4993 4399



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KURRI KURRI 2327  
Phone: 4937 1638

**Website: [libraries.cessnock.nsw.gov.au](http://libraries.cessnock.nsw.gov.au)**





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 \* 5 Mins to Hunter Valley Vineyards  
 \* 30 Mins to Maitland and 50 Mins to Newcastle  
 \* Power, water, sewer and phone available

# Austral Corner

Lot Number	Area (m2)	Price
1	762.80	\$245,000
2	869.1	\$265,000
3	975.3	\$275,000
4	883.3	\$265,000
6	1,059	\$310,000



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