



NULKABA NEWS

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Friday, 22 March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

P&C

It is a very busy time for our P&C members and all their support staff as organisation ramps up for the School Fair on Friday, 5 April 2019. Lots of notes and reminders are going out through notes, emails and posts on both Facebook and Seesaw. I know they are still looking for volunteers on the day to help out with all manner of tasks. If you can spare an hour or two it would be fantastic. The raffle prizes this year are amazing. Please make sure you try and support this fundraiser. We had our annual bottle day on Friday, 22 March 2019 and received some amazing donations. There is still time to send in some donations if you would like to do so. Last year was such a success, we decided to hold it again on the Friday but as many parents do work, the early part of the day still needs volunteers as teachers still will have the responsibility of supervising and engaging some of our students whose parents cannot attend. The AGM of the P&C has been held and all positions are filled for 2019. A couple of our wonderful parents have their last child in their final year of school so we will be looking for new people to fill these key roles in 2020. Thanks to our P&C, we now have the entire administration section of our new school air conditioned. When we move into our new school all demountables will be removed from this site. This will include the Staff Room which sits behind the COLA and in front of the hall. The P&C are again running a "Buy a Paver" drive so that we can lay those pavers next to the other ones near the canteen. There is an order form in this newsletter and it closes on Friday, 10 May 2019.

Kindergarten 2020

It is again that time of year when you need to make contact with the office if you have a child who will start school in 2020. It is important for you to complete the initial form so that we can start our planning and organise our orientation which starts in Term 3. If you have any concerns or questions please just contact the office and we can help you. If you know of anyone who has a child to start but is not currently a member of the Nulkaba community, could you please pass this information on to them.

School Photos

Our new photographic company have already been very obliging in coming on Friday, 22 March to take the class, individual and special group photos for students who will not be here on Friday, 29 March as they are on other school business. For everyone else, don't forget school photos are next Friday, 29 March 2019.

Children's University

Our Children's University program for 2019 launches next week. This a great initiative for our Years 4-6 students and provides a great link to the University in preparation for possible tertiary study in later years. It is designed to foster life long learning in our students and to give them opportunities to learn and experience new skills.

Bullying No Way

Once again this year we registered our school to be a part of this program. It was held on Friday, 15 March and is a nationwide initiative. All students would have received a little card with tips and parents were also sent home a card which explains 'Bullying' and steps to take to support anyone affected. Teachers used the opportunity to discuss any issues around this with their students. Next term we will have a visiting performance around 'Bullying' which is interactive and informative.

Partner Closely with your Child School - From Adrian Piccoli's Book

Tips:

- *The best results for children occur when schools, parents and children work as constructive partners*
- *Communicate regularly and effectively with your child's school*
- *Respect teachers and the work they do*
- *Get involved in your child's school*
- *Send your child to school every day.*

Approaching Students

This week I have had a number of concerns raised with me in regard to parents approaching other students in the school playground. Earlier this year I sent home the School Community Charter which along with Approaching the School Document I sent home last year clearly states this is completely unacceptable within the Department's Guidelines. School needs to be a safe place for children to attend and learn. They should not feel intimidated or anxious in any way in this regard.

Finally

Our new school is quickly progressing and we look like being able to move in early next term with all demountables being removed from the school in the July school holidays. This is very exciting. I had a tour today and the rooms and administration areas look amazing.

Narelle Hunt
Principal
Nulkaba Public School



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NPS Easter Hat Parade

We would like to invite you to our 2019 Easter Hat Parade at Nulkaba Public School.

When - Thurs 11th April 2019

Where - Nulkaba Public School (Under the Cola)

Time - We hope to begin the parade at 2:10pm

Needs - An Easter Hat for parading!

Easter Egg Donations

We are asking families to donate Easter eggs to support the Easter Giveaway that will take place after the parade. Please give the donations to your child's teacher or alternatively take them to the office.



Coming Events - 2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	25 Mar	26 Mar	27 Mar	28 Mar	29 Mar
Week 9		11:30a Children's University Launch	Hunter Region Trials Rugby League; 9:15a Stage 1 Astronaut Training Day with PCYC; 12:30p PSSA Girls Soccer Round 1	Cross Country	School Photo Day; Sun 31 Mar 8:00a Aerobics Autumn Challenge
Week 10	1 Apr	2 Apr	3 Apr	4 Apr	5 Apr
	9:20a Special Assembly		11:30a Kindergarten Reading Program	Trash Free Thursday; 1:30p Stage 2 - Newcastle Writer's Festival Visit	PSSA Rugby League; 1:30p School Fair
Week 11	8 Apr	9 Apr	10 Apr	11 Apr	12 Apr
	Year 5 Camp - Sydney				
Week 11		Year 6 Camp - Canberra			
				Trash Free Thursday; 2:10p Easter Hat Parade	
T2 Week 1	29 Apr	30 Apr	1 May	2 May	3 May
	Staff Development Day			Trash Free Thursday	Zone Cross Country

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

Canteen Roster - 2019

Week 9 = Roster A

Week 10 = Roster B

Week 11 = Roster C

T2 Week 1 = Roster B

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	25 Mar	26 Mar	27 Mar	28 Mar	29 Mar
Week 9	Help Needed	Patricia Twentyman Help Needed	Sally Hare Alex Repacholi	Closed	Jenny Bosden Jess Bosden Krisha Tysoe
Week 10	1 Apr	2 Apr	3 Apr	4 Apr	5 Apr
	Helen Campbell Help Needed	Leah O'Donnell Help Needed	Danielle Codd Sally Hare	Closed	Lynda Hirst Sue Hirst
Week 11	8 Apr	9 Apr	10 Apr	11 Apr	12 Apr
	Kristie Maguire Alex McGregor	Lisa Edwards Lyn Fallon	Megghan Findley Kathryn McDonald	Closed	Sophie Day Lauren Goodwin
T2 Week 1	29 Apr	30 Apr	1 May	2 May	3 May
	Helen Campbell Help Needed	Leah O'Donnell Help Needed	Danielle Codd Sally Hare	Closed	Lynda Hirst Sue Hirst

The P&C are excited to welcome Rebecca Andrews as our new Canteen Manager.

Rebecca is looking to open the canteen on Thursdays again in Term 2 and is seeking volunteers to enable this to happen.

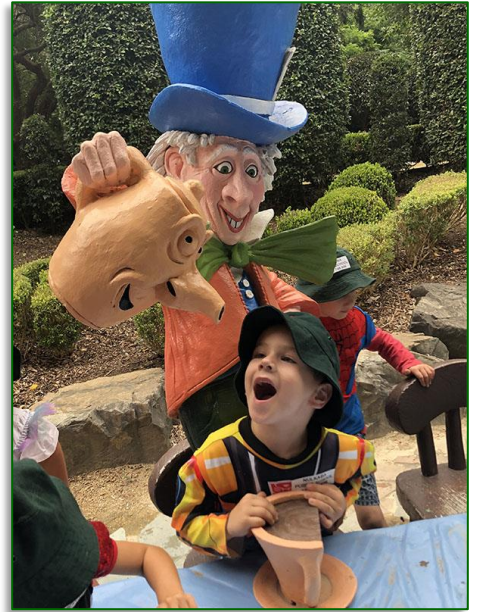
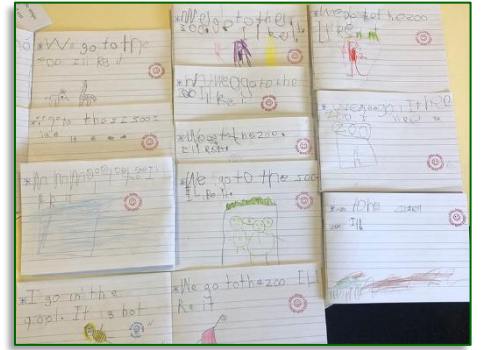
Volunteers are also still needed to assist in the canteen on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

Most volunteers are rostered on a rotating roster once every 4 weeks.

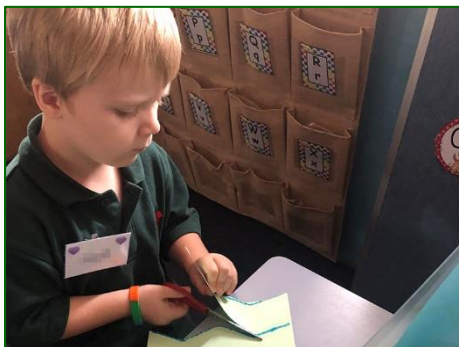
If you can help out in the canteen on any of these days please contact Rebecca on 0435 011 319.

Class KE

What an amazing start to kindergarten. KE have settled in so beautifully and are having a ball of fun. The Seesaw app helps keep parents connected with what we do and so many photos have already been uploaded. Our hands on groups have been a great success with everything from reading and writing activities to slime, pipe cleaners, pegs, puzzles, construction and scissor work just to name a few. We had our project launch with a surprise trip to Hunter Valley Gardens, the Storybook garden linked in so perfectly with our "I Wonder..." project as we have been exploring many Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales. The train tour gave us a great adventure and helped us find a magical waterfall. What a great day and the best part was that we could dress up.



Math groups have been a big success with many dice and counting games, opportunities to learn and lock in our numbers as well as learning to write them... that number 8 is a tricky one. Dominoes, pom poms, domes, shapes and many more resources have all been explored in different ways to introduce many math concepts.



Our days are full of many songs, dances, rhymes and verses to help us learn, which makes kindy a lot of fun. The children really enjoy reading around the camp fire (the novelty of burning their toes hasn't worn off yet).

Ask us about the seasons and how long they last for. We are getting really good at the days of the week and the months of the year... not to mention starting all of our letters at the top, except for our rule breaker "e". KE have already started writing in our lined books to practise our sight words in sentences as well as our letter formation and we are trying really hard.

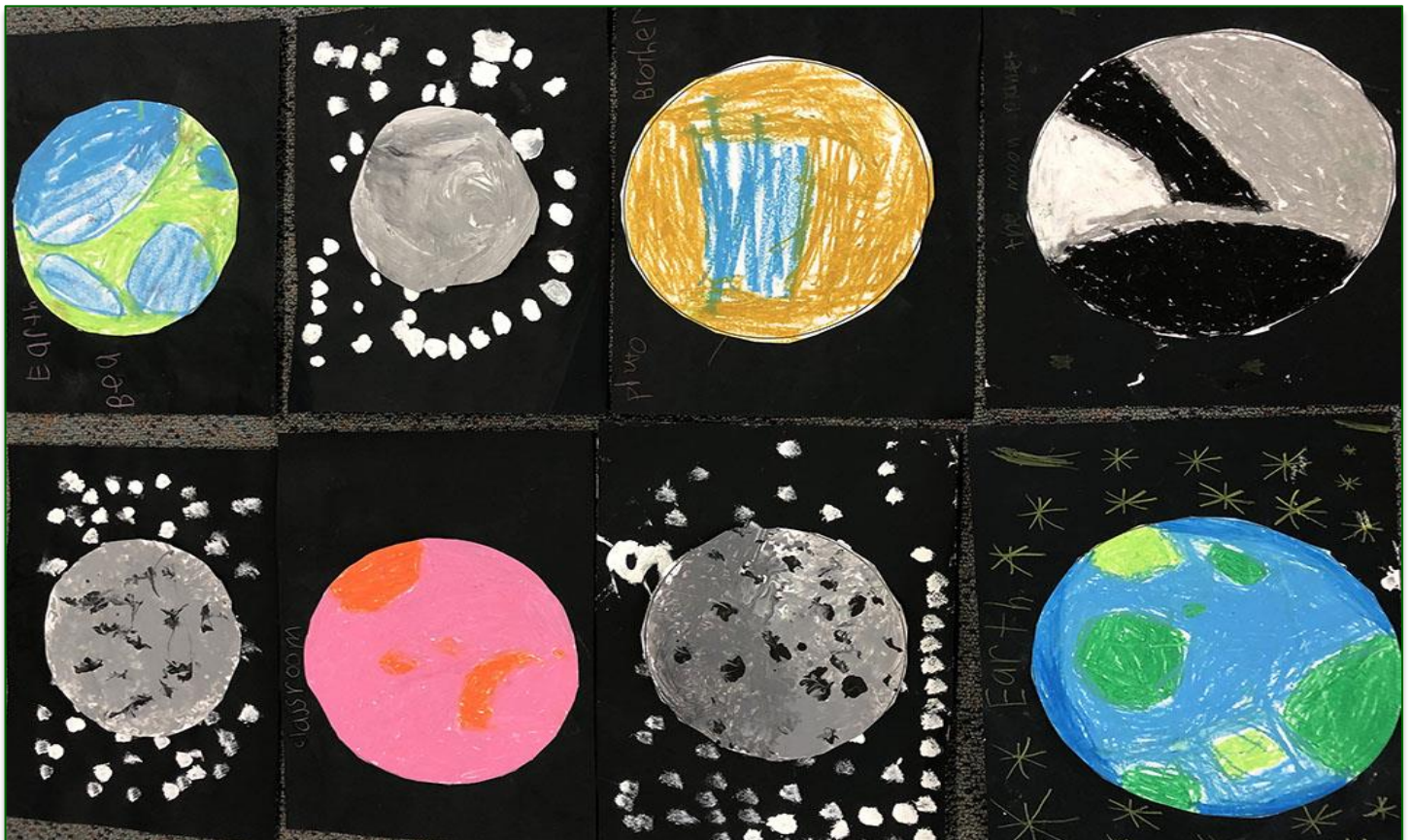
We have so much left to learn but the excitement and passion is there. Thank you to our amazing parent helpers, Robyn, Kate and Erin, KE really appreciates your time.

Class 1AW

What a huge and successful start of the year it's been in 1AW! Along with some great learning in Literacy and Numeracy, our kids have been immersed in our 'I Wonder' topic. This has proven to open everyone's curious minds and we have loved learning about the planets, astronauts and life in space through a range of engaging activities. Here's a sneak peak of some exciting STEM surprises we have in store for you at our space incursion night. 'I wonder' what else you'll discover?



We have been enjoying making beautiful artworks of the moon and our own imaginative planets using oil pastels, paints and foil stampers.



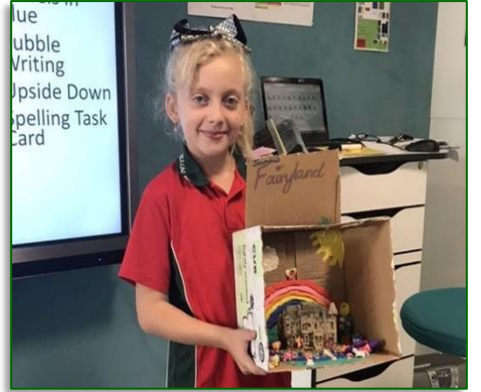
Our first disco as Year 1 kids was exciting too. It was lovely to see our 'big' kids looking after the new kindies. The fashion was on point too with the kids looking very stylish on the night.



Class 3N

And just like that the end of Term One is quickly coming upon us. In 3N we have had an excellent first term and have experienced so many wonderful things. In writing this term we have been fortunate enough to have Mr March helping us with our creative and persuasive writing and helping us to grow stronger in our confidence when creating writing on our own. In Mathematics, we have been striving hard to improve our knowledge of whole numbers and developing our mental computation strategies when solving number problems. In Project Based Learning, we have been learning all about Mythical Creatures. Most recently we have been exploring Greek Mythology and the gods and heroes the ancient Greeks would tell stories about. We are currently in the process of creating exciting news reports about a sighting of a mythical creature.

We have enjoyed this term many fun events such as Sports in School, Swimming Carnival and representing the school with pride at various gala days. 3N is very excited about the upcoming cross country carnival and the school fair. I am very proud of the amount of effort and dedication to learning 3N has shown and I'm looking forward to seeing what the rest of the year will bring.



Class 6M

Last week 6M completed the Bebras Australia Computational Thinking Challenge. The goal of the challenge is to promote Computational Thinking to students in a way that highlights students ability beyond Science and Maths skills. The class had 45 minutes to complete the 15 questions that ranged in difficulty. As it was their first time doing a challenge like this, most found the hard questions a bit tricky. Kodie C did very well to get a distinction. Isaac B and Will C also did very well in getting a merit. I think they surprised themselves at well they had done. We will attempt the same challenge again in September.

6M having really been enjoying the Sports in Schools visits, especially the gymnastics. The jumping, rolling and strength activities have really engaged them and they have been having a lot of fun.



Premier's Reading Challenge Update

Well, we certainly have lots of keen readers at the moment with lots of students working on this year's Challenge. It is especially good to see the Year 3 classes keen to meet the Challenge as many of our Year 3's are eligible for the Gold Level Certificate. This week we congratulate the following students who have completed the Challenge already – Cleo O'H, Sienna P and Tahlia W all of 3S; Lily G of 3/4B; Ava C, Demi H and Jed P all of 4Z; Amelia C, Sienna E and Cooper R all of 5G; Mackenzie Hi, Alex M, Milani T and Tayah K all of 5/6P; Kodie C of 6M; and Tameika A of 6PK. Congratulations everyone – you have set a great example for everyone!

The 'I Wonder' Challenge

Mrs Morris has lots of students and teachers putting on their thinking caps these days with the 'I Wonder' Mystery Picture Challenge. Each week, a new mystery picture will be displayed on the library door and everyone is invited to take a look and try to work out just what the picture shows. Last week, with the very first mystery picture, there were lots of inventive suggestions as to what the picture showed – it certainly had everyone thinking! Congratulations to Imogen M who was the lucky winner last week. Check out the library door and see if you can work out each week's mystery picture.

Author Visit with Katrina Nannestad



Stage 2 students have been lucky enough to have been invited to attend an author talk being held at St Phillips College with children's author Katrina Nannestad. Katrina's visit is part of the Newcastle Writer's Festival and is being sponsored by the Festival as a way of introducing students to 'real' authors. Katrina has written many books, several of which are in our school library. She is an inspiring speaker and is sure to provide our Stage 2 authors with a lot of valuable inside information about the work of an author. Stage 2 will be meeting Katrina on April 4th. If you did not receive a permission note earlier this week, please pick one up from the school office.

AET Leadership Day

The AET had a great time at the Aboriginal Leadership Day at Cessnock High learning how to make an app for people to use, based on educating people more on Aboriginal Culture. The students represented our school with pride and made new friendships with other Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools AET leaders.



Trash Free Thursdays

To encourage our students to develop sustainable practices and to think about the impact they each have on the environment, Nulkaba Public School is introducing Trash Free Thursdays, beginning Thursday the 4th of April.



Students are asked to bring their food and drink in labelled reusable containers. Ideally, your child's lunchbox will contain no throw away packaging, with any fruit and vegetable scraps (e.g. banana skins and apple cores) going to our chickens, worm farm and composting system.

Tips for Rubbish Free Lunches

Rubbish free lunches only contain items that are eaten or composted. They don't contain wrappers or packaging that will be thrown in the rubbish bin.

✓ You will need	✗ Try to avoid
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cutlery from home is better than throw away plastic ones• Reusable plastic or metal drink bottles• Reusable containers for putting all of your food, snacks and drinks into.• Lunch boxes that have lots of separate sections can be useful to avoid lost lids or containers.• A washable cloth napkin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zip lock or plastic bags and plastic wrap• Juice poppers, single serve yogurts and cheese• Single use plastic forks and spoons• Pre-packaged foods i.e. biscuits, snack bars and chips

Examples of foods to be put into a rubbish free lunch box

- A main lunch item such as a sandwich, roll, wrap, quiche, salad, pasta, sushi, noodles or rice
- Some fruit whole or cut up in a reusable container
- Snack food such as yogurt in a reusable container filled at home from a bulk container, vegetable sticks and dip, cheese and crackers, pop corn, rice crackers, other homemade treats.
- A reusable drink bottle that can be refilled with tap water

Try to involve the kids in helping decide what to take. This will help to avoid uneaten foods being thrown out, plus will save your family money as well. Also, remember to label your child's containers to avoid items becoming lost.



EOI FOR ENGRAVED PAVERS

Nulkaba Public School P&C

The P&C are seeking expressions of interest from family and friends of Nulkaba Public School to purchase an engraved paver as a lasting record of your association with the school.

The pavers will be permanently installed in the school grounds proudly showing your support of the school.

It is proposed to locate the new pavers where the current school staffroom is, as this demountable is being removed following the completion of the new building works.

Examples of pavers installed in our last fundraiser in 2014 can be viewed outside the school staffroom.

Please note due to the time and resources required for the purchase and installation of the pavers it is anticipated the next paver fundraiser would not be held for another 4 years.



SINGLE PAVER: \$35

Single Pavers have up to 3 lines of text (maximum 48 letters). Suggested wording can include student/family name, years of attendance at the school, school name, etc.



DOUBLE PAVER: \$70

Double Pavers have up to 6 lines of text (maximum 84 letters). Double pavers also include an attractive border to join the pavers together.

EOI – Please fill out this form indicating how many pavers you would be interested in purchasing. No money is required at this stage – we are just trying to ascertain interest.

Contact Name

Phone

Email

Student Name & Class

Qty Single Pavers

Qty Double Pavers

PLEASE RETURN EOI TO FRONT OFFICE BY FRIDAY 10 MAY 2019

Please copy and pass on to any friends & family.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

NULKABA PUBLIC SCHOOL'S 2019 FAIR FRIDAY 5TH APRIL 2019

SCHOOL FAIR BBQ PRE-ORDERS

To assist with the ordering of supplies and to reduce waiting times the Canteen is requesting that students pre-order their BBQ lunch/dinner for the School Fair. Additional items for family members and visitors can be added to the quantities under the student's order.

The BBQ will be operating from 1.30pm—6.30pm and you are welcome to collect the items you have ordered at any time throughout the afternoon.

Cash sales will be available on the day, but may have a longer waiting time.

BBQ ITEMS

Individual Items:

- Sausage on a Stick \$3
- Sausage Dog \$4
- Steak Sandwich \$6
- Pulled Pork & Slaw Burger \$8
- Drinks \$2.50

Combos (includes 1 drink per combo)

- Sausage on a Stick \$5
- Sausage Dog \$6
- Steak Sandwich \$8
- Pulled Pork & Slaw Burger \$10

Condiments will be available at the BBQ when you collect your hot items (i.e. sauce, onion, etc.)

All orders to be made online at www.quickcliq.com.au

ONLINE ORDERS WILL CLOSE AT 9AM THURSDAY 28TH MARCH

NULKABA PUBLIC SCHOOL'S 2019 FAIR FRIDAY 5TH APRIL 2019

Join us for an afternoon of excitement and fun... raising money for your school

1.30 - 7pm

RIDES 2 - 6pm

BBQ

sauages
pulled pork and slaw burgers
cold drinks

Unlimited Fair Rides

TWISTER Surf's Up PIRATE SHIP Fun Factory
INFLATABLES WINDJAMMER

EVERY SPIN

Come and spin the
chocolate wheel...
UP to \$100 Per Prize

WINS!

lollies HAIR BRAIDING nail painting

plants FRESH HOT DONUTS

bottle stall Hair glitter icecream

homemade spring rolls

ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCTS

SPONGE THROW fairy floss

chocolate shot

SNOW CONES



BYO Picnic blanket and cash

Pre order your show bags and wristbands and save \$\$



NULKABA PUBLIC SCHOOL'S 2019 FAIR FRIDAY 5TH APRIL 2019

volunteers needed

We are asking for volunteers on P&C stalls, like the canteen, BBQ and donut stall. If you can spare 1-2 hours on the day please contact Bianca (biancabartlett70@gmail.com) for roster times.



email: biancabartlett70@gmail.com

100'S CLUB



Limited to
100 tickets

Get in early,
before it's too late!

Knights Fans

UP for grabs at the 2019 School Fair will be a
2019 SIGNED Newcastle Knights Jersey.

All tickets \$10 each. Limited to 100 tickets only!
Purchase now to secure your tickets!

Chart located in the office foyer. If you can't
make it in, call the school or send your money to
school with your details and preferred number.

You will be contacted if that number has
already been taken.

Drawn at the Fair, Friday 5th April 2019



Nulkaba Public School would like to thank the following businesses for their support



Good for Kids good for life

TARNAMBAI

Tarnambai is a Traditional Indigenous Game. Tarnambai means 'running' in the language used in the Batavia area of north Queensland.

How to play:

Players roll a tennis ball away from their partners, who sprint after it, pick it up on the run after it crosses a line 20 metres away, and return to the starting line. Time the attempts, hold a team relay, or use this as a tabloid event in small groups (two to four players) with a set time (2–3 minutes).

Check out the Yulunga Traditional Indigenous Games resource book online to see more fun games for the family to enjoy and to learn more about Aboriginal culture.



Source: Yulunga Traditional Indigenous Games 2009



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Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to pack a healthy lunch box.

Pack at least one item from each of the following food groups for a healthy lunch!

Breads/ cereals: Wholemeal or wholegrain bread, wraps and pita. For a treat, pack pikelets, or homemade muffins and slices.

Fruit: Serve in fun ways; try fruit kebabs or fruit in jelly, cut whole fruit into small pieces for younger kids.



Veggies: Pack carrot or celery sticks with hummus.

Dairy: A slice of cheese, yoghurt or custards are all great lunch box items.

Meat and alternatives: Cooked chicken, tuna, egg, roast meat and legumes like red kidney beans or chickpeas.

Water or milk: Water or milk are the best drink choices.

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
 or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

