



NULKABA NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our first term is almost at a close and it is amazing to look back and reflect on the wonderful things that have occurred across the school.

Special Assembly

It was fantastic to have our Term One special assembly at the start of this week. Already we were able to acknowledge the achievements of many of our students. It was also fantastic to see the improvement in students listening attentively to the leaders and showing such wonderful manners throughout. Congratulations to those students who were selected as 'Citizen of the Month.' This is always a difficult decision and students should feel proud of this achievement and wonderful recognition.

Children's University

Last week we held our Children's University Launch. Students got to hear about what is involved and got to log their first lot of hours and activities. Mrs Carr played touch footy, Mrs Hunt did some amazing shape construction, Mrs Petrysen did shaving cream art and I was able to develop some gliders. The students were wonderful to work with and it was a great session for all involved.

Stage 1 Astronaut Training

Last week Stage One students participated in a range of activities with the people from PCYC to support their project learning. Students had loads of fun and learnt lots of great things. Well done Stage One!

Newcastle Writer's

This week our Stage Two students travelled to St Phillips to watch Katrina Nanasted who is an author of many children's books. She was a fabulous presenter and had the students engaged with her inspirations for writing. It felt like we were only with her for such a short amount of time, which is always a great sign. Thank you to Sandy from Cessnock Library and our own Mrs Morris for organising these events for the students.

Trash Free Thursday

Our active Environmental Team have taken action on an idea that they have been tossing around for a while. We will be running a trash free challenge that is asking students to try and cut down on the throw away items being used. Reusable containers and drink bottles is the focus. This is just an initiative for students to be mindful of the rubbish that they are generating. There is a competition across the school to see which class can have the least amount of rubbish produced. Well done to Miss Gray and the environmental team on continuing to introduce new ways that Nulkaba can make a difference.

Project Close

This week we also had the reveal of the box! It was incredibly exciting and was wonderful to hear all of the ideas that students had around what would be inside. A real buzz was generated. Inside were some balloons, a note and two beautiful signs for the play equipment within the school. KiNTay Ninga is for our infants equipment meaning 'Happy Playing' and 'Wonderland' for the equipment that we are working with landscapers and designers to work out. Special mention must go to Mr Kiem from Aberdare who made the signs for us, delivered them and was so helpful throughout the process. They are fantastic.

New School

It has been very exciting this week to have some of our teaching staff, office personnel and support staff be able to have a walk through, and training in preparation for moving into the new school. It has been great to see the screens come down and see what is on the horizon for our students. Such exciting times for Nulkaba Public School.

School Fair

Today we have the school fair. All fingers are crossed for the rain to stay away for this wonderful event. There is definitely a buzz of excitement amongst the students as the Fair is always a fantastic event. Well done to the P&C for their organisation and support of this event. Special mention to Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Codd for their countless hours of work and their hardworking committee. As a school we are truly appreciative of your dedication to this event and our school.

Narelle Hunt
Principal
Nulkaba Public School



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Coming Events - 2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	8 Apr	9 Apr	10 Apr	11 Apr	12 Apr
Week 11	Year 5 Camp - Sydney				
		Year 6 Camp - Canberra			
		6:30p P&C Meeting	5:30p Stage 1 Incursion	Trash Free Thursday; 2:10p Easter Hat Parade	
T2 Week 1	29 Apr	30 Apr	1 May	2 May	3 May
	Staff Development Day	Cricket PSSA	Soccer PSSA	Trash Free Thursday; Senior Rugby League Gala Day	Zone Cross Country
T2 Week 2	6 May	7 May	8 May	9 May	10 May
	PSSA Rugby League Day			Trash Free Thursday	Hunter Touch Trials
T2 Week 3	13 May	14 May	15 May	16 May	17 May
	AECG Meeting at Cessnock West PS	NAPLAN	NAPLAN	NAPLAN Trash Free Thursday	

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

Canteen Roster - 2019

Week 11 = Roster C T2 Week 1 = Roster B T2 Week 2 = Roster C T2 Week 3 = Roster D

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	8 Apr	9 Apr	10 Apr	11 Apr	12 Apr
Week 11	Kristie Maguire Alex McGregor	Lisa Edwards Lyn Fallon	Megghan Findley Kathryn McDonald	Closed	Sophie Day Lauren Goodwin
T2 Week	29 Apr Help Needed	30 Apr Help Needed	1 May	2 May	3 May
	Helen Campbell	Leah O'Donnell	Danielle Codd Sally Hare	Closed	Lynda Hirst Sue Hirst
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	Kristie Maguire Alex McGregor	Lisa Edwards Lyn Fallon	Megghan Findley Kathryn McDonald	Closed	Sophie Day Lauren Goodwin
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	Leanne Robinson Lorraine Williams	Help Needed	Bianca Bartlett Renae Procter	Closed	Natalee Jennings Casey White

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

Class KC

KC have been engaged in some very exciting learning this term with our Project Based Learning titled, 'I Wonder'? It's hard to believe that we are almost finished our first term of Kindergarten. We are so proud of the achievements of all of the children so far and are excited for the academic progress they are making and also the great friendships that they are developing.

KC were excited to go on our first ever school excursion and all had the most wonderful time at Hunter Valley Gardens, learning more about fairy tales with their friends.



During this term the children have been involved in a gymnastics program and we are so proud of all of them and the progress they have made.



In KC we are super excited to be learning our sounds and love making daily videos to send home on Seesaw for us to keep learning at home and for our families to know what sounds we are focusing on.

We had a visit this week from some lovely ladies from McDonalds. They conducted a presentation all about listening and reading, which the children enjoyed. We especially loved the prizes that we got to take home at the end of the session.

Mrs Carr would like to thank the parent helpers for changing the R.A.T.S readers each day and look forward to continuing to support your children into Term 2.

Here are some pictures of our talented KC children doing their personal best.



Class 2F

2F have had an amazing term so far with lots of exciting activities happening in such a short space of time. We just recently finished recording our song called 'I Wonder' which focuses on what we have learnt about space in our project this term. All students participated enthusiastically in writing the lyrics for our song, practising our song and then finally recording our song. 2F cannot wait to show stage 1 our space song at the upcoming space incursion.

2F also loved our Astronaut Training Day this week. There were lots of fun and challenging activities that the students participated in throughout the day. A major highlight for all the students was the obstacle course that the PCYC ran in the morning session. Students also mentioned how much they enjoyed making some straw and stomp rockets on the day amongst the other activities. There were some great action shots from the day.



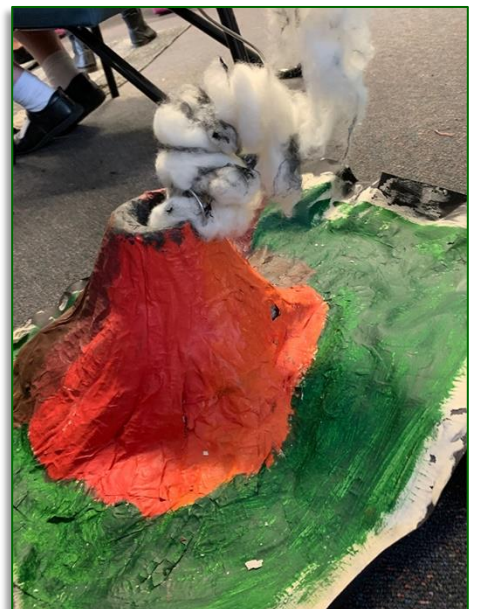
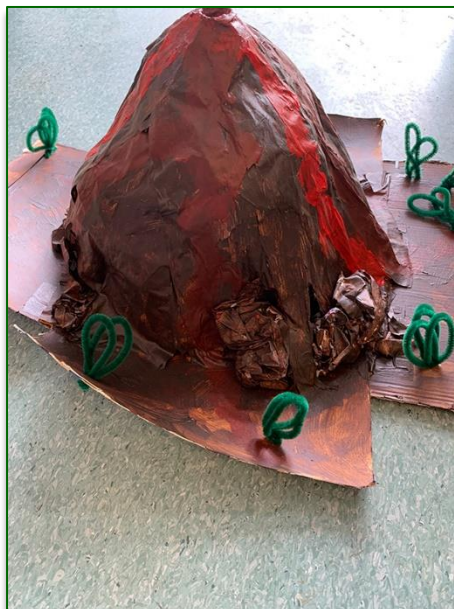
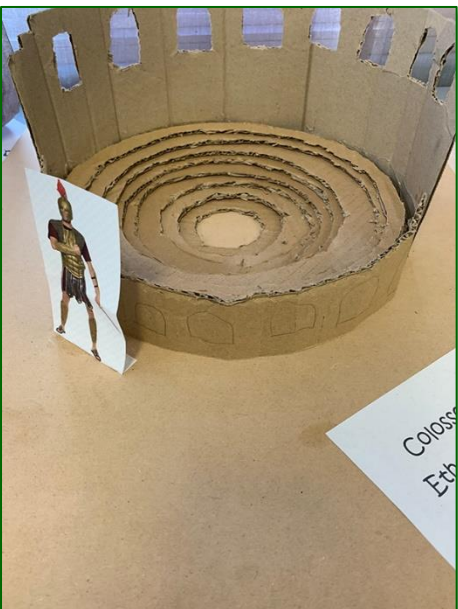
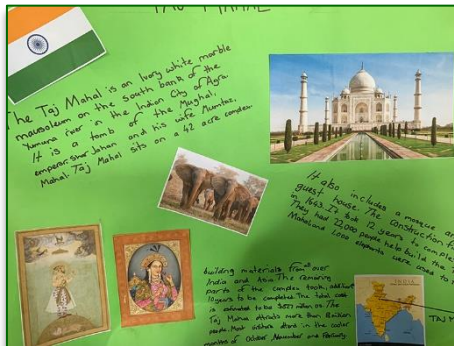
Class 6PK

This term, 6PK has been learning a new spelling strategy called SMART spelling. At the beginning of each week we get 18 new spelling words and go through and break down the first five words. This is really helping us learn and spell the tougher words.

Our project this term has been called, 'I Wonder'. It was inspired by the Seven Wonders of the World. Each week we looked at a new wonder and researched it.

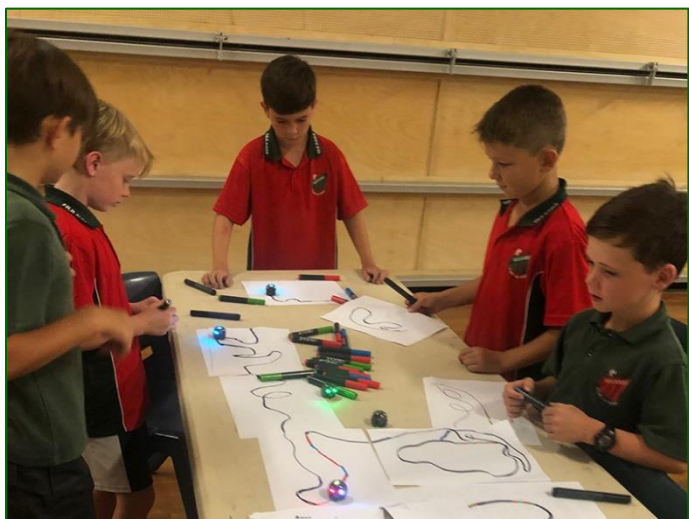
We had a homework project assigned to us where we had to research and replicate a Wonder of choice. These projects are amazing and a lot of effort has gone into making and presenting them.

It has been a very busy term and we are all looking forward to our Canberra excursion next week.



Stage 2

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of Term One. Stage 2 have had a fantastic term with so many wonderful things already happening. For our newsletter we will let pictures tell the story. We are so excited for next term and the learning and discovery to come. We are also looking forward to working with our families on goals and future focuses for our students. So much to come!



Premier's Reading Challenge Latest

We now have over 50 students with completed entries for this year's Challenge, as well as many more with their entries being nearly complete. The upcoming holidays present a great time to catch up on some reading for the Challenge. Among those 50 plus students, we can congratulate 1M in being the first class to have completed the Challenge – a wonderful effort on their part. Well done 1M – Claire A, Charlot B, Jordan B, Aidan C, Tyson C, Nixin C, Mackenzie D, Myranda F, Nicholas G, Liam H, Lily I, Beau J, Grace M, Mason M, Charlie M, Uriyah M, Wyatt O, Lachlan S, Koby S, Isabelle W, Olivia W and Marley W. Primary students have been busy reading as well – so congratulations to: Sierra H of 3N, Lachlan H of 3S, Laura B of 4Z, Tyler F of 5G, and from 5/6P - Mackenzie C, Mackenzie Ha, Preston M, Lilli W, Aubrey B, and Nash M.

Speaking of Upcoming Holidays...

Staff and students have been excited to hear that our library will be having something of a makeover during the holidays – a well-deserved paint update and replacement of the pinboard material is planned for the holidays. This is sure to give the library a freshen-up. Plans for further work in the library are being formulated and if all goes well, our library will be looking a million dollars within a few months' time!

Stage 2 Author Visit with Katrina Nannestad

Last Thursday, Stage 2 had the pleasure of meeting children's author, Katrina Nannestad. It was lovely to meet Katrina, as Mrs Morris had shared some of Katrina's work with Stage 2 classes in the weeks prior to her visit. Katrina is a wonderful author, having written some very funny stories filled with wonderful characters. As the pictures show, Stage 2 students were quite rapt during Katrina's talk. Year 3 student, Tahlia, was really pleased to have the chance to say hello to Katrina and asked Katrina to autograph her copy of Katrina's novel, *The Girl, the Dog and the Writer in Rome*. Also Ava C of Year 3 was happy to help Katrina in posing as character Tobias Appleby while Katrina told students about the way she developed the character of Tobias in her stories.



Library Overdues

There are still many students with overdue library books – some from earlier this year, but many from 2018. Obviously, this is an unacceptable situation. Mrs Morris has been endeavouring to organise the overdue reminders to be sent out before the end of term. However, due to a variety of events and time demands, these will be held over until early Term 2. The holidays will be a good time to check for any stray books so that they can be returned as soon as possible next term.

Wow, what a busy term for our students in the sporting arena. This term we had our swimming carnival where everyone who competed, tried their best and we even saw a couple of school records broken. The students who went on to swim at the zone carnival proudly represented Nulkaba with a large group qualifying for Hunter Region Swimming. We also had a lovely day at our Cross Country carnival at Hunter Valley Gardens, and wish the students who qualified for zone next term good luck.

Then there were the gala days across many sports for both Stage 2 and 3. We competed in Rugby 7's, Junior Rugby League and Stage 2 Soccer. Our PSSA knockout competitions have started as well with the boys and girls cricket and girls soccer teams already playing their first matches with boys cricket and girls soccer moving on to the next round.

Also this term were trials for numerous Cessnock Zone and Hunter Region sporting teams. We had students who performed well enough to be selected for the Zone teams in boys cricket, basketball, touch football, soccer, rugby league and diving as well as girls basketball, touch football, soccer, netball and diving. There have been a few students who did well enough to be selected to represent the Hunter Region at the State Championship, Matilda D in the girl's basketball and Aubrey and Elsie B in the Diving.

Things don't slow down next term either, so enjoy the holidays and get ready for some fun and competition next term.

Mr Melmeth
Sports Coordinator

Good for Kids good for life

FUN IN THE SUN

Summer is the perfect opportunity to ditch the technology and get outside to have fun in the sun! And you don't have to spend a lot of money with these great ideas:

- Create a slip and slide in your yard with a tarp, water and detergent
- Go for a bike or scooter ride to the park
- Go for a picnic and take the soccer ball with you
- Plan a scavenger hunt
- Use chalk to draw on the paths outside your house and play games such as hopscotch
- Get involved in gardening

Have a look online for more great ideas!



Nutrition Snippet

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