



# NULKABA NEWS

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**Issue 141: 2019 Term 2 Week 2**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Building Upgrade**

Well we are finally here, we have all successfully moved into our classrooms for the rest of 2019. It was a lot of work for all our staff with many using a significant portion of their holiday to be ready for the start of the term. There are still some issues with furniture, landscaping and some other items which we are currently addressing. Two demountable classrooms were removed during this break. This is to enable us to landscape this section of the grounds in line with the rest of the school. We are also working with the landscapers to complete the front of the school.

At the same time we have been upgrading our original buildings so they blend in with the architecture of the new school. Block B (our old administration section) has been painted. Block A (the heritage listed brick building) will be externally painted to match Block B and the new school, the library has been internally painted, new pinboards attached and will have the sky lights fixed and finally Block K (the MDR building at the back of the school) will be externally painted and the ramp fixed following internal painting and new carpet last year. As you can see a lot has been happening at Nulkaba.

Thank you to all the families who came and had a tour of the school last week. From the many comments I received it seems it is a great success. If needed I am happy to conduct a couple of extra tours in Week 4. Monday, 20 May 2019 and Thursday, 23 May 2019 at 8:50am and 2:50pm on both days.

Having a two story building is a new experience for our students and signs have been placed on stairs and rules placed in rooms as to how to access the stairs as well as the use of tubs to stop the need for re-entering the building during break periods.

Next year Block E will be home to two of our Kindergarten classes with the third one remaining in their current building. Downstairs of Block F will remain as home to our Stage 1 students.

Upstairs - Stage 3 will remain and Stage 2 will join them. Our beautiful Block A will house the extra class from whatever stage it happens to be in 2020. We have five Stage 3 classes this year.

We are very lucky that we have been overbuilt at this time which allows for future growth and expansion without the need for extra demountables to be placed on site.

All other demountables will be removed from Nulkaba by the end of the next vacation break. This is a mammoth task. At this time we will have our sprinkler system fixed and the final bit of turf placed on the back oval to complete this space.

## P&C

This month's P&C meeting will be held next Tuesday, 14 May 2019 at 6.30pm in our new staff facility. You are all most welcome to attend and help support our students. Thank you to all the families who have sent in donations for our Mothers' Day Stall. They are most appreciated. Thanks to the P&C and volunteers who helped to organise the stall and who helped our students purchase their gifts. Despite the dreadful weather our Fair was a great success. Thanks to all the families who braved the weather to help out on the stalls and to those families who attended. Thanks to the Fair Committee for all their hard work in making sure everything was ready and to all our wonderful sponsors. It looks like \$12000 was raised which will help to complete the outdoor areas of our school and to fund some upgrades to furniture in the Library.

## Mothers' Day Concert and Afternoon Tea

It was fantastic to see so many mothers and grandmothers here to watch their children perform in our concert. This event is our way of saying thank you for all that you do to support all our students at Nulkaba. So once again thank you.

## Project Two and Three Way Conferencing

All teachers are busy preparing our next project which will start in Week 5. Reports will be sent home at the end of next week in time for Interviews and Conferencing in Week 4. More information in regard to these interview dates and times will be sent home very soon. We will be holding them in one of our vacant rooms upstairs in the new school as the library is still not back to full working order.

## ANZAC Day

It was wonderful to see that so many students turned up on the day to march with Nulkaba Public School in the annual parade. As always they were wonderful ambassadors for our school. Thank you to the parents who enabled their children to participate. We conducted our own ceremony last week so that all children have the opportunity to learn about ANZAC Day and its significance to our Country.

## Adopt a Farmer



Thanks to all students who came dressed out of uniform last Wednesday to support 'adopt a farmer'. A special mention to Diezel L who spent time on the weekend raising additional money at his local mini-bike club. Diezel raised \$150 to add to our school's donation. As a school we raised a total of \$590.00

Narelle Hunt  
Principal  
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## Year 6 Camp to Canberra

### Funding from the Government to Assist with Year 6 Camp to Canberra

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion and was deducted from the student cost of the camp.

## Coming Events - 2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	13 May	14 May	15 May	16 May	17 May
Week 3	AECG Meeting at Cessnock West PS	NAPLAN; 6:30p P&C Meeting	NAPLAN	Book Club Orders Due; NAPLAN; Trash Free Thursday	Reports go Home
	20 May	21 May	22 May	23 May	24 May
Week 4	Three Way Conference ES1	Three Way Conference Stage 3;	Three Way Conference Stage 1; National Simultaneous Storytime	Three Way Conference Stage 2; Trash Free Thursday; Leadership Day - Newcastle	Nulkaba vs Nulkaba Debate
	27 May	28 May	29 May	30 May	31 May
Week 5	Stage 1 Project Launch Excursion; Stage 2 Project Launch; Stage 3 Launch On-site; 9:10a Kindergarten Project Launch - Excursion	11:00a Children's University Visit		9:45a Athletics Carnival; Trash Free Thursday	Anti-Bullying Show
	3 Jun	4 Jun	5 Jun	6 Jun	7 Jun
Week 6	AECG Meeting - Weston		12:00p Boys PSSA Touch; 12:50p Girls PSSA Touch	Trash Free Thursday; 11:00a Year 6 Mini Lessons	Stage 2 Off-site Launch

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

## Canteen Roster - 2019

Week 3 = Roster D

Week 4 = Roster A

Week 5 = Roster B

Week 6 = Roster C

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	13 May	14 May	15 May	16 May	17 May
Week 3	Lorraine Williams Help Needed	Help Needed	Bianca Bartlett Renae Procter	Closed	Krishna Tysoe Casey White
	20 May	21 May	22 May	23 May	24 May
Week 4	Sharon Bamforth Help Needed	Patricia Twentyman Help Needed	Sally Hare Alex Repacholi	Closed	Jenny Bosden Jess Bosden
	27 May	28 May	29 May	30 May	31 May
Week 5	Helen Campbell Emma Moores	Leah O'Donnell	Danielle Codd Sally Hare	Closed	Lynda Hirst Sue Hirst
	3 Jun	4 Jun	5 Jun	6 Jun	7 Jun
Week 6	Help Needed	Lisa Edwards Lyn Fallon	Megghan Findley Kathryn McDonald	Closed	Sophie Day Lauren Goodwin

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



### Stage 1

Year 1 and 2 finished Term 1 with our exciting Space Incursion. Every student was excited to show off their planet research, space song, class films and art and craft activities. The student's favourite activity was looking at the moon and stars through the telescopes.

We have begun Term 2 and are very excited to be in our new classrooms. We are looking forward to performing at the Mother's Day Concert, our second project launch in Week 5, sharing our learning goals during parent teacher interviews and whatever else the term brings, we will complete with excitement and enthusiasm.

The photos below are from our space incursion at the end of Term 1. The QR code will allow you to access a video about our night.







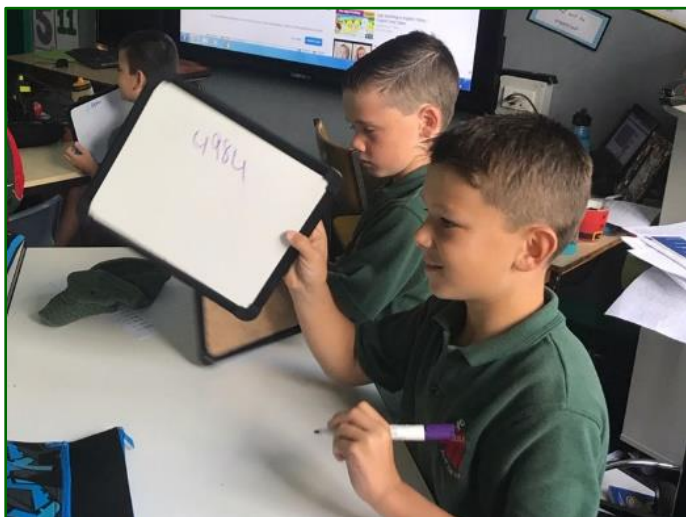
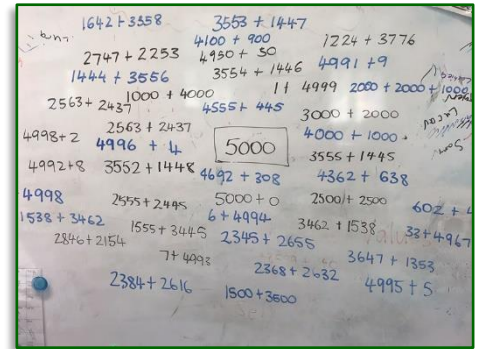


## Class 4Z

### 4Z are Loving Term 2!

Term 1 with every class is interesting, getting to know students and them getting to know me. Terms 2 and 3 are always amazingly productive terms where it becomes easier to identify times to push students and they understand expectations and high standards of the year. 4Z have settled into Term 2 and it is really looking as though they will follow tradition with a fantastic term. There has been lots of changes this term which they have already adjusted to. We are having whole class intervention three times a week with Miss Manolis and they get to work with Mr Stark (March) and I twice a week to improve their writing. We are enjoying morning walks to catch up with our walk talk buddy and continue to make a huge impact on the front garden.

For the first five weeks we will be looking at historical community members. We have started by learning about Billy Blue, a convict who made quite a life for himself in Sydney, with a range of landmarks still related to him. Overall a fantastic start that students are to be commended on. Please enjoy some photos of the different things happening. I had taken photos of students with their fantastic gifts that they had made, but can't include them as it would spoil the Mother's Day surprise! On that note happy Mother's Day to all of our Nulkaba mums. We appreciate all that you do for us. We hope that you have a fantastic day on Sunday.





### Class 5/6P

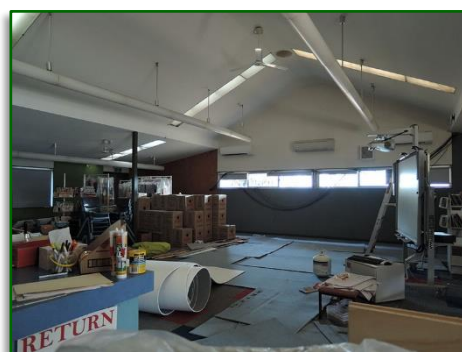
5/6P had an extremely busy first term and Term 2 is shaping up the same way. Everyone enjoyed our project on the 'Wonders of the World', where we specifically looked at the Ancient, Modern and Natural wonders. All students researched, created and presented a wonder to the class and designed their own 'Australian Wonder'. There were many impressive posters, dioramas and models. We also participated in Sports in Schools, where students were taught a range of gym and athletic skills. One of the highlights was definitely our camps to Sydney for Year 5 and Canberra for Year 6. Both camps were filled with fun and learning. Some of the places that Year 5 visited were Sydney Aquatic Centre, Luna Park, The Rocks area, ANZ Stadium and Bondi Beach. Year 6 went to the AIS, both old and new Parliament House, Questacon and The Australian War Memorial. This term we have had a lot of students involved in sporting teams and many who are representing Nulkaba at Zone level. Debating and Public Speaking are a large part of Term 2 as well. We are so lucky at Nulkaba to offer our students such a range of extra-curricular activities, we certainly have many skilled students in a vast range of areas.





### The Library is Changing!

Over the last few weeks, our library has been undergoing the start of a major refurbishment. The work really started in the last week of Term 1 when Mrs Morris and several wonderful helpers packed up the Library (which only took about 200 boxes and about eight rolls of packaging tape).



Then, the holidays saw the library have an interior paint job so that we no longer are looking at blue-coloured walls. Since its construction in 1995, the library's interior has always been blue, and with the lovely new colour scheme used in the new classrooms, it was high time to give the Library a new look.





In the last few days, the second stage of the refurbishment has taken place with the removal of the blue-coloured fabric wall covering. The library now has a fresh new look with off-white painted walls, and silver and lime fabric covering.



In the near future, new shelving will be installed to replace the dated brown shelving, and this will include shelving more suited to modern library use. Once our new shelving is in place, we will be looking to install several pieces of new furniture including new tables, chairs, soft seating and ottomans. Mrs Morris is working closely with design consultants to achieve a library that will look fresh and modern for many years to come.

### Book Club Issue 3

The new issue of Book Club was sent out to classes at the beginning of this week. Any **orders need to be in by next Thursday, 16 May 2019**. Due to the work being done in the library, it would be best to use LOOP order and payment to place orders. Otherwise, orders should be taken to the student window of the new office and left with office staff who will then pass orders onto Mrs Morris.

### National Simultaneous Storytime is Coming!


**NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME**  
Wednesday 22 May 2019  
[alia.org.au/nss](http://alia.org.au/nss) #NSS2019 #1millionkidsreading

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Get set for this year's National Simultaneous Storytime! Why would alpacas be playing maracas? Can alpacas even do that? Come find out when we share this story with thousands of other children across Australia at 11am on Wednesday, 22 May 2019. Oh, and Mrs Morris has a little surprize in store for everyone there!

### Premier's Reading Challenge

We are certainly steaming along with this year's Challenge and already have over 100 students with completed entries. It has been such a busy time in the school that our records are not 100% up to date – so we will recognise all of our recently finished students in the next newsletter so that we don't risk missing anyone. Stay tuned for the next newsletter's catch-up!





# Mother's Day Concert & Afternoon Tea



Our Annual Mother's Day Afternoon Tea was held in Week 2 and was a great success! The afternoon was just a small way of showing our beautiful mothers and grandmothers how thankful we are for all that they do to make our school the fantastic place that it is. Thank you to the children for providing the wonderful talent and thank you to the teachers for preparing the afternoon tea. To all of our wonderful mothers and grandmothers out there, we hope you have a fabulous Mother's Day and we thank you for coming along on the day.





## Good for Kids good for life

### HEALTHY LUNCHBOX PICK & MIX

For a healthy lunchbox pick and mix, just choose something from each category, 1 – 6!

<b>1. FRUIT</b> Fresh, frozen or tinned	<b>2. VEGETABLES</b> Includes legumes and beans of different types and colours
<b>3. MILK, YOGHURT &amp; CHEESE</b> Reduced fat options are best	<b>4. LEAN MEAT &amp; ALTERNATIVES</b> Meat, poultry, fish, eggs or seeds.
<b>5. GRAIN (CEREAL) FOODS</b> Choose wholegrain and high fibre varieties	<b>6. WATER!</b> Tap, spring, mineral, soda and sparkling!



Source: Healthy Together Victoria



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Nutrition Snippet

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Sign up to one of our **FREE** Fruit & Veg Sense workshops for parents at your local school.



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- How much is a 'serve' of fruit and veg and how many serves do we need?
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## PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Held at our Cessnock clinic  
with 2 Speech Pathologists.

Tuesdays in Term 2- Week 3, 6, 9 (14/5, 4/6, 25/6)

5:30-7:00pm

Refreshments provided.

\$10 booking fee to register.

Open to parents and carers of children with a disability.

Come along, share experiences and make connections.

If you are interested please contact Vivien Edwards

0402088908



## Support Nulkaba Public School Fundraising!

The Entertainment Fundraiser is one of our favourites at Nulkaba Public School. Last year we raised \$858 – this year we want to do even better! We are fundraising and our goal is \$900. The Memberships sell for \$65, and we keep 20% from every membership we sell.

Choose between the Entertainment Digital Membership or Entertainment Book. Both Memberships contain thousands of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for Newcastle, Central Coast and The Hunter's best restaurants, cafés, family dining, attractions, accommodation and travel packages. The Membership is valid until 1 June, 2020.

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**So you can see what is in the Entertainment Book for you and your family,  
we will be sending one home with your child on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019.**

If you **do not** need a Book sent home, please return this form to the front office by: **12<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Alternatively, you can email your child's name and class to: [slongton@entertainmentbook.com.au](mailto:slongton@entertainmentbook.com.au) requesting not to receive a copy.

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