



# NULKABA NEWS

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**Issue 142: 2019 Term 2 Week 4**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Reports and Interviews**

By now you would have received your children's reports and have had the chance to schedule and attend a 3 way conference style interview. I hope you found both informative and interesting. We believe this gives our students the opportunity to discuss their goals and where they wish to take their learning journey. It also gives you a chance to discuss your concerns and for the teacher to inform you of any issues or concerns they may have. They are earlier in the year as we hope this allows for much earlier communication. The reports are designed to let you know what has been taught in the Areas of English and Mathematics as an indication of their level of achievement and effort in these areas. The general comment is there to let you know other areas of strength and improvement as well as information about our Term 1 project.

### **Project 2**

While Project 1 had a common thread through out K-6, I Wonder, Project 2 is designed to link in closely with many of our curriculum areas in History, Geography and Science as well as Creative Arts, PDHPE and Technology. Launches will occur next week and I am sure the students will thoroughly enjoy their experiences and be motivated and ready to take on their next project.

### **Kindergarten 2020**

It is that time of year when we need you to come to the office if you have a child who will be enrolling into Kindergarten in 2020. If you know of anyone whose child will be their first to enrol at Nulkaba could you pass this information onto them. Just come to the office and fill out the paperwork and then you will be on our list for orientation which starts towards the end of Term 3.

### **New Buildings**

There is still lots of work happening around the school as some issues are corrected with the new buildings and our older buildings get their face lift. Our official opening will be held in Week 3 of Term 3 as part of Education Week. This will give us enough time to have all the demountables removed and the works completed with our older existing buildings.

### **Staff Development Day (SDD) Term 2019**

The Cessnock Network of Schools have organised Dylan Williams to present to all teachers. This will involve SDD being moved from Monday, 22 July 2019 (Week 1) to Monday, 19 August 2019 (Week 5). More information will be sent home later in the Term - this is just an advanced warning. This means children come to school on Monday, 22 July 2019 but do not come on Monday, 19 August 2019. This is a wonderful opportunity for all staff to participate in Quality Professional Learning. Please let us know if this will cause you concerns.

## Important Information

Just another reminder about our Rangers from the Council who visit our site regularly and are merciless with their fines. You need to make sure you follow all the signs around the school. We do not know when they are coming, it is just a part of the Council's safety around schools program.

Please be aware that if another parent is not here to pick up their child you cannot just take them home. Often students have forgotten arrangements made, especially if they are young and/or it changes on different days. We encourage the children if they are not sure to come up to the office where one of the ladies will help them. If you see any child in distress about this please escort them to a teacher or to the office.

## Events and Sport

There are many excursions, incursions and sporting events happening during the rest of the term. It is important to regularly check bags for notes. All notes that require permission and/or money are green. Please return them to school as soon as possible, definitely by the closing date on the form, as organisation for these events takes a lot of time. All notes are on our website for you to print off and reminders for most events, particularly ones that involve a lot of our students, are placed on Seesaw and also emailed out to you. It is important that your details are accurate. One event, coming up next Thursday, 30 May 2019 is our Athletics Carnival. All students K-6 attend. This is an endorsed Public School Event. There are no teachers at school to supervise your children. No child can go on a bus without permission so it is critical you return the permission note. If there is a concern re cost please contact the office as there are lots of options with regards to payment.

Narelle Hunt  
Principal  
Nulkaba Public School



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## Disable Parking Information

### Important Information! Please Read!

Our school is currently waiting for the council to assign our school a second disabled parking space. At the moment, we only have one space which is not enough. Could all adults who are dropping off or parking at our school please be considerate and leave this space for families that have children that need this facility (especially at the beginning and end of the school day).



## School House Groups

The office has now sorted all new students into house groups. If you have more than one child attending Nulkaba Public School and they are not in the same house group please contact the office and they will fix.

With lots of parents using the Sentral Portal to book their parent/teacher/student interviews you may notice that your child has their house group listed.

This information may or may not be correct. We do have a problem with Sentral and house groups. We are working on fixing this problem.

## Coming Events - 2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	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; <b>9:10a</b> Kindergarten Project Launch - Excursion	<b>9:10a</b> Girls PSSA Soccer Round 3; <b>11:00a</b> Children's University Visit	<b>8:00a</b> Northern NSW Futsal Championships	<b>9:45a</b> Athletics Carnival; Trash Free Thursday	<b>9:00a</b> Regional Cross Country Carnival; Anti-Bullying Show
Week 6	3 Jun	4 Jun	5 Jun	6 Jun	7 Jun
	AECG Meeting - Weston		Netball Gala Day PSSA; <b>12:00p</b> Boys PSSA Touch; <b>12:50p</b> Girls PSSA Touch	Trash Free Thursday; <b>11:00a</b> Year 6 Mini Lessons	Stage 2 Off-site Launch
Week 7	10 Jun	11 Jun	12 Jun	13 Jun	14 Jun
		AET Leadership Day - Kurri High; <b>6:30p</b> P&C Meeting		Trash Free Thursday; <b>4:00p</b> School Disco	
Week 8	17 Jun	18 Jun	19 Jun	20 Jun	21 Jun
	Stage 3 Forensic Science Workshop	Wiyala Indigenous Public Speaking	Netball Gala Day Singleton; <b>10:40a</b> Peer Support Preparation - Year 6	Trash Free Thursday	

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

## Canteen Roster - 2019

Week 5 = Roster B

Week 6 = Roster C

Week 7 = Roster D

Week 8 = Roster A

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	27 May	28 May	29 May	30 May	31 May
Week 5	Helen Campbell Emma Moores	Leah O'Donnell	Danielle Codd Sally Hare	<b>Closed</b>	Lynda Hirst Sue Hirst
Week 6	3 Jun	4 Jun	5 Jun	6 Jun	7 Jun
	<b>Help Needed</b>	Lisa Edwards Lyn Fallon	Megghan Findley Kathryn McDonald	<b>Closed</b>	Sophie Day Lauren Goodwin
Week 7	10 Jun	11 Jun	12 Jun	13 Jun	14 Jun
	Lorraine Williams <b>Help Needed</b>	<b>Help Needed</b>	Bianca Bartlett Renae Procter	<b>Closed</b>	Krishna Tysoe Casey White
Week 8	17 Jun	18 Jun	19 Jun	20 Jun	21 Jun
	Sharon Bamforth <b>Help Needed</b>	Patricia Twentyman <b>Help Needed</b>	Sally Hare Alex Repacholi	<b>Closed</b>	Jenny Bosden Jess Bosden

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



### Early Stage 1

Kindergarten are having another very eventful and exciting time this term already, involving lots of new learning and wonderful extra-curricular activities. The teachers are continually amazed at how wonderful the children are progressing with their learning. KE were very excited to move into the new building this term and the other Kindergarten classes love visiting KE and spending time in this beautiful new space.



We are so excited to be going on another 'Secret' excursion next week and look forward to the day that will be full of fun. Throughout the day we will be posting to Seesaw so keep an eye on your app parents and if you haven't already connected to Seesaw please see you child's teacher to get access.

We have so many more things this term that we are looking forward to. We have a disco coming up as well as our first Athletics Carnival. This is an exciting day where the children are involved in a range of enjoyable novelty rotations and a highlight is usually the running race. All children are encouraged to do their best, which they always do with a huge smile.

The Kindergarten teachers conducted three way interviews on Monday this week and appreciated the conversations that they had with the parents and carers of the wonderful progress that our beautiful children are making. If you were unable to make an interview please feel free to see your child's teacher to arrange one as it is so exciting for the children to be involved in this process and take ownership of their learning and choices at school.

We would like to, once again, thank the dedication of parent helpers, assisting in a variety of ways in our school. A special mention to the parents who continue to change the RATS readers weekly. Without your help this program would not be as effective.

Kindergarten Teachers.

### News from the Classroom (continued)

#### Class 1M

1M have had an exciting and productive start to the term. We have settled in nicely to our new room and would love you to have a look. [View the tour of our new classroom.](#)

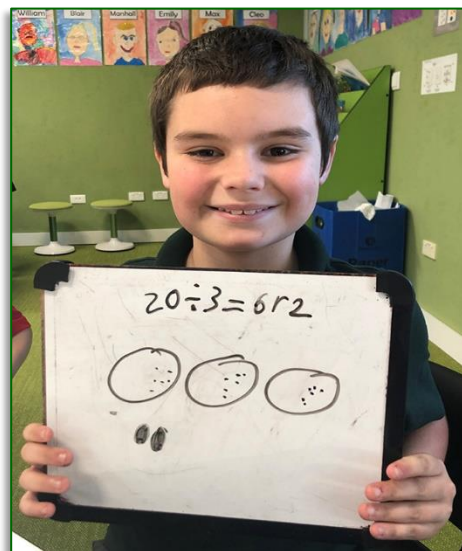
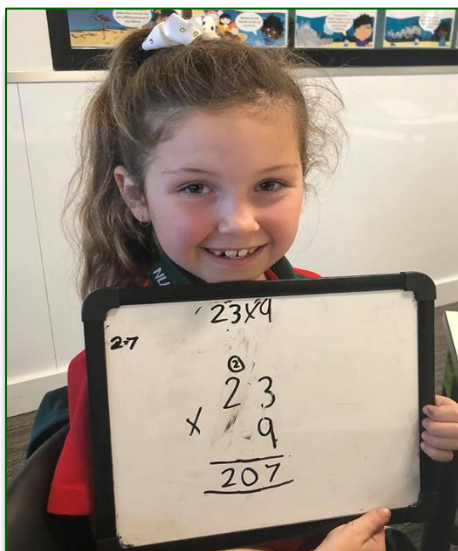




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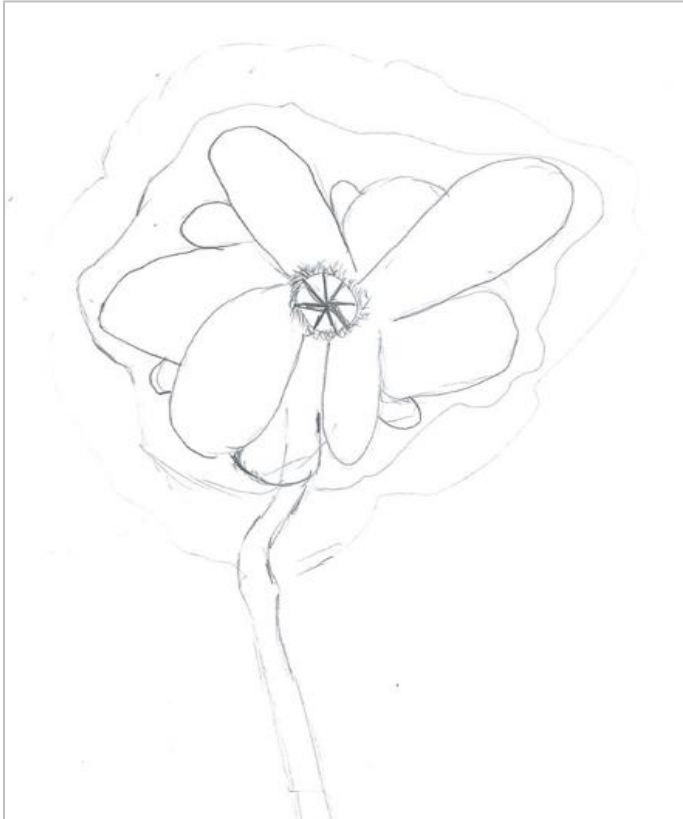
3S have had another wonderful start to the term. They have been working busily in class on a range of things. In math groups, 3S have been working on whole number, multiplication and division. They enjoy the range of fun, hands on games that we get to play. 3S have been working on their creative writing this term. Our whole class focus has been using more descriptive language, similes, personification and interesting verbs. Students have found our history focus on historical community members very interesting this term. They are excited to see what our next project will be! Being active is one of our favourite things to do in 3S, we have been working on our skipping skills this term.

We have so much more to look forward to this term! Please enjoy some photos from our class.

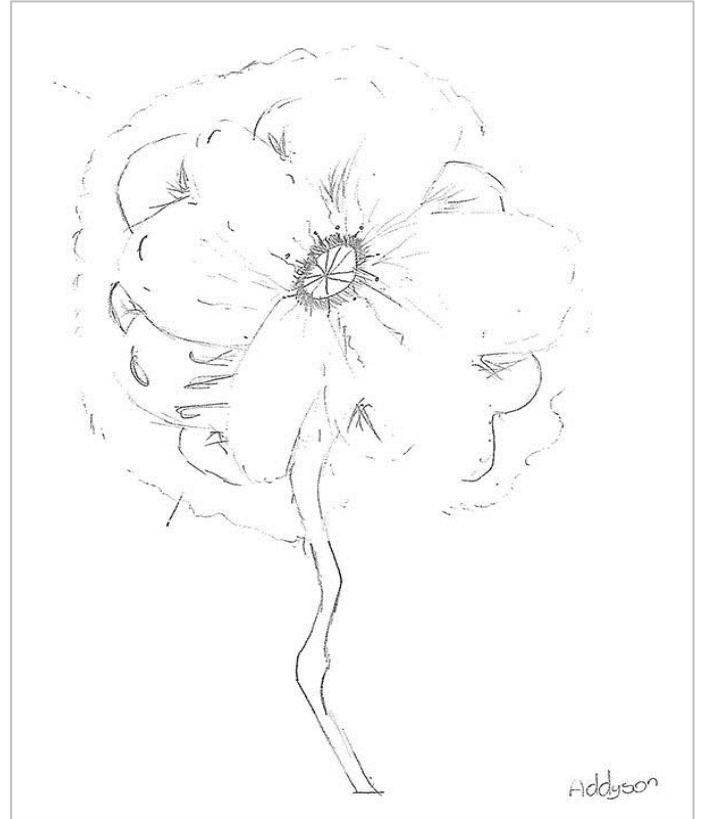


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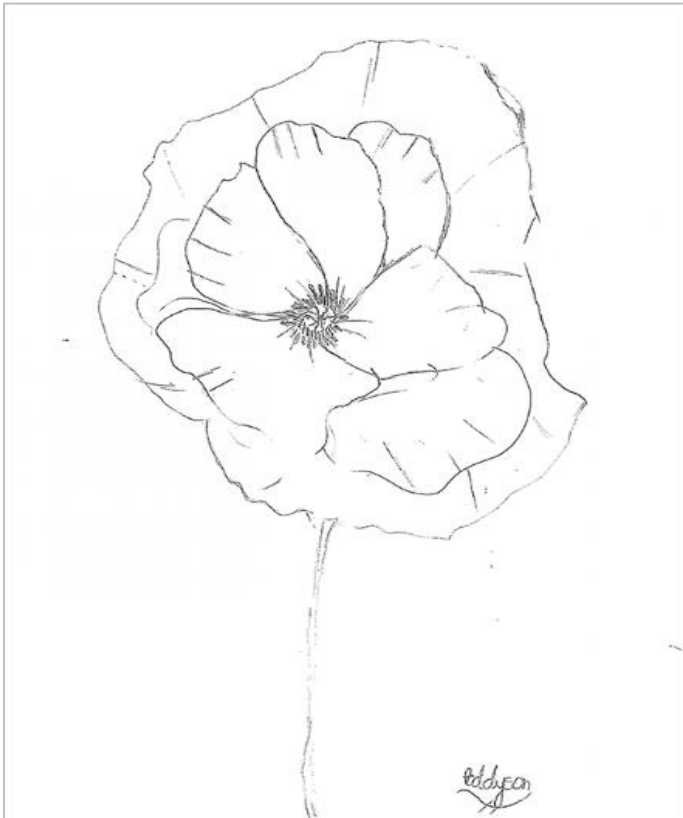
5G have been learning how *kind, helpful and specific feedback* can help us to improve. The students drew a sketch of a poppy, looking at a photo or illustration to guide them. They then received kind, helpful and specific feedback from their peers on how they could improve their illustrations. They used this feedback to complete another two drafts before colouring their final sketch. Take a look at their wonderful progress.



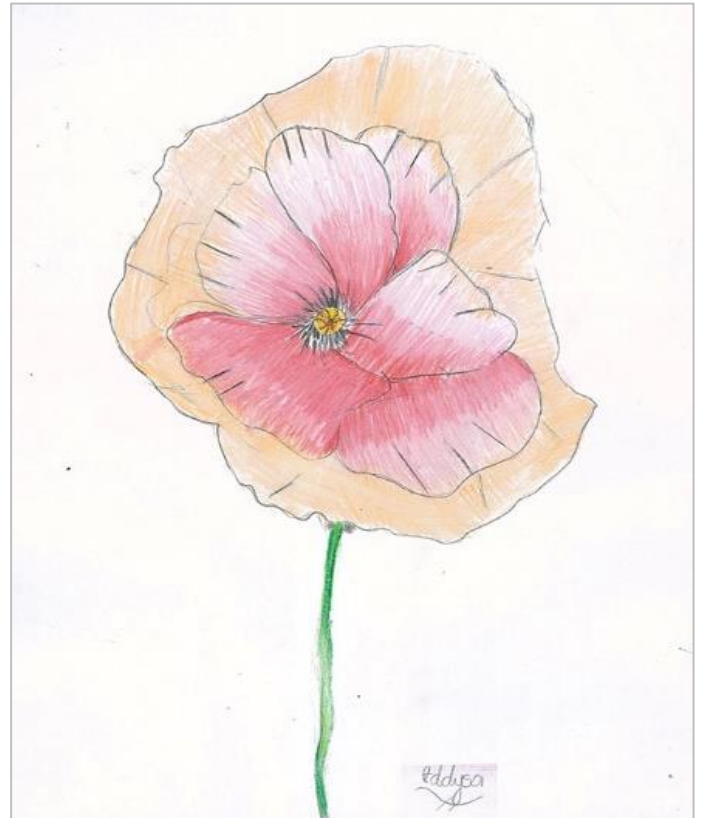
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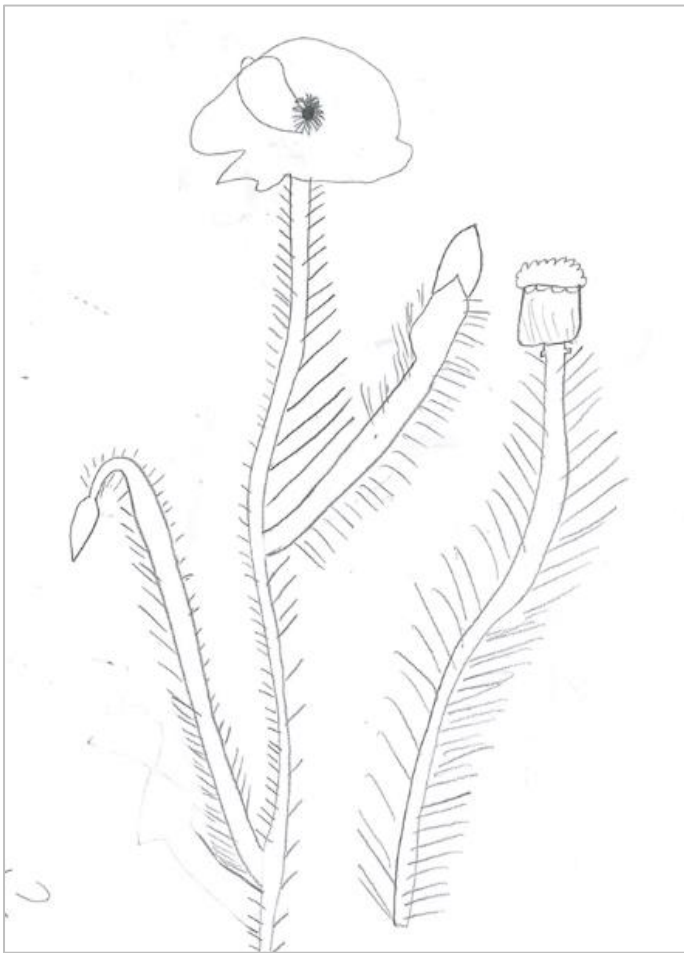


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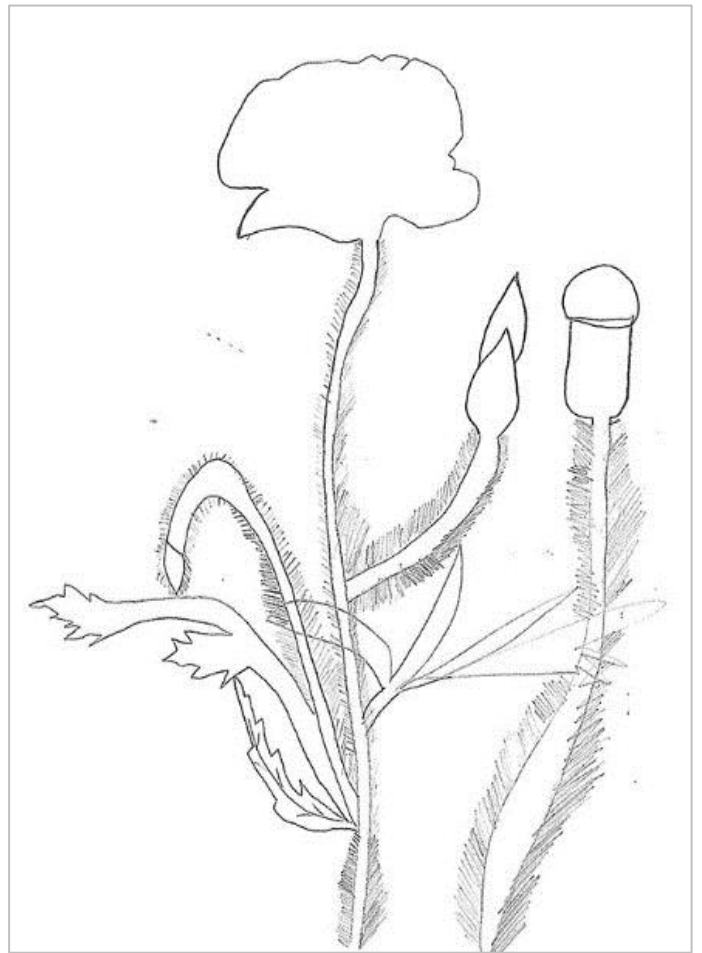


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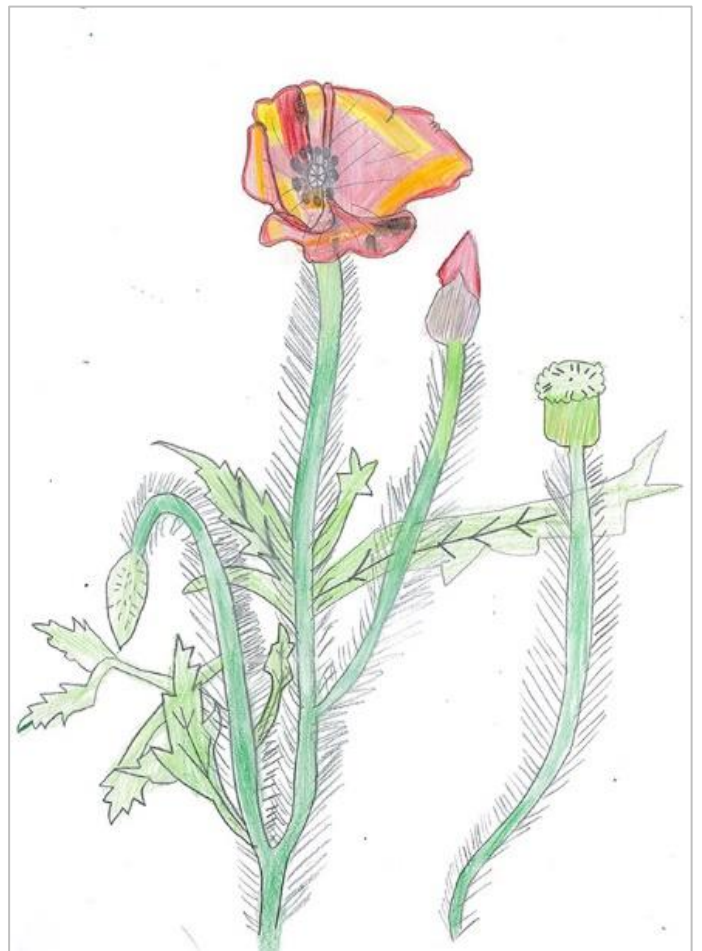
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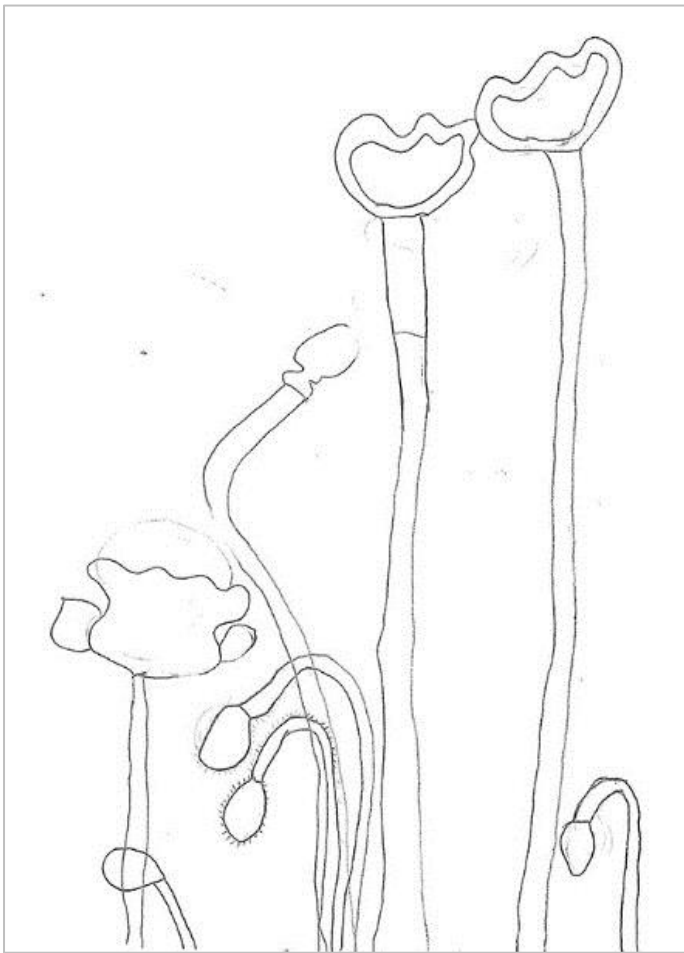


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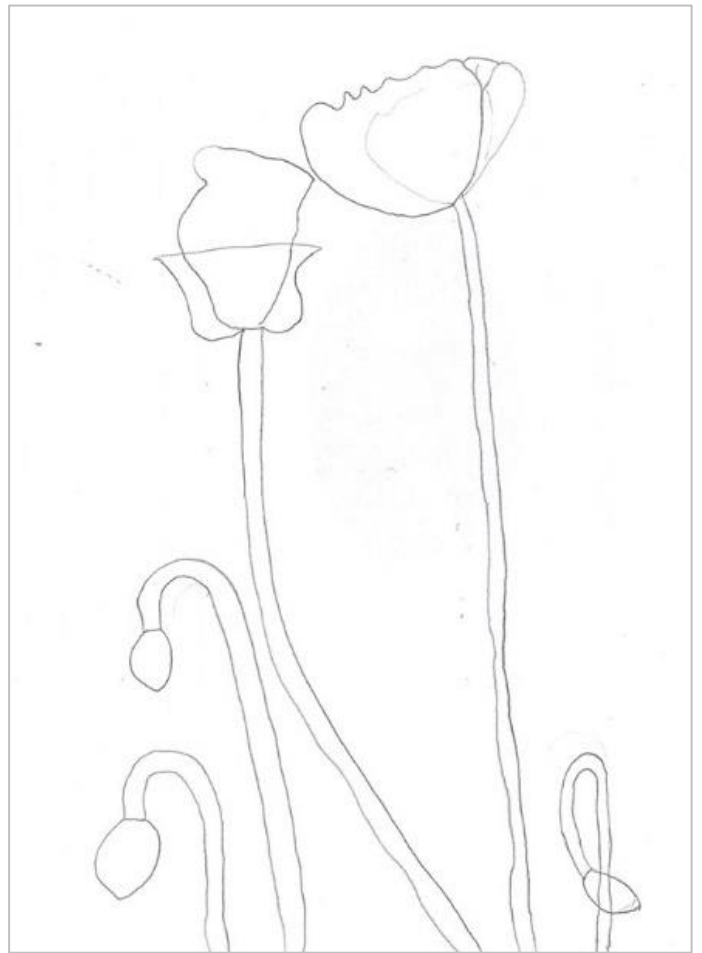


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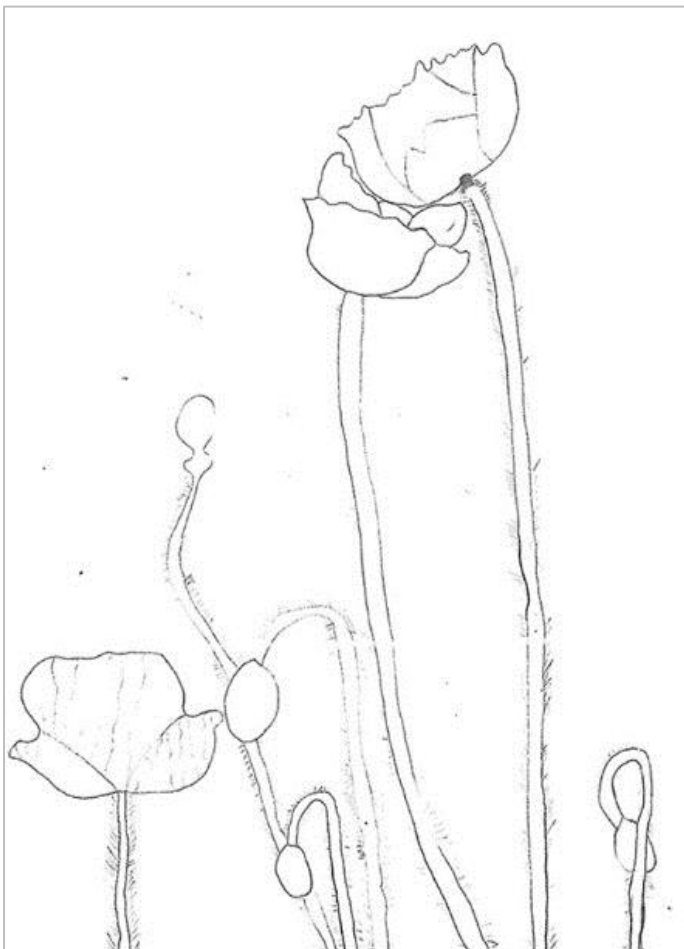




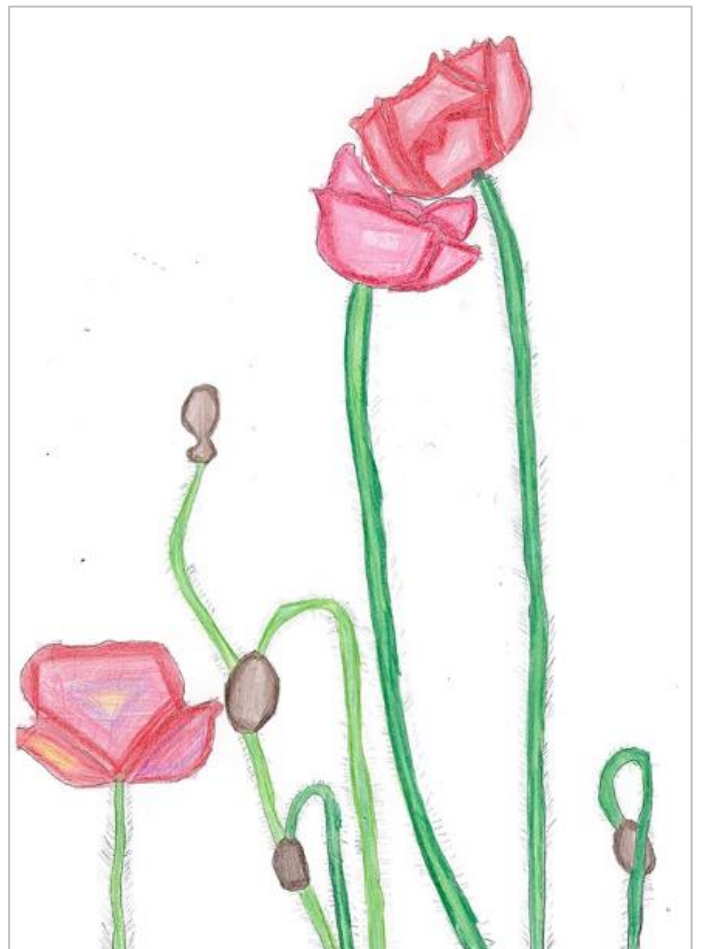
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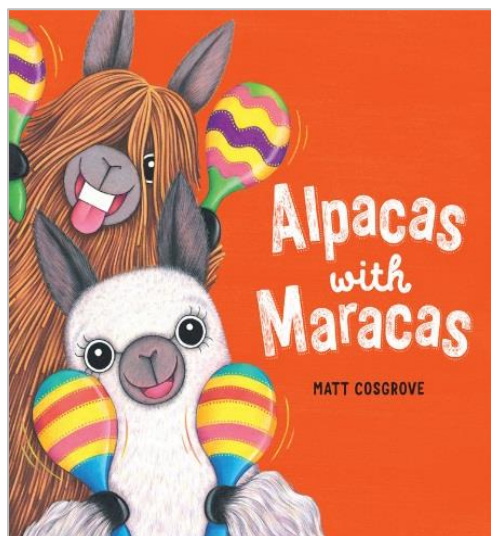
## **Mother's Day Poems**

To show their appreciation of their wonderful Mums, 5G created some lovely metaphor poems and published them as videos. [Take a look at Alexi's video.](#)

### Premier's Reading Challenge

There are now 125 students with a completed entry for this year's Challenge, which is a terrific result to date. Included in that 125 students, we have three more classes who have finalised their class entry – congratulations to KE, KC and 1AW. Great reading KE – Emelia, Mia, Olivia, Alistar, Amelia, Angelica, Sara, Sabian, Jack, Micaela, Dusty, Zaine, Lachlan, Dominic, Ryan, Chloe, Kobi, Lavinia, Harrison and Tyson. In KC, well done to Sophia, Adina, Remy, Ellouise, Emily, Bailey, Sophie, Samuel, Bodhi, Lachlan, Ziggy, Beaudene, Jax, Sophia R, Jayden, Jack, Archie, Mackenzie and Eli. Then of course, 1AW have been busily reading too – great effort to Chloe, Chelsea, Mason, Jayden, Sienna, Isla, Lachlan, Beau, Olivia, Imogen, Ashton, Savannah, Harrison, Harry, Harley, Sienna, Madison, Robbie, Asher, Riley, Connor, Logan, Josh and Ella. Wow! What great readers we have! In the primary, congratulations to Layla 3N, Olivia 3N, Blair 3S, Chelsea 3S, Imogen 3S, Aalyah 3S, Abi 3S, Liam 3S, Emily 3S, and Tyler 4Z. It is wonderful to be able to recognise so many students for their work in the Challenge.

### National Simultaneous Storytime



Last Wednesday saw the whole school come together for the annual National Simultaneous Storytime. Together with our young friends from Nulkaba Pre-School, we enjoyed the story of Macca and Al who were the *Alpacas with Maracas*. Some of our classes created alpaca hand puppets, as well as some brightly coloured drawings of alpacas and maracas to decorate the school hall.

We were part of around 10,000 venues for over one million students across Australia and New Zealand, all sharing this story. What a great way to share the wonder of reading!

There were several very surprised students too who this year won their own copy of *Alpacas with Maracas* – congratulations to all the lucky winners from Kinder to Year 6, and also to Mrs Schilder, who was the lucky winner of the teacher's prize draw. Happy reading everyone!

**Good for kids**  
good for life



#### NEWSLETTER SNIPPETS TERM 2 2019

Please see below a suggested bi-weekly newsletter topic schedule that may assist you in planning your Term 2 school newsletters.

The below newsletter snippets are easy to copy and paste, and provide information to families on healthy eating, physical activity and limiting screen time.

#### TERM 2 NEWSLETTER TOPICS

24hour Movement Guidelines
Creating Opportunities for Physical Activity
Choosing Healthy Snacks
Healthy Canteen Choices

Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

...to make sandwiches more exciting!

Making small changes to lunches can make a big difference to the overall nutritional value and make them more exciting for your kids to eat. Here are our top tips:

Try different breads – wholemeal, wholegrain, rye, soy and linseed, sourdough, rolls, pita, Lebanese or Turkish.

Try a variety of different fillings – vegetarian, lean meat or fish. Combine the following tasty sandwich fillings and spreads:

- Salad.
- Vegetables – lightly grilled or roasted.
- Lean meat e.g. roast beef, lean skinless chicken breast or turkey.
- Fish – tinned tuna, salmon or sardines (in springwater or brine).

- Tabouli.
- Egg.
- Tasty cheese.
- Banana.
- Healthy spreads e.g. avocado, hummus, mayonnaise, cottage or cream cheese, mustard, chutney, pesto or salsa.

Visit [healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au) for recipes & information you can trust.

**Eat It To Beat It**



# 2019 Premier's Spelling Bee



It is that time of the year again when **Stage 2** and **Stage 3** students participate in the Premier's Spelling Bee.

Towards the **end of Term 2**, students will participate in a class spelling bee (Date to be determined by your child's class teacher). The words used will come from the word lists available on the following links which you can download to allow your child to practise at home:

**Stage 2 Junior Word List**

**Stage 3 Senior Word List**

*Password: pizza*

Or you can go to the following website and follow the links:

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/premiers-spelling-bee>

Stage 2 words – Junior Word list

Stage 3 words – Senior Word list

Two winners from each class will progress to a stage final to be held early Term 3. The two winners from the stage finals will then progress to the regional final to be held in September.

Thank you,  
Miss Gray