



NULKABA NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are at the end of another very busy term.

Update

Lots has happened. We moved into our new school buildings, which all the students and staff are enjoying. All the demountables have now left the school and over the holiday break the area will be levelled and tidied up, our sprinkler system fixed and then we can lay the last of the turf so we can start to rejuvenate our wonderful back oval. Block B and Block A have had a face-lift on the outside and the Library has had an internal face-lift with new skylights, new paint and pin boards. Thanks to all the hard work of the P&C and all our families, it can also have a refurbishment of all the tables, chairs, shelves and much more. It is going to be amazing. During the holiday break, Block K will also be painted inside and outside and the ramp repaired. This will mean all of our school will look great. We are also having the other part of the front of the school revamped with all the old black bitumen ripped up and concrete paths laid to match the new concreting that has already been done. The landscaping company who were engaged to do the new section of the school will come in and match the other spaces.

I am hopeful we can achieve this before our official opening on Thursday, 8 August 2019 at 11.30 am, which is also our open morning for Education Week. I am looking for your help in letting anyone you know who would be interested in attending the details of our event. I am hoping to send out formal invitations but finding some people may be difficult.

Regional Awards

Today I had the pleasure of attending the Executive Director for the Regional North Operational Directorate Awards ceremony for Teacher Excellence and Innovation. Our wonderful Mrs Anderson was a recipient of one of these awards. Only three teachers were chosen for the Cessnock Principal network which includes Kurri Kurri High, Mt View High and Cessnock High and their feeder Primary Schools. Her excellence as a classroom teacher and her innovation in the use of technology in the classroom and across the school made her a very worthy award winner. Her iGirls Stem team travelled to Sydney last week to present at the Makers Empire Showcase. Mrs Anderson was thrilled with their presentation and the girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Special Assembly

Last Monday I had the chance to present the Special Awards at our Term 2 Special Assembly. It is always such a pleasure to see how many of our students have had such great successes over the term. A highlight was Mr Fillis's music group which was wonderful. When I listened to Ash and Tayah read out all that had happened, I realised why all the staff and students are ready for their holiday. Keep working hard Nulkaba students.

NAIDOC Day

What a wonderful way to end the term. This is an exciting day where both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students have the opportunity to learn more about Aboriginal culture and traditions. All staff, students and parents thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful and varied activities. Well done Nulkaba.



Rewards Day

It was such a shame that we had to postpone our Rewards Day as we were all looking forward to it. It will now be on the first day of Term 3. Notes were sent home to those children who had not brought the original note back to school. If you had signed your note it will just continue. We are hoping for wonderful weather. Just a reminder that all staff and students begin Term 3 on Monday, 22 July 2019. Our normal Term 3 Staff Development Day has been moved to Monday, 19 August 2019. Any problems with this please see me early next term.

On a sad but exciting note, Miss McCallum will be leaving us at the end of this term. I know she has spoken to the students and the families of 1M. We will miss her greatly but we are excited for her as she now has a permanent teaching position. Thank you Miss McCallum for all that you have done while you have been at Nulkaba. Your enthusiasm, care and dedication for both staff and students has been much appreciated. Good luck and I am sure we will keep in touch.

Narelle Hunt
Principal
Nulkaba Public School



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Trialling Something New!

Moving into Term 3 we are going to be trialling something different for our students. Early in Term 2 the executive teachers went to a conference where Pasi Sahlberg, an educational leader from Finland was a guest speaker. He raised many wonderful points and a focus of his work is providing students with the time to play and regroup before starting another learning experience. Students have also raised suggestions through Parliament regarding the idea of having more breaks throughout the day. So we are going to trial these ideas in Term 3. Starting times will remain the same but students will have recess at 11:10, lunch at 12:30 and then a play break at 2:00pm. The play break is mostly just for playing, but students will always have the opportunity to eat if they would like. The aim is to improve focus within the classroom and to ensure that students are provided with the time to be creative and stimulated throughout the day.

Learning times will look as follows:

9:10am – 11:10am - Recess 20 minutes

11:30am – 12:30pm – Lunch 30 minutes (with eating time included)

1:00pm – 2:00pm – Play break 20 minutes

2:20 – 3:10pm – Home

This is a trial and as a school we will look at the impact of lots of things.

Coming Events - 2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	22 Jul	23 Jul	24 Jul	25 Jul	26 Jul
		PSSA Girls and Boys Touch Gala Day			National Tree Day
Week 2	29 Jul	30 Jul	31 Jul	1 Aug	2 Aug
	Urban Hum Stage 3 Visit	Stage 3 Imaginaturalist Workshops	PSSA Boys Basketball Gala Day; Leaders' Breakfast	2:10p Nearly at Nulkaba Session	Zone Athletics
Week 3	5 Aug	6 Aug	7 Aug	8 Aug	9 Aug
		Stage 3 Imaginaturalist Workshop	3:30p CCGPS Awards	2:10p Nearly at Nulkaba Session; School Opening and Education Week Activities	Aboriginal Yarnteen Bush Tucker Tour
Week 4	12 Aug	13 Aug	14 Aug	15 Aug	16 Aug
		6:30p P&C Meeting		2:10p Nearly at Nulkaba Session; YPEP Stage 3 Child Protection	CBCA Book of the Year Awards Announced

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

Canteen Roster - 2019

Week 1 = Roster B

Week 2 = Roster C

Week 3 = Roster D

Week 4 = Roster A

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	22 Jul	23 Jul	24 Jul	25 Jul	26 Jul
	Helen Campbell Emma Moores	Anna Duffie Leah O'Donnell	Danielle Codd Sally Hare	Closed - Help Needed to Reopen	Lynda Hirst Sue Hirst
Week 2	29 Jul	30 Jul	31 Jul	1 Aug	2 Aug
	Help Needed	Lisa Edwards Lyn Fallon	Megghan Findley Kathryn McDonald	Closed - Help Needed to Reopen	Sophie Day Lauren Goodwin
Week 3	5 Aug	6 Aug	7 Aug	8 Aug	9 Aug
	Lorraine Williams Help Needed	Help Needed	Bianca Bartlett Renae Procter	Closed - Help Needed to Reopen	Krishna Tysoe Casey White
Week 4	12 Aug	13 Aug	14 Aug	15 Aug	16 Aug
	Sharon Bamforth Help Needed	Patricia Twentyman Help Needed	Sally Hare Alex Repacholi	Closed - Help Needed to Reopen	Jenny Bosden Jess Bosden

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

Class KC

KC have again been engaged in some very exciting learning this term with our Project Based Learning titled, 'Changes I can see'. We went to Hunter Valley Zoo for our project launch and all had a great time despite the crazy wind.



This week we have had some wonderful visitors in our classroom, and it has even started to feel like a little zoo. Some of the animals are staying all term and some only visited for some special news.

We have three Spiny Leaf Insects and two Goliath Stick Insects living in KC. We are having trouble finding the Goliaths at the moment because they are camouflaging into the sticks and are so small.



We have had big and baby chickens visit, and KC have enjoyed having a hold and touch of them and also liked learning about their lifecycle too.



Strudel the alpaca also visited us last week and he is beautiful. The children were learning about how he has changed, what he eats, where he sleeps and how he travelled to school to visit us. They all enjoyed having a pat and getting a photo taken with him.



Ollie the Labradoodle also visited us and gave Mrs Carr a big kiss. He has just joined his new family and we look forward to getting daily updates from Mackenzie about him growing and changing.



KC are very lucky this term to have had Miss Hunt with us on her Second Year Practicum with the University of Newcastle. She has taught KC some great lessons and I'm sure the children will miss her when she leaves. She is a natural born teacher and we wish her every success with the remainder of her degree.



During this term the children were involved in their first athletics carnival and we are so proud of all of them doing their personal best. Mrs Carr even demonstrated to the children that even if you fall down it's important to get back up and have a go.



It's hard to believe that we are almost finished our first semester of schooling. We are so proud of the achievements of all of the children and are excited for the friendships that they have developed.

Mrs Carr and Mrs Forster would once again 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 Semester 2.

Class 2F

This term has been an incredibly busy one for 2F. From moving into our special new classroom to visiting Pasterfield Park and Turner Park for our Athletics Carnival, we have had a special event, excursion, incursion or activity, each week. Last week we had a work experience student come into our classroom to get to know everyone in the class. The students of 2F loved having another person in the room and great relationships were made last week.

2F have enjoyed the project 'What's Your Superpower?' as they have loved learning all about superheroes and what makes the students in 2F extraordinary. Students have begun developing a growth mindset, explored the power of the word "yet" and are beginning to write autobiographies. Students have also had significant chances to engage in the Creative Arts through performing music, mindfulness colouring and experiencing mindfulness yoga. We hope you enjoy some of our mindfulness works in progress.



Stage 2

End of Term... No WAY!

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the term already. It has been action packed with three way conferences, reports, launching into new projects, disco, excursions, gala days and a whole lot between. This week alone we have had Special Assembly with many students receiving awards, our Stage's Public Speaking final, Beanie Day and NAIDOC Day. The school term is packed with experiences and fun! Our Public Speaking final was fantastic and the ability of the students was astounding. Every class was represented and the competition was fierce. We had Maeve and Lachlan from 3N, Blair, Liam and Sienna from 3S, Ameillia and Izzy from 3/4B, and Luca and Jed from 4Z. Congratulations to all of the students and good luck to Blair and Luca who have progressed through to Zone where they will represent Nulkaba.

Looking toward next term the first day will kick off with rewards day with students involved in action packed activities from the first day. Please remember that students start back on the Monday with the staff development day later in the term. All teachers are looking forward to another fantastic term of learning and amazing experiences!



Class 6PK

New Building!

6PK had a thrilling start to the term; we got to move into the brand new building! We are lucky enough to be on the top story of the new building and we are very grateful for this opportunity!



Sport

This term, Stage 3 has had the opportunity to go out with different teachers to participate in different sports every Friday. Around 20 people from our class participated in the Stage 3 netball gala day.

Genius Hour and Year 1 Buddies!

In Week 7, we had so much fun beginning our journey of discovery. So every Friday afternoon, we are able to research a topic we want to invest time into and we have had so much fun researching and creating a power point presentation to show our Year 1 buddies! Our Year 1 buddies have been having so much fun reading to us, and then listening to us read to them every Friday. It has been so motivating to see these young minds grow.

3D Printing and Makers Empire

We are one of the classes who have been introduced to a new app called Makers Empire. We get the opportunity to print 3D objects to help the school.



Speeches and Spelling Bee

This term, we have been asked to write and present a speech about a topic of our interest. We wrote about topics such as motorbikes, animals, YouTubers, movies, and more!! Our class winners for the speeches are Lauren J and Hannah S although Hannah couldn't make it so in her place is Sharlet S. In the spelling bee we went around in a circle spelling one word each. Unfortunately only two people could be chosen so, the winners for the spelling bee were Isabelle J and Preston K.

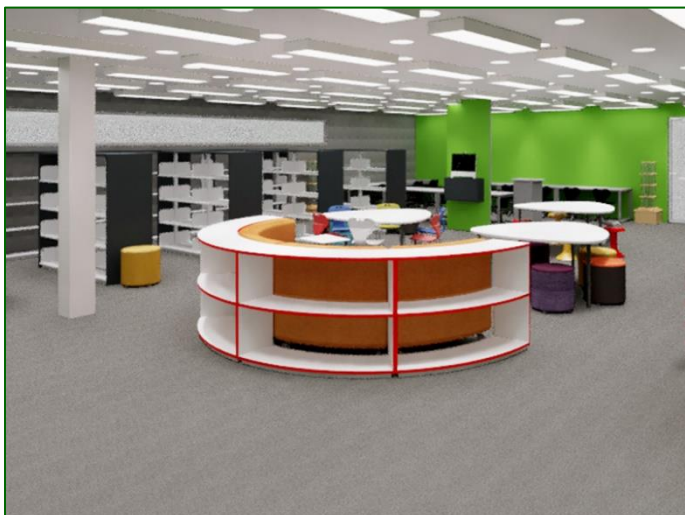
Signing off for Term 2!
Love, 6PK



Library Refurbishment

A huge vote of thanks must go to our wonderful P & C members who have taken on the financial side of refurbishing our Library. The Library has already had a face-lift with a new paint colour and new pinboard material already installed. The internal skylights have also been replaced as they were really showing their age.

After several meetings and draft plans, we now have a new vision for the layout of shelving and furniture in the Library. New types of shelving will be installed, and the library's new furniture will reflect the ideas of future-focussed learning. Included in this newsletter are images of the proposed new layout of the library, and while they do not show the final colour selections for the shelving and furniture, they do show how modern and bright our Library will look before the end of Term 3. As soon as we receive the final drawings of the Library's new look, printed copies will be put on display on the Library windows for everyone to see.





Premier's Reading Challenge

We have several more completed entries to round out the term. KT have been busy getting their reading all done and are quite pleased with themselves – well done to Cooper, Hannah, Sam, Tayden, Sadie, Charlie, Mia, Evander, Kate Dylan, Sophie, Ben, Leah, Braydee, Flynn, Miranda, Tyson, Jett and Matilda. In the primary classes, well done to Marshall C 3S, William P 3S, Lincoln D 3S, Fabian G 3S, Harry S 3S, Lachlan O 4Z, Bailey P 4Z, and Lauren J 6PK. Well done everyone!

The Challenge finishes at the end of August, so time is getting on. It is still possible to complete this year's Challenge – we have many students, especially in our Year 3's, who are eligible for the Gold Level Certificate as well as senior students who are eligible for the Platinum Level. It will be great to see as many of these students achieve those levels as possible. Time to put in a bit of an extra push to meet the Challenge!

Library Books Overdue for Return

As mentioned in previous newsletters, there are many students who currently have overdue library books, and while Mrs Morris has been endeavouring to print out reminder notes, this has proved difficult with the current state of the Library, as it is almost impossible to check for any returned books that may have been placed back on the shelves before being rescanned into the Library. With the bulk of the Library's books still packed in boxes, it is quite possible for items to be stuck in one of those boxes.

Mrs Morris would appreciate everyone just doing some checking at home for any library items and simply return them after the holidays – once our Library is back in full functioning order, checks will be made for any item listed as overdue before reminder notes go out.

Beanies for Brain Cancer

A huge thanks to all Nulkaba families for supporting the Mark Hughes Foundation. We were honoured to have Mark visit our school to speak about his foundation and thank us for our on-going support. All students listened to Mark speak about his brain cancer journey and what the MHF does to support families. Mark also spoke of his NRL career and lots of children were keen to ask him questions about footy. NPS raised a total of \$600 for the MHF which is an amazing effort. Thanks SRC





July 1st, 2019

Dear parents, guardians and carers



Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005*, in line with the *NCCD guidelines (2019)*.

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

year of schooling

category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional

level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools

consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools

develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy \(https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy\)](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal \(https://www.nccd.edu.au\)](https://www.nccd.edu.au).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Kind regards

Mrs Narelle Hunt

Nulkaba School Principal

Nulkaba Public School Ball

SATURDAY
21ST
SEPTEMBER

SAVE THE DATE

Good for Kids good for life

CHOOSING HEALTHY SNACKS

Healthy snacks are important to help meet children's nutrition needs.

Choose snacks based on vegetables, fruit, milk, cheese, yoghurt and wholegrain breads, crackers and cereals.

Some **tips** to help plan healthy snacks:

- Include a vegetable and fruit snack each day.
- Add vegetables into homemade snacks (muffins, pikelets, scones and slices).
- Cut up vegetables and fruits so they are easier to eat for snacks during the week.
- Keep a range of healthy snacks in the fridge or pantry.
- Get your kids to help prepare snacks.
- Show kids you enjoy eating healthy snacks.

Source: Choosing Healthy Snacks, Making Healthy Normal: WSLHD



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<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to whip up a healthy dip or sauce.

Whether you're lunch box prepping over the weekend or looking for the perfect healthy snack for entertaining, our Healthy Lunch Box website healthylunchbox.com.au has quick and easy sauce and dip recipes.

Try our minty yoghurt dip, kale and basil pesto, hummus or tasty guacamole for a tasty snack or sandwich spread.

Minty Yoghurt Dip recipe

Ingredients

8 tbsp plain reduced-fat yoghurt
1 lemon, juiced
½ clove garlic, crushed
¼ bunch mint leaves, finely chopped
Pinch of salt



Method

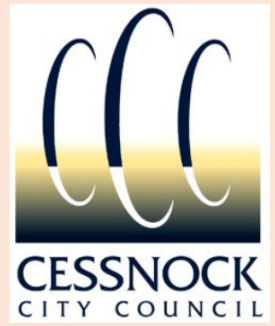
Place all ingredients in a bowl and mix together.
Variation – add finely diced cucumber for a refreshing crunch.

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





ATTENTION PARENTS & CARERS



Cessnock City Council is hosting a **FREE** seminar by the

eSafety Commission on **Thursday, 1 August 2019**

at 9.30am-11am at
Cessnock Performing Arts Centre.

The presentation will provide an overview of how young people use technology and the risks they may be exposed to, in particular **cyberbullying**. Participants will be given practical information to support conversations and safety measures for today's youth. Strategies for the safe use of the internet will be explained and useful links to the Office's eSafety resources provided. The presentation discusses such a critical issue our youth community faces and by reporting it, talking about it and supporting each other we can stop it.

Take A Closer Look At The Wetlands



Guided Canoe Tours for Families - Monday 8th & 15th July

10.30 am - 12.30pm \$20 per person Bookings essential phone 4951 6466

View the Wetlands from the water as you paddle to the Rainforest Shelter. Two & 3 seater canoes available. Children must be 4 years + & accompanied by an adult.

Wear enclosed shoes. Bring a hat, water bottle & snack.

Buggy Tours for Families - Tuesday 9th & 16th, Thursday 11th & 18th July

9.30am - 12 noon \$5 per person (plus \$5 Wetlands entry). Book at Reception on the day.

Take a closer look at the Wetlands on a 30 minute guided buggy tour.

Behind the Scenes Tour (for 8-12 year olds) - Wednesday 10th July

10am - 12 noon \$20 per person. Booking essential. Book online www.wetlands.org.au

Help out & learn what happens behind the scenes at the Wetlands - prepare the food for the ducks & reptiles, clean enclosures, prepare seedlings & pull out weeds.

Wear enclosed shoes, work clothes & a hat. Bring a water bottle & snack.

Waterbird Drawing with Alison Ellis (8-12 year olds) - Thursday 11th July

9.30am - 11am \$15 per person. Bookings essential, online www.wetlands.org.au

Observe birds looking at feet, bills and body shape. Learn how small details can bring your picture to life.



Bird Watching with Hunter Bird Observers Club - Mon 8th, Thurs 11th, Tues 16th & Thurs 18th (Free)

Every Day

- Explore the Wetlands – Pick up a Scavenger Hunt List & go exploring.
- Discover what's on the pond – watch the birds being fed (10.30am daily).
- Ride around the Wetlands – bring your bike & ride to the Rainforest Shelter.
- Climb the Egret Tower.
- Check out the Discovery Playground.
- Take a closer look at the reptiles in the tanks at the Visitor Centre.



Bring the family to the Hunter Wetlands Centre

Open 9am to 4pm

Entry: \$5 Per person, Children 3-5yrs \$2 & Children under 3 free.

More details at: www.wetlands.org.au

Gift Shop: Ice-creams, drinks and affordable gifts for children & adults.

Wetlands Cafe: Open 9.30am to 2.30pm daily

Closed in shoes, hat, sunscreen and insect repellent recommended.

