



NULKABA NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This will be the last newsletter for the year. What a year it has been. There have been many challenges with COVID but I am very happy with how our whole school community have managed to support our students through this challenging time. The DoE are funding a support program for 2021 to help students who may have fallen behind during the pandemic and time at home. More details will be given out next year.

COVID 2021

We have some interim guidelines for how schools will operate at the start of 2021 and beyond but final details will be released closer to the end of the term and will also be contingent with the success of borders opening up and school holidays. At this point we will continue with our drop-off, pick-up and accessing the school arrangements as they are now and modify as we can.

2021

There are two school development days at the start of 2021 so students in Years 1 to 6 will commence school on Friday, 29 January 2021. Kindergarten students will begin formally on Wednesday, 3 February 2021. Best start times will be sent home to beginning students soon.

Rides Day

After some serious negotiations and a great COVID plan provided by the operators our Rides Day will happen on Tuesday, 15 December 2020. This should be a great way to end the term. Please make sure you have your money in for rides, as per note sent home, by Thursday, 10 December 2020. All class teachers have a list of students who had purchased a ticket at the beginning of the year. There is also a canteen order note which needs to be sent in if your child will be purchasing their lunch. This is important as it is the end of the year and the canteen needs to make sure all food has gone so they can do their major clean.

Presentation Day and Year 6 Farewell

Presentation Day has also been a mammoth task to organise and we hope that it will be a smooth ceremony even under the new conditions. Thanks to the Executive staff and to Mr McFarlane for organising. There is a strict numbers limit for these events. A letter was sent home to all families whose child will be receiving an award. There was a tear off strip attached which needed to be back by the end of this week. If you did not do this please make sure you call the school on Monday to let us know if you are attending. This is a condition set by the DoE to enable us to hold an event with some parents on site. Please bring the signed COVID visitor note with you and follow the instructions contained in the letter. The Year 6 Farewell will also look a bit different and information has been sent. Please make sure you have indicated if your child is attending and if in Year 5 have sent in the required money. Again please follow all the instructions that have been communicated to you as it is very important.

Party Days

Party days are happening and all notes for these events have been sent home. Please make sure you return the note with the money as soon as possible as again we have strict rules and guidelines to follow to make sure these can happen.

School Leaders

Once again it is that time of year again. Congratulations to all 10 students who spoke in front of the entire school in their bid to become of the school leaders for 2021. They all did an amazing job. As always they were some very disappointed students which is natural when you put in all the effort with your speech. Be assured we have a rigorous process with our preferential counting (the same as in our state elections). Teachers and students from across the school vote. Our House Captains were selected this week as well and we look forward to celebrating with these students during our Presentation Ceremonies.

Reports

Reports will be sent home at the end of next week.

Nearly at Nulkaba

This great program finished this week with a wonderful buddy play day. All the students were excited to meet their buddies and their buddies were excited to meet them too. Thanks to the Kindergarten teachers, Mrs Zoneff and Mrs Hill along with Mrs Elder and the office staff for making our Mini Expo run smoothly. It took a long time to commence but it went smoothly thanks to the organisation and the support of our families.

Finally

Wednesday, 16 December 2020 will be the last day of Term for the students this year. Teachers will be working the Thursday as part of their Staff Development days for the year. We will have a movie afternoon with some extra surprises for the students as part of rewards for a great Term.

Can I please thank you all for the support you have shown during the many changes we have had to make due to COVID. I am blessed to have a wonderful staff who all worked together to make sure our students had as little as possible disruption to their schooling. It was not easy but Nulkaba is such a wonderful school community.

Have a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday break. We all look forward to working with you in 2021.

Narelle Hunt
Principal
Nulkaba Public School



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Coming Events - 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 9	7 Dec Parliament	8 Dec 9:10a Presentation / Recognition Years 3-6 12:00p Presentation / Recognition Years K-2 6:30p P&C Meeting	9 Dec 9:10a AFL Coaching - Primary	10 Dec Year 6 Farewell; 9:30a Kindergarten Orientation	11 Dec Reports go Home; Stage 2 Party Day; K-2 Christmas Craft Day
	14 Dec ES1 and S1 Party Day; Stage 3 - Luna Park for Party Day	15 Dec 10:00a Rides Day	16 Dec Students Last Day of School	17 Dec Staff Development Day	18 Dec

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

Canteen Roster - 2020

Week 9 = Roster B Week 10 = Roster C

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 9	7 Dec Helen Campbell Volunteers Needed	8 Dec Amie Scott Volunteers Needed	9 Dec Danielle Codd Sally Hare	10 Dec Volunteers Needed	11 Dec Lynda Hirst Sue Hirst
	14 Dec Volunteers Needed	15 Dec Megghan Findley Kathryn MacDonald	16 Dec	17 Dec	18 Dec

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

News from the Classroom

Early Stage 1

'What Is The Cycle Of Life'? Is the big question that Kindergarten have been working on this term during our Project Based Learning. We have learnt lots about life cycles of different animals and the highlight for the children was when we had chickens hatching in our room. The Kindergarten children were extremely excited to go on our 'surprise' excursion where we walked through the local bush and spent time catching bugs.





As you can see by their smiles, Kindergarten were super excited to participate in their first ever athletics carnival this term and also out incredible school production.





Kindergarten have loved the anticipation each week to see who will be selected from each class to be out 'Weekly Wonder Kids. Here is a photo of the most recent winners.



We are super excited to go on an excursion to Hunter Valley Zoo and will make sure we post lots of photos to Seesaw for the parents. ~ ES1 Teachers

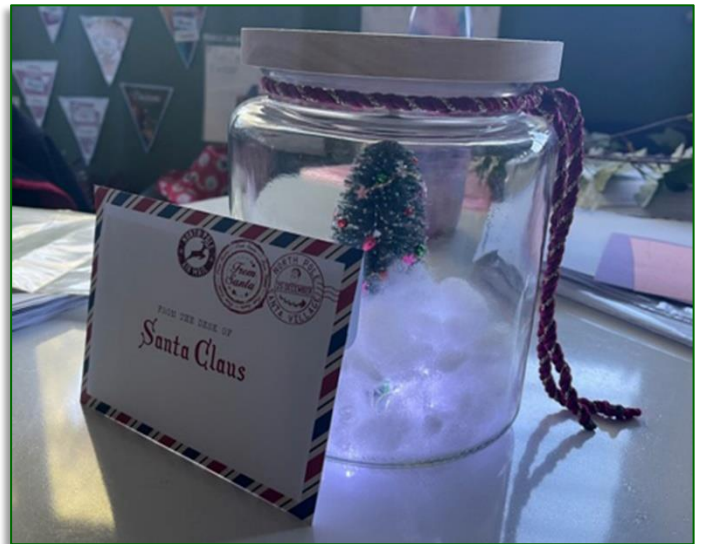
Class 1B

What a crazy few weeks we have had at school! In the last few days we have been doing some relaxing craft activities and have been making ourselves into crayons! After reading 'The Day the Crayons Quit', the students all chose their very favourite colour and thought long and hard about how they would feel if they were in the book! We ended up with happy crayons, angry crayons, sad crayons and even a crazy crayon!





We have also had some very special visitors! These visitors left us some very exciting letters and a load of glitter everywhere! They also left us a transportation device from the North Pole. We've been told that some of Santa's elderly gnomes have been causing a lot of 'incidents' in the major Departments, so they needed to come through and spend some time with us instead of causing havoc for the elves! So far, we have a gnome who has been caught in the curling ribbon machine and one who got tangled in the tinsel room!



I hope everyone has a fantastically Merry Christmas! Thank you for an amazing (yet crazy) first year at Nulkaba Public!

Class 3B



Class 4W

4W Fun 2020!

WOW! What a year it has been in 4W this year. Here are some photos to showcase the many fun times we have had. We are going to miss being together as a class next year, but are very excited for the exciting adventures that await in Year 5!



Stage 2 Camp

During Week 5 Stage 2 were lucky enough to go to Forster for our annual camp. What an amazing time we had filled with adventure and fun. Students were beautifully behaved and made every part of organisation and no sleep worthwhile. It definitely didn't happen without any hiccups but the actual camp and the students were fantastic. Please look through the many photos from the three days.







School Library News

Book Fair 2020



Our Book Fair was certainly different this year but surprisingly was very successful – more successful than anticipated. So many families took advantage of the online payment format, and students were very careful to fill out their wish lists correctly that our total sales figure was just over \$5 000.00! Given the restrictions that we had to abide by this is really a wonderful result – thank you to all the families who organised purchases and helped us achieve this terrific result. This level of fair sales earned us just over \$1700.00 to use towards new material for the Library – so be on the lookout for lots of new library items in 2021!

Library Prize Draw

Lots of students made sure that their library books were all returned by the end of this week, and that means that their name will go into the end-of-year Library prize draw. The draw will be held during the coming week and will have several great prizes to select from – last minute returns can be handed in on Monday to add more student names into the draw.



NAIDOC Celebrations

Thank you to all our Aboriginal Education Team (AET) leaders for organising and running the activities for our theme "Always Was Always Will Be".



Summer Holiday Activities @ your library

Numbers strictly limited – bookings essential

Santa Storytime at Cessnock Performing Art Centre – All ages

Tuesday, December 15 Cessnock Performing Arts Centre 10.00 – 10.45 FREE

Come along to a story time at Cessnock Performing Arts Centre – share some Christmas stories and songs, and welcome a very special visitor!

Christmas Craft – All ages

Tuesday, December 22 Kurri Kurri Library 4.00 – 5.00 FREE

Wednesday, December 23 Cessnock Library 4.00 – 5.00 FREE

Join us for to make some beautiful upcycled Christmas decorations and cards.

Practical Magic – ages 12+

Tuesday, January 12 Cessnock Library 2.00 – 3.00 FREE

Learn about the power of positive energy and intent in magical traditions with the wonderful Renata Daniel, respected expert in all things spooky and magical.

The Teen's Gambit – Chess 101 – ages 12+

Friday, January 15 Kurri Kurri Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE

Friday, January 15 Cessnock Library 2.00 – 3.00 FREE

Do you think you have what it takes to be a Grand Master? Learn the basics of chess on our giant chessboard, then make your own chess set to take home and practise your moves.

Twirling Wrapped Twig Mobile - ages 5+

Wednesday, January 20 Kurri Kurri Library 12.00 – 1.00 FREE

Wednesday, January 20 Cessnock Library 3.00 – 4.00 FREE

Engineering meets art in this workshop – wrap your twigs with wool, then join them together to make a mobile – learn about centre of gravity, and tension and compression.

Salty Art – ages 5+

Thursday, January 21 Kurri Kurri Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE

Thursday, January 21 Cessnock Library 3.00 – 4.00 FREE

Learn the beautiful process of creating images with glue, salt and paint.

Make Your Own Story Cubes- ages 8+

Tuesday, January 19 Cessnock Library 12.00 – 1.00 FREE

Tuesday, January 19 Kurri Kurri Library 3.00 – 4.00 FREE

Story Dice are a wonderful way to kickstart story ideas – make your own set, take them home and pull them out whenever you need some storytelling inspiration!

Bookings essential. Book online under “Events and Bookings” at libraries.cessnock.nsw.gov.au or by calling Cessnock Library on 49934399 or Kurri Kurri Library on 49371638.

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NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT

The days are getting longer and it's a great chance to get outdoors with the family.

Have fun finding as many things as you can in this scavenger hunt, or create your own.

You could go for a walk in your local area, or even just your backyard.

Encourage children not to touch or collect the items, but record them on their hunt sheet.

- An animal's footprint
- A bird's nest
- A clover (find a 4 leaf clover for an extra 10 points!)
- The Southern Cross
- Paper bark
- A native Australian animal
- A mushroom or fungus
- Spot a creature that lives underwater
- A large feather
- A sunrise or sunset over the horizon
- A lilly pillly tree
- A gumnut
- A waterfall
- A heart-shaped stone
- A farm animal
- Spot a witchetty grub
- A herb garden
- Nature pushing through concrete

For an example downloadable list, visit: natureplayqld.org.au/nature-play-scamenger-hunt

Acknowledgement: Northern Sydney LHD



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

The simplest way

...to make tasty tabouli.

Serves: 6 | Preparation: 10mins | Cooking: 30-60mins

Ingredients

- ½ cup uncooked bulgar*
- 2 cups reduced-salt chicken or vegetable stock, hot
- 2 bunches Italian flat leaf parsley, chopped
- 1 bunch mint, chopped
- 3 shallots, chopped
- 3 Roma tomatoes, chopped
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp lemon juice



Method

1. In a large bowl, pour the boiling stock over the bulgur. Let sit for 30-60 minutes until softened and then strain through a fine mesh sieve. Cool.
2. Combine the bulgur, parsley, mint, shallots and tomatoes in a large bowl. In a small bowl, combine the olive oil, lemon juice and pinch of salt. Pour over the bulgur mix and toss to mix well.

* *Bulgar is a cereal made from whole wheat partially boiled then dried. It can be substituted with couscous or quinoa.*

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