



NULKABA NEWS

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Issue 155: 2020 Term 1 Week 2

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to 2020. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and holiday break. The year has started well with a very successful Project Launch for our whole school project, "How do we keep your flame alight?" The reveal of countries with teachers under the Cola was exciting for students and set the tone for an amazing day. This included an Olympic Opening Ceremony, a torch relay and a guest speaker - Olympian Mr Dan Repacholi. The students were lucky enough to see a real Olympic torch which belongs to Miss Gray, who was part of the 2000 Olympic Torch Relay. She even allowed them to use it and we held our own relay around the oval. It was a wonderful day and I am sure this project will produce some exciting work by our students. Thanks to all my staff who gave up part of their holiday to make sure this day was such a huge success.

From Week 4 I will be working part time having some carers leave to support my elderly mum. Mrs Zoneff has agreed to step in and we believe we have come up with a plan which will not impact 4/5Z utilising the Wednesday Executive day. If you have any concerns please come and see me. I will be at school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

Best Start, Speech and Kindergarten.

All went smoothly with our Best Start Assessments and our new Speech Therapist screening program. Kindergarten all started extremely well last Friday but all looked quite exhausted by the afternoon. Kindergarten finishes at 2:40pm for the first four weeks as it is quite a big change for them. Week 5 will see them have their Project Launch which will also involve the rest of the school. Year 5 buddies are doing a fantastic job.

Appointments, Classrooms and Teachers.

If you would like to have a chat with your child's class teacher can you please call the office and make an appointment. Most teachers can be available both pre and post class times and sometimes during the day if it is their release time or their executive day. 9:10am – 3:10pm is our teaching time so it is very important that teachers are there ready to begin the day on a positive note. We do try and keep our buildings for students before and after school so they will line up in their designated space and also can be collected in the afternoon in that space. If a teacher has something they feel you should know, they will try and catch you in the afternoon or they will give you a call. If you would like to speak to a teacher over the phone, please phone the office and they will give the teacher the message. The teacher they will return your call when they are not on class. For the last couple of years, we have had our initial report sent home early in Term 2 so that you have an opportunity to chat to your child's class teacher sooner rather than later. We will also, during the next few weeks, have parent information sessions where you can find out important information about your child's class. If you have any concerns please come and chat to one of the executive or to me.

Uniforms

Some of the students have decided that multi-coloured long socks are uniform. They are not. Students wear grey or white socks depending on if it is a sports day. School Hats are the ones that need to be worn as they are DoE approved, so please make sure your child has one and please make sure it is clearly labelled so that if they are lost they can be returned to your child.

Payments and Notes

As you know last year we began, as per the auditor's instructions, to stick to closing dates. This will happen again this year. Mrs Ryan has provided more information later in this newsletter. We will endeavour to have all our notes to you three weeks before the event. Sometimes, however, notes come from outside the school with very short turn around, this is out of our control. No child can attend without a signed permission note, this is the Department's policy - in extenuating

circumstances we can take verbal permission. If money is the issue, the note needs to come in and you need to ring the office to discuss alternative arrangements. We are working hard to have a parent app up and running by the start of Term 2. Don't forget to make sure you have Seesaw on your phone as it can provide regular updates on notes as well as information from your child's class.

Parking/Ranger

The ranger is sent out by the council and will book you if you are illegally parked. Right in front of the school is "Kiss and Drop". You cannot walk away from your vehicle. It is dangerous. You will get booked and it stops others from using it as it should be used. He has already been out this year.

Swimming Carnival

Our Carnival was well run and the students all gave it their best. Numbers were down quite a lot which was disappointing but those that came enjoyed their day. Our relays had some of the students swimming twice which was outstanding. Our House Captains did a wonderful job. Mrs Zoneff did announce this on the day, but just so everyone is clear - the four fastest swimmers will be the ones to compete as Team Nulkaba in the Relay events at the Zone Carnival. There will be a Junior Boys and Girls (aged 8, 9 and 10) and Senior Boys and Girls (aged 11, 12 and 13). Congratulations to all the students who swam - it was warm in the water but cold when they got out. Thanks to all the parents who attended and especially those who helped out on the day.

Mobile Phones

This is from the new DoE Digital Policy. The use of digital devices by primary school students (personal or school provided) must be restricted during class, recess and lunch unless:

- approved by a teacher or principal for an educational purpose
- use forms part of a reasonable adjustment for student learning and well being
- an exemption has been granted for other reasons.

Principals, in consultation with their community, have discretion to make decisions about student use of digital devices in all other school related settings, including before and after school and at school related events, such as excursions.

Please be aware that teachers will have the children hand them in to be collected at the end of the day if instructions are not followed. More information in regard to this will be sent out soon.

Have a great fortnight.

Narelle Hunt
Principal
Nulkaba Public School



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Clothing Pool

Uniforms Wanted Please!

If you have any school uniforms that no longer fit your children, we would love to have them for our clothing pool. Please send any clothing donations to the office. Thanks

Payments to School

Payments for 2020 can be made in the following ways:

- Cash payments to the office or cash can be sent to school with your child to be placed in the class cash bag
- EFTPOS payments can be made at the office
- Online payments made through the school website page.

Unfortunately we no longer have the facility to accept credit card payments over the phone.

If you require any assistance on using the online payment system please call into the office and the staff will be happy to help you.

Payment cut off dates will be strictly adhered to and payments will not be accepted after the closing date. If you are suffering from financial hardship or you require extra time to pay, please call in and speak to the office prior to the closing date and we will assist you.

Coming Events - 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	10 Feb	11 Feb	12 Feb	13 Feb	14 Feb
Week 3	2:40p KT Parent Information Session	Safer Internet Day; 2:40p KC Parent Information Session; 3:20p 1B Parent Information Session; 3:20p 2C Parent Information Session; 3:20p 5/6P Parent Information Session; 6:30p P&C Meeting		Dance Fever; Issue 1 Book Club Orders Due in; 2:40p KF Parent Information Session; 3:20p 1PW Parent Information Session	2:40p K/1E Parent Information Session
Week 4	17 Feb	18 Feb	19 Feb	20 Feb	21 Feb
	Primary Debating Day; 2:20p School Assembly		Zone Swimming	Dance Fever	
Week 5	24 Feb	25 Feb	26 Feb	27 Feb	28 Feb
	Mini Olympics		StEPS Vision Screener Kindergarten	Dance Fever	Clean Up Australia Day For Schools
Week 6	2 Mar	3 Mar	4 Mar	5 Mar	6 Mar
	Premier's Reading Challenge Official Start; 2:20p School Assembly			Dance Fever; 4:00p Years K-2 School Disco; 5:30p Years 3-6 School Disco	

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

Canteen Roster - 2020

Week 3 = Roster C

Week 4 = Roster D

Week 5 = Roster A

Week 6 = Roster B

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	10 Feb	11 Feb	12 Feb	13 Feb	14 Feb
Week 3	Help Needed	Megghan Findley Kathryn MacDonald	Melissa Carlisle Ashlee Dodds	Closed	Sophie Day Lauren Goodwin
Week 4	17 Feb	18 Feb	19 Feb	20 Feb	21 Feb
	Lorraine Williams Help Needed	Bianca Bartlett Amie Scott	Sally Hare Alex Repacholi	Closed	Jess Bosden Jo Wharton
Week 5	24 Feb	25 Feb	26 Feb	27 Feb	28 Feb
	Sharon Bamforth Help Needed	Anna Duffie Leah O'Donnell	Darlene Farthing Help Needed	Closed	Jennifer Jones Help Needed
Week 6	2 Mar	3 Mar	4 Mar	5 Mar	6 Mar
	Helen Campbell Help Needed	Amie Scott Help Needed	Danielle Codd Sally Hare	Closed	Lynda Hirst Sue Hirst

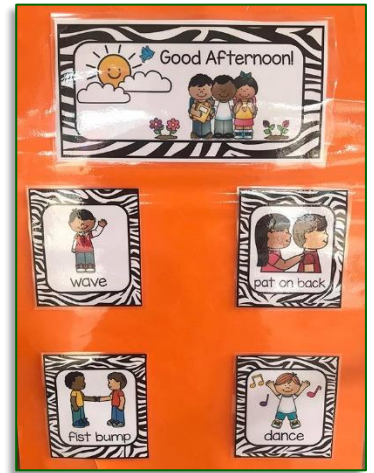
If you can help to fill our current vacancies, please contact **Rebecca on 0435 011 319**

Class KC



KC have had a wonderful start to Kindergarten and are settling in well to the routines and expectations of school life. They are particularly enjoying our morning and afternoon greetings and are loving the variety in group work rotations. Here are some pictures of some of the talented KC children doing their personal best.

We are all looking forward to the dance program that starts on Thursday. Parents need to keep an eye on our Seesaw app as Mrs Carr and Mrs French will post photos of the children dancing and having fun. We will be having a parent information session on Tuesday, 11 February from 2:40-3:10pm in the KC classroom where the children will be supervised next door in KT.



We are so proud of the achievements of KC so far and are excited for the academic progress they will make and also the great friendships that they have already started to develop.

We can't wait to continue to be part of this special year being their first year of Big School.



Stage 1

What a great start to the term we have had. It was very exciting to see all students arrive in their country colours on the first day of school and even more exciting were the cheers from students and parents when the classes were announced. After we moved to our classrooms, the fun continued throughout the day as we created flags from our chosen country which were then displayed proudly during our Opening Ceremony. We were lucky enough to meet an Olympic champion, Dan Repacholi, who gave us an insight into what it is like to be an Olympic competitor. Miss Gray talked about her experiences as part of the 2000 Olympic Torch Relay and we had our own Olympic Torch Relay in the back playground. Our first day has well and truly ignited the flame to learning for Term 1.

This year we have new and familiar faces teaching Stage 1. Our Stage 1 staff are listed below;

K/1E	Ms Kylie Ebony
1PW	Mrs Mardi Page and Mrs Kalinda Woods
1B	Miss Christine Bradley
2C	Mrs Lisa Cousins (Stage 1 Assistant Principal)
2W	Mrs Gemma Walker and Mrs Tracy Thorpe

Over the next few weeks each class will be having an information session where parents are invited to come along and meet your child's class teacher and ask any questions you may have.

This term is already shaping up to be a busy one. On Thursday throughout the term we will be participating in a dance program. This will be our sport time and students may wear their sports uniform. Scripture will begin in Week 5. We have had our swimming carnival and are looking forward to our school disco, mini Olympics and closing ceremony. If you have any questions or concerns please speak to your class teacher. Stage 1 teachers are looking forward to a wonderful year with your children.



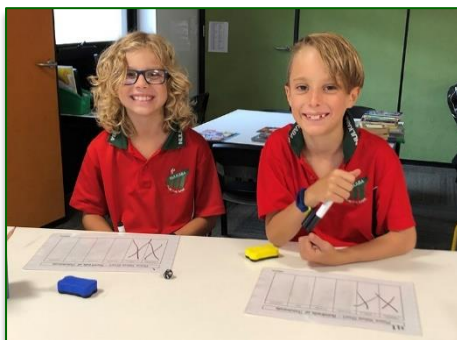


Class 3S

3S have had an amazing start to the year! Our class has been settling in beautifully as we work together to be a positive and collaborative team. Mrs Schilder is looking forward to the many adventures to be had in 2020.

The year started with our new project launch 'How to keep our flame alight', with an Olympic Opening Ceremony. We have been busy discovering the wonders of Canada and learning about the history of the Olympics. 3S have been working hard in class and are enjoying the new challenges of Year 3. We are 'Magnificent Mathematicians' in our class and have been engaging in a range of fun math activities.

3S and Mrs Schilder look forward to sharing the rest of the year together.



Stage 3

What a wonderful start to a new school year for Stage 3. We have 5/6G, 5/6P, 6M and Year 5 students in 4/5Z. All classes are working on the new project 'How do we keep our flame alight?' with a focus on the Olympics and their assigned country. The launch day was a wonderful day where students were part of an opening ceremony, listened to guest speaker Dan Repacholi, a current Australian Olympian, and heard Miss Gray's story on being a 2000 Olympic torch bearer. The school then witnessed our own torch relay (via a live feed) and our Nulkaba Olympics were declared open for this term. It will be an exciting and interesting project for all students.



As with every year and every term, there is a lot going on for our students. We have just had Swimming Carnival, with students showing amazing determination and sportsmanship. Before too long teachers will begin Sport trials in a range of sports. The school Dance program begins this week and will be a fantastic way for students to have fun and get some exercise while learning dance techniques. The debating teams are set to attend a workshop next week and our School Leaders have already undertaken a number of responsibilities.

Our school fair will be here before we know it with it scheduled for Friday, 27 March 2020. During the last week of term, Year 5 will be heading to Sydney and Year 6 will head to Canberra for our annual Stage 3 school camps. They are both wonderful and educational excursions that all students and teachers enjoy. Please ensure your child has paid their \$50 deposit by Friday, 14 February 2020 to secure their place.

Finally, just a reminder that at Nulkaba we have very high expectations for all of our students. Stage 3 can be a challenging time for some, but we need to ensure that all students uphold our school values of respect, responsibility and excellence at all times, in and out of the classroom. Your support in ensuring all students strive for exemplary behaviour is appreciated.

Stage 3 Teachers

Class 4/5Z (Year 5)



Class 5/6G



Class 5/6P



Class 6M



Book Club Issue 1



Brochures for Issue 1 of Book Club have been distributed this week to all students. Book Club has a great range of titles and also helps our Library gain valuable new material for student reading. Orders are due in by **THURSDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2020**. Orders can be placed online via Book Club LOOP or left with Mrs Morris at the Library.

IMPORTANT NOTE RE ISSUE 2: Issue 2 will be sent out in the second half of the term and will be distributed to the eldest child in each family (ie: Notetakers), instead of each student. This step is being taken to reduce the number of brochures sent to the school so that we have less wastage of brochures. Mrs Morris always has spare brochures for anyone who finds they need a second copy.



Unreturned Library Books

Several students continue to have library books marked out to them from 2019. The quick return of these books would be appreciated so that other students have the opportunity to borrow them. Overdue messages will have to be sent out in the next couple of weeks, but if overdue items are returned quickly, it will help in reducing the number of messages that might be needed.



Library Borrowing Limits



All students are given two weeks borrowing time from the date they borrow – after two weeks, any borrowed item becomes overdue. Kinder students have a limit of one book at a time, Year 1 has a limit of two books at a time, Year 2 has a limit of three books at a time and students from Year 3 to Year 6 have a limit of four books at a time.

Students in Kinder, Year 1 and 2 need to have their library bag with them to be able to borrow, while students from Year 3 and up are able to borrow without a library bag – although having a library bag to protect books is always a good idea!



Helping kids thrive online

Free webinar

This webinar from the **eSafety Commissioner** is a great opportunity to start 2020 with the latest information to keep your child safe online and gather some tips to help manage technology at home.

Cost	Free
Audience	Parents and carers of primary school children
Date/Time/Registration	12 February 2020 – 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM AEDT 14 February 2020 – 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM AEDT
Register here - esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars	

The session will cover:

- ideas to 'Start the chat' about harmful content, contact with strangers and online bullying
- strategies for addressing common digital parenting challenges
- skills that young people need to protect themselves online
- how to get help if things go wrong

Good for Kids good for life

ACTIVE TRAVEL IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Active travel to school is a great way to get extra activity in your child's day but sometimes it isn't safe to do so. Luckily active travel can be added into everyday life to get your heart working!

- Check your local area for designated bike paths and ride your bikes to the shops
- Try parking at a greater distance from your location and walking the rest of the way.
- If you use public transport, get off one station before your destination and walk.
- Even making little changes in everyday life such as taking the stairs instead of the elevator can make a big difference.



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SunSmart Snippet

The simplest way

...to choose a sun-safe hat!

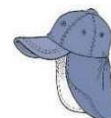
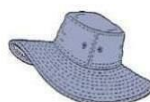
Hats are one of the easiest ways to protect you from UV radiation.

Like all sun protection, hats are needed when the UV is 3 or above. Download the free SunSmart App to find out when the UV level will be over 3. Most parts of NSW experience high UV throughout the year, especially from October to March.

A sun-safe hat protects the whole face, head, back of the head and ears.

Styles of Sun-safe hats:

- ✓ Broad-brimmed
- ✓ Bucket
- ✓ Legionnaire-style



Baseball caps and sun visors do not protect the cheeks, ears and back of the neck and are not recommended.

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to www.sunsmartnsw.com.au

