Dear Parents,

What a wonderful event the fair turned out to be. The weather was perfect and there was a great crowd in attendance and lots of parent volunteers helping with everything. The children all had fun on the rides and loved being able to buy their self-portrait. I know the P&C will let everyone know how much they raised. I would like to thank each and every member of our wonderful P&C for all the organisation and also the ever supportive office staff who ably supported them in this endeavour. A big thank you to all my staff for helping out on the stalls and on the day. I am constantly blown away by the continuous hard work and support from the parent community of Nulkaba School.

Our Easter hat parade and raffle was another successful event with all children enjoying walking around and showing off their creations. It was great that we now have our sound system in operation and again thank Terry for helping out when we get confused.

Next week is the CCGPS launch of ‘Paint the Town REaD’ All students in Stage 1 along with our school leaders will attend the launch. We will be dropped off at the paint shop and work our way down Vincent Street where we will deliver our boxes of books to participating businesses. We will meet up with all the other schools at the corner of Cooper Street for a photo and then walk from there to the TAFE for a book reading and entertainment. It should be a great way to encourage the reading of books. A note will be sent home and I will need some volunteers on the morning of 19th April to help blow up some red balloons. The children need to wear a red t-shirt or top.

Our last P&C meeting for the term will be held on Tuesday 9th April at 6.30 pm in the Staff Room. Please come along and be a part of this fantastic group.

ANZAC Day falls in the holidays again so we are looking for children who want to march. A note about this is in this newsletter. Please send your child in full school uniform if they wish to march. It is a wonderful spectacle and a great way to remember out soldiers who fought and died for us.

School finishes on Friday 12th April and resumes on Wednesday 1st May. Notes have gone home re our athletics carnival which is in Week 2 next term so please try and have permission notes in by the end of this term. Have a very happy and safe holiday break.

Narelle Hunt
Principal
Nulkaba Public School

Kindergarten 2014 Enrolment

For parent planning on sending their pre-school children to NPS for kindergarten in 2014 please contact the office by 12th April or complete the EOI form with was attached to last week's newsletter and return to the office by Friday 12th April 2013. You can also download EOI from the school's web site

On receipt of your EOI we will give you a DEC enrolment form for you to complete and return to the office along with your child's birth certificate, immunisation statement provided to you by Medicare and your proof of residency.

If you are living outside the Nulkaba zone we will need you complete an ‘Out of Zone’ application. These applications will close on Friday 12th of April. If you have any concerns please contact the office for more information.

If you know of a family living in our zone could you please encourage them to make contact with the school’s office.
Reminder
Final Date For Payments

STAGE 1 PAINT THE TOWN READ
$2.00 DUE 08/04/2013

K-6 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
$3.00 DUE 03/05/2013

STAGE 2 and 3 UNSW TESTS
(COMPUTER AND SCIENCE)
$8.00 each DUE 12/04/2013

STAGE 2 AUSSIE BUSH CAMP
$50.00 DUE 10/05/2013

STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION
PRE-PAYMENTS CAN NOW BE MADE FOR STUDENTS
UP TO THE VALUE OF $300.00

“Whats on” the Calendar?

TERM 1
Mon 8th Apr  Boys PSSA Cricket
Tue 9th Apr  P&C Meeting (6:30pm Staff Room)
Wed 10th Apr  Paint the Town Read
(Stage 1 and School Leaders Only)
Girls Netball
Fri 12th Apr  Out of Uniform Day (Gold coin donation)
Regional Soccer, Netball and Hockey Trials

TERM 2
Mon 29th Apr  Staff Development Day (Staff only)
Tue 30th Apr  Staff Development Day (Staff only)
Wed 1st May  First Day Back For Students
Thu 2nd May  Rugby 7’s Regional Final
Tue 7th May  Athletics Carnival (Turner Park)
Thu 9th May  School Photo Day (full Summer Uniform)
Mother’s Day Stall
Fri 10th May  Regional Cross Country
14th-16th May  NAPLAN (Years 3 and 5 only)

P&C Meeting
Tuesday 9th April 2013 at 6.30 PM
In the School Staff Room

All welcome, have your say be involved in your child’s education

CanTeen Roster

Week D
Monday 8th April to Friday 12th April 2013

Day  Date  Names
Monday  8th April  J Vivian
  S Boyd
Tuesday  9th April  R Beckett
  T Broadbent
  C Webb
Wednesday  10th April  D O’Brien
  L Esther
  S Gough
Thursday  11th April  A Burke
  A Trowbridge
  K Saunders
Friday  12th April  G Ellis
  R Sturat
  V Schreiber

Week C
Monday 29th April to Friday 3rd May 2013

Day  Date  Names
Monday  29th April  STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
  STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Tuesday  30th April  L First
  A Daniels
Wednesday  1st May  W Jenness
  R Stevens
Friday  3rd May  J Borgnera
  M Will

Week D
Monday 6th May to Friday 10th May 2013

Day  Date  Names
Monday  6th May  J Vivian
  S Boyd
Tuesday  7th May  R Beckett
  T Broadbent
  C Webb
Wednesday  8th May  D O’Brien
  L Esther
  S Gough
Thursday  9th May  A Burke
  A Trowbridge
  K Saunders
Friday  10th May  G Ellis
  R Sturat
  V Schreiber

If you can help to fill our current vacancies please contact Linda on
0437 514 786

Support your school by volunteering in the canteen once per month.
Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the Term 1 Achievement Awards recipients:

**Principal’s Award**
- Anana F S2K
- Caleb T S2K

**School Awards**
- Bailey C S3W
- Brock B S3J
- Caleb T S3W
- Chloe S K1-O
- Eliza B S3P
- Elizabeth B S3J
- Ella J 1S
- Fynn K S2B
- Harry S K1-O
- Hudson S S2K
- Imogen E S3W
- Jack G 2Z
- Jack H S3J
- Jack S S3P
- Jack T 1S
- Jacob H S2M
- Jared H 2C
- Jasmine K 1S
- Jaydon W 2Z
- Jessie W 1S
- Jett S 1S
- Joe S S3S
- Jye S 1S
- Luke C S2K
- Maddison A 1S
- Makayla W S2
- Mattilda C K1-O
- Mawon F S3W
- Mikayla H S3J
- Mim P 1S
- Oliver G 1S
- Rachel P S3J
- Raya C S2B
- Roja T S3W
- Samuel H 2C
- Shakira R S2K
- Sophie M 1S
- Sophie P S2B
- Tahna C 1S
- Tahni B 1S
- Tamara V S2K
- Zahlee C 1S

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**1-2-3 Magic Parenting**

**1-2-3 Magic – managing difficult behaviour at home.**

This program offers simple behaviour management strategies that are achievable and make sense - for parents and kids.

If you are looking for family focused strategies that will:
- help build your child’s emotional maturity
- reduce conflict
- build closer relationships with your kids
- enhance your child’s ability to make positive choices in adolescence

Then the **1-2-3 Magic** program we have available is for you.

Donna Curtis (DEC learning and support Assistant Principal) will be conducting 3, 1 hour workshops where she will work thought he program with you and discuss strategies in how to deal with difficult behaviour at home.

**WORKSHOP DATES:** Wednesday 29th May, 5th June, and the 12th June 2013

**TIME:** 9:15am -10:15am

**VENUE:** Nulkaba School Hall

If you would like to attend the **1-2-3 Magic** program please contact Mrs Narelle Hunt (Principal) to confirm your place. Please note places are very limited. First is best dressed.
Library News

Premier’s Reading Challenge Latest
Well our students are certainly on a roll as the end of Term 1 approaches. The big news is that we already have 1 class where every student will receive a PRC certificate at the end of the year – KPH, with Mrs Parker and Mrs Hill, have read their way through 30 titles from the PRC booklist, and so are our first class finished. In the primary, S3S are well on track to all have the PRC finished, and S3J just behind them at this stage. So the race is really on! Congratulations to KPH - Andii, Ava, Brodie, Chase, Cooper, Kiara H, Crystal, Kyron, Kiara H, Hamish, Lucas, Harrison, Jessica, Mia, Molly, Phoebe, Riley, Sam, Sienna and TC. Well done also to – Julia B S2B, Rachael P S3J, Tahmia K S3J, Tehanna L S3J, Olivia S S3P and Emily W S3S. Great work! Of course, the upcoming holidays are a great time to catch up on some reading – why not grab some great books to read for the PRC!

ANZAC DAY MARCH

Thursday 25TH April 2013
All students are invited to attend the Cessnock ANZAC Day March & Ceremony on Thursday 25th April 2013. Each year we are strongly supported by our students and again I encourage all students to attend. Students are asked to meet Miss Vicki O’Hearn between the Performing Arts Centre and Peden’s Hotel by 10:45am on the day, dressed in full school uniform.

Mrs Narelle Hunt
Principal

Family Portraits
If you were unable to attend our school fair and purchase your child’s family portrait they are now available at our front office. The cost is $2. Please let our front office staff know the name and class of your child/children and they will be able to find the beautiful picture for you to cherish for many years to come.

Mother’s Day Stall

Thursday 9th May, 2013

Mother’s Day will be upon us just after the school holidays - Week 2 of Term 2.

Once again we will be running our ever popular Mother’s Day Stall.

This stall allows our children to make their very own purchase for mum’s special day.

So please donate what you can (no alcohol please) chocolates, plants, candles, bath items, craft or anything at all you think a mum would like. Gifts on the day will range from 50c to $10, and will be specially gift bagged ready for giving on Mother’s Day.

We will be having a sorting day on Monday 6th May. If you are available please meet us in the school hall at 9:15am

We also need helpers to sell on the stall any time you can offer would be appreciated

Thank you for your generous support – for any enquiries please contact
Melissa McClellan 0416003770 or angussophie3@gmail.com

Nulkaba School Sports Shorts
New stock now available at office.
Cost: $16.00
Out of Uniform Day
Friday the 12th April, (last day of term) will be an out of uniform day to help raise money for less fortunate students in Papua New Guinea.

Tricia Davies is a retired primary school principal who regularly visits schools in Papua, taking much needed resources for the students, teachers and their classrooms. The cost to ship the goods is high.

As part of our ‘Out of Uniform Day’, we ask that students bring in a gold coin donation, to help raise money for Ms Davies and her wonderful cause.

Thanks, School Representative Council

Mrs. Trish Davies
Trish Davies is a retired primary school principal who has not let retirement slow her down, and who still works 1-2 days a week in local schools. However, most of Trish’s time is taken up by her work for schools in Papua. Several years ago, Trish undertook the task of walking the Kokoda Track, and while doing so, saw first-hand the state of resources and schools in Papua. Trish quickly saw a way that she could help the teachers and schools in Papua, and began seeking donations of resources of all kinds to send to the Papuan schools. Everything from pencils, papers and rulers to chalkboards to books to educational toys, posters, and teaching books – almost anything can find a new use and purpose in Papuan schools. Not content with just sending donated goods to Papua, Trish also makes regular visits to Papua to work with the teachers there, helping them with teaching techniques and showing them how to best use the resources she has been able to send to them. Trish now finds that more and more schools in Papua are seeking her advice and expertise. Trish also encourages practising teachers to accompany her to Papua at times, to help teach the Papuan teachers – our own Miss Brockwell has accompanied Trish to Papua to help in this worthy task.

Since learning of Trish’s work, Nulkaba has aided Trish in her work with donations of books, some sporting equipment and stationary items which were no longer needed. Trish also visited the school 2 years ago, to speak about her experiences on the Kokoda Track as part of our Anzac Day service, and it was wonderful to listen to her share her memories of the experience. However, while Trish is passionate about helping the schools of Papua, she does so largely voluntarily and is now finding the financial outlays needed are increasing. Collecting donated items is the easy part – actually getting the items to Papua is full of challenges, and is time-consuming and costly. With this in mind, Nulkaba’s Student Council has decided to hold a fund-raising day to give Trish’s work some financial support. We are setting aside the last day of this term as an out-of-uniform day with a gold coin donation. All monies raised will be passed onto Trish to assist in the costs of sending items to Papuan schools.

In fact, Trish will be going to Papua in the upcoming holidays and will be helping the teachers and students of the schools she will be visiting to unpack many donated items – including some of the things Nulkaba has donated. Trish has promised to visit us next term with lots of pictures and messages from the Papuan children and we can then see for ourselves just what a difference can be made by helping schools who are less fortunate than ourselves.

NAPLAN
Important Dates
The NAPLAN tests will be conducted over 3 days from 14–16 May 2013.

For students in Years 3 and 5, there are four tests covering numeracy, reading, writing and language conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar).

The NAPLAN test results and the student reports are released in September.
SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!!!!
Tuesdays 16th & 23rd April 2013

CESSNOCK BASKETBALL STADIUM

10am - 3pm
$20 per child
($10 for Boxing/$10 for Basketball)

School Age Children
5yrs - 17 yrs

Fully Supervised

10.30am - 11.30 Boxing (with qualified instructor)
11.30 - 3pm  3 on 3 fun
(Lunch 12.45 – 1.30)

Canteen will be open with lots of fresh food and drinks

Bookings Essential

Contact:-
Sonia 0417 063 073
Cessnock and Kurri Kurri
April Holiday Activities At Your Library

No phone bookings, no refunds, tickets on sale late March. Numbers strictly limited.

Baby Rhymetime - ages 0-2
Monday April 15 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 10.30 FREE
Monday April 22 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 10.30 FREE

Lap sessions for babies 0-2 years – songs, rhymes, instruments and a story – come and join the fun!

Outer Space Storytime – ages 2-8
Tuesday April 16 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE
Stories, songs and craft about Outer Space!

Dinosaur Storytime – ages 2-8
Tuesday April 23 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE
Stories, songs and craft about dinosaurs!

Outer Space Rhymetime/Storytime – ages 0-8
Wednesday April 17 Kurri Kurri Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE
Songs, rhymes, instruments and dancing – followed by a story and craft about Outer Space!

Dinosaur Rhymetime/Storytime – ages 0-8
Wednesday April 24 Kurri Kurri Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE
Songs, rhymes, instruments and dancing – followed by a story and craft about Dinosaurs!

Movie & Craft Afternoon – Wall-E – ages 5-12
Monday April 15 Cessnock Library 2.00 – 4.00 FREE
Wednesday April 17 Kurri Kurri Library 2.00 – 4.00 FREE

Come and enjoy an afternoon at the movies, then create a robot from space junk!

Mad Scientist Afternoon – ages 8+
Tuesday April 16 Cessnock Library 2.00 – 3.00 FREE
Wednesday April 24 Kurri Kurri Library 2.00 – 3.00 FREE

Warning – science experiments can be very messy! Wear old clothes to this hands-on kitchen science workshop, and take home your own bag of goo!

Gift Making Workshop – ages 5+
Monday April 22 Kurri Kurri Library 2.00 – 3.00 FREE
Tuesday April 23 Cessnock Library 2.00 - 3.00 FREE

Make some beautiful handmade gifts - decorate a magnetic picture frame for the fridge, make a tea light candle holder and a decoupage soap in a box.

Pizza, Wii and Games – ages 9+
Tuesday April 16 Kurri Kurri Library 5.00 – 6.30 $5.00
Tuesday April 23 Cessnock Library 5.00 – 6.30 $5.00

Please ring Cessnock Library 49 934399 or Kurri Kurri Library 49 371638 to enquire.

Sandy Ryan
Children’s Services Officer
Phone: 49 934384
Email: Sandra.Ryan@cessnock.nsw.gov.au
Singleton
Horse Sports Day
Hosted by: Mt Pleasant Public School

FRIDAY 17th MAY 2013
Singleton Showground, York St, Singleton
Commencing: 8.30am Gear Check by Team Manager, 9.00am START

All entry forms available on request by emailing Lisa Fellowes:

lfe02945@bigpond.net.au

Entry forms will also be available on the school’s website in early April:
www.mtpleasant-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Entry Fee: $20 per rider * (See conditions of entry)

Riding Events:
Riding Classes
Hacking Classes

Sporting Events: To be confirmed

ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY, 26 APRIL 2013

Enquiries:

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Facilities:
Canteen – Will be available all day from 7.30 am – Under showground grandstand
Camping – If required contact Singleton showground