Dear Parents and Carers

Here it is the last newsletter for 2014. What a huge month we have had.

Presentation Day and Special Assembly
Our special awards ceremonies were a great success and it was wonderful to see so many parents, family members and friends here to help us celebrate the amazing achievements by the students of Nulkaba. The following Thank You morning tea was well attended and these parents were treated to a wonderful aerobics demonstration.

Careers Day
This again was very well supported by the parents and wider community. It is a wonderful way to introduce students to the ideas of careers they may like to have.

Band Night
What an amazing night this was. This is my third and the improvement from some of the students was very impressive. It was also wonderful to see so many of our younger students getting involved. We are very fortunate to have the gifted teachers from the Upper Hunter Conservatorium at our school.

Thanks
Again I would like to thank all my staff for a wonderful year, all the parents and family members for their continued support of Nulkaba School, the wider community who support our major functions and the P&C who work tirelessly to make our school a better place.

Year 6 Farewell and Party Day
These are our last two events for the year. I look forward to the farewell as the children all look so grown up and we have a wonderful time - staff and students at their final formal function. These students have been a wonderful group to work with and I wish them all the best at High School. Party Day is just for fun and I know the children will have lots of it.

Hunter Sports Award
Today I was fortunate enough to attend the Hunter Sports Awards at Wallsend. Isla B was recognised for her amazing success in Diving. She was selected in the State Team this year to compete at the nationals in Victoria. She received the top honour at these awards today.

Information (this was sent to our school)
Thankyou for submitting entries into the “What makes Hunter GREAT” Colouring-in Competition. The top 100 finalists have been selected and uploaded to an album on the Joel Fitzgibbon MP facebook page.
I am pleased to inform you that entries from your school have been selected as finalists.

You may wish to share the album through your social media to give parents an opportunity to vote and support your schools entries. The top two entries (one girl and one boy) with the most likes on Sunday 14th December at 5pm will win a new bike and helmet.

Thanks again for participating and good luck!

I wish you all a Merry Christmas, a Happy and Safe New Year and I look forward to working with all of you again next year as we continue to strive towards an even better school.

Narelle Hunt
Principal
Nulkaba Public School

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Library

Library Item Returns

There were lots and lots of keen students last week who had their fingers crossed that theirs would be the name pulled out for the Library Prize Draw for those students who had returned their borrowed library items. Amazingly, the winning names all belonged to boy students – congratulations to Alex T from Stage 3, Josh B from Stage 2, Jett S from Stage 1 and Sonny O from Kindergarten. All 4 boys were very surprised to hear their names called out, and took some time to select their prize. In light of all stage prizes going to boy students, a bonus draw was held – and this went to Beatrice N of Stage 3.

Thank you to all of our students who have returned all library items. There are students who do continue to have unreturned items, and it is important that these are returned to the library before the last day of term, especially in the case of Year 6 students as they leave Nulkaba to begin their high school years.

P&C Association News

P&C Working Bee

Friday 19th December 2014 at 4:30pm, work in the back playground laying turf, fixing sprinklers and finalising the new cricket pitch.

Last Meeting

At the December P&C meeting, the committee voted to release sufficient funds for the completion of the following projects:

- $8000 to continue funding for laptops for remaining Year 6 in S3S 2015
- $4500 to complete painting and pin boards to Stage 3 classroom renovations.

Anyone with objections should address them in writing to Mr Jerome Scarborough, P&C President.

A Quick End of Year Word

I will be stepping down as President next year at the AGM. I would like to thank everyone who has helped with the P&C, Fund Raising, Canteen, Working Bees, Classroom helpers.

There are specific people I would like to thank for the help over the years and I am unable to thank everyone, so if I have missed you I am sorry. Thanks to Rachel and Tim Murray, Jacqui Borghero, Gary Wills, Kathryn and Aaron McDonald, Wendy Saywell, Cindy and David Barton, Sean and Deb O'Brien, Melissa McClellan, Tania Stace, Lynda Hurst, Lisa O'Brien, Terry ArchBald, Geraldine Moore, Leanne Robinson, Kylie Wadwell, Allan and Alison Smith. Also to School staff, Narelle Hunt, Ian Lamph, Ian Foulstone, Karen Baker, Jenny Lee Petrysen, Jaclyn Zonneff, Lesley Burley, Daniel Payne, Michelle Rowsell and all the Ladies in the office. And anyone I have missed.

The last five years would not have been as easy and fun as it has been if there had not been as many people willing to give up their time for the school.

The P&C has achieved quite a bit this year with the following projects completed or will be completed over the School Holidays:

- Cricket Pitch
- Verandah on Learning Centre
- 2014 Presentation Day Buses
- Library ASO subscriptions
- PM Reader Licences
- COLA Blinds
- Oval Maintenance
- Scar Tree Furniture
- Hall Speaker Upgrade
- Stage 3 Classroom Upgrade
- Stage 2 Laptop program support

I would like to thank all the Canteen Volunteers this term who helped throughout, without their continued help the Canteen would not continue to be open. Plus we are always looking for new volunteers to help fill out the days.

A reminder to all the major fundraiser coming up next term, the Fair is coming up Saturday 28th March and I am sure we are looking for more helpers on the day.

Next P&C Meeting is on the 10th February at 6:30pm and we are always looking for more parents to attend.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

Jerome Scarborough
P&C President

R.A.T.S. Readers Now Due

All RATS Readers are needed back at school and should be returned to class teachers this week. It is very important that these books are returned so that they are ready for use at the beginning of next year.
Canteen Notice

End of Term Trading

Canteen will only be open for LUNCH and HOT FOOD up until Friday 12th December.

NO HOT FOOD will be available after this date.

Week 11 – 15th, 16th, and 17th December the Canteen will be open on only for recess order and at Lunch time for ice blocks, chips, cakes and drinks till they are sold out.

A big THANK YOU to all the parents that have helped out in the Canteen over the past year and look forward to seeing you back next year.

Merry Christmas

School Banking

School banking has finished for the year. There will be no banking on Wednesday.
Crunch&Sip

Please ensure your child has a water bottle filled with water and a piece of fruit or vegetable every day. For more information visit: http://www.crunchandsip.com.au

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way
...to make sandwiches fun

Casey the Caterpillar

Ingredients

- 2 slices wholegrain bread cut into four circles, using a cookie cutter
- 2 slices reduced-fat cheese cut into four circles, using a cookie cutter
- 1 cucumber, sliced
- 1 cherry tomato
- 1 wooden skewer
- 2 raisins/sultanas
- Chives/toothpicks — for antennas

Method

1. Layer bread, cheese and cucumber
2. Slide onto skewer to create body, with a tomato head
3. Cut slits in tomato to add raisin eyes, cucumber mouth and antennas

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