Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday and Easter break. This is a short nine week term which is jam packed and will conclude with semester one interviews with parents.

Sport in Schools
Our Sport in Schools program began this week with our K-2 children. It is a short program but does cover many of the PE outcomes for our students. 3-6 students will be involved from weeks 6-9 inclusive. Please make sure your students note and money is back ready for them to attend.

Photos
Our School Photos will be held on Monday 12th May. Please make sure you child's teacher has the envelope before Monday so the day can run smoothly. We will be taking some sporting and other team photos on the day as well. If you would like family photos please collect an envelope from the office.

Email
We have been sending a number of emails out as reminders as well as the newsletter so it is very important that we have the right contact details for you in regard to your preferred email address. We also need to have correct contact information for you and your emergency contact person. Please update this in the office as soon as possible.

Kindergarten 2015
We are taking applications for enrolment in 2015 NOW. Please see the office as soon as possible and collect the relevant forms. If you know of anyone who is wishing to apply for an Out of Zone application they need to do so as soon as possible to be considered.

Teams
Lots of PSSA competitions are held this term and teams will be chosen and practice held, as well as competitions to attend. Children need to listen at assemblies each day to find out about these things. There are rules and regulations for these competitions that we must follow. Notes will be sent home if your child is involved in any of these.

NAPLAN
The National assessment program - NAPLAN will be held next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It is very important that if you have a child in Year 3 or Year 5 that they are at school on each of those days to complete this assessment.

Narelle Hunt
Principal
Nulkaba Public School

Nulkaba P&C Association
At the most recent P&C meeting, the Committee voted to support the PM Reader Licence with a funding commitment of $3,800. This is a software subscription supporting K-2 reading activities.

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

P&C Meeting
Tuesday 13th May 2014 at 6.30 PM
In the School Staff Room
All welcome, have your say be involved in your child’s education
Parents new to the school especially welcome
### WHAT'S ON THE CALENDAR?

#### 2014 Term 2 – Week 2
- **Thu** 8 May  Rugby 7s
- **Fri** 9 May  Mother’s Day Stall – Afternoon Tea
  Regional Cross Country

#### 2014 Term 3 – Week 3
- **Mon** 12 May  School Photos
- **Tue** 13 May  NAPLAN - Writing / Language
  P&C Meeting - 6:30pm in Staff Room
- **Wed** 14 May  NAPLAN - Reading
  Sports in Schools Early Stage 1 and Stage 1
- **Thu** 15 May  NAPLAN - Numeracy

#### 2014 Term 3 – Week 4
- **19 – 22 May** Stage 3 - Four Day Sydney Excursion
- **Tue** 20 May  UNSW Test Computer Skills
- **Wed** 21 May  National Simultaneous Story Time
  Sports in Schools Early Stage 1 and Stage 1
- **Sun** 25 May  Aerobics NSW Preliminary Finals


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### Nulkaba Nibbles

#### Canteen Roster

**Canteen Week D – Term 2 Week 2**

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*IF YOU CAN HELP TO FILL OUR CURRENT VACANCIES PLEASE CONTACT
  LINDA ON 0457 514 786
Support your school by volunteering in the canteen once per month*

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### Reminder

**Final Date for Payments**

- **Stationary Fees** Now Payable
  - **Term:** $20
  - **Year:** $80
- **University of NSW Tests**
  - **Writing:** $17 due 14/05/2014
  - **Spelling:** $11 due 14/05/2014
- **Stage 3 Four Day Excursion to Sydney**
  - $430 in total
  - Final payments due 14/05/2014
- **Stage 2 Camp**
  - **Deposit:** $50; **Total:** $230
  - Deposit due 16/05/2014
- **Kindergarten Town Excursion**
  - $4 due 28/05/2014
- **Sports in Schools Years 3-6**
  - $18 due 30/05/2014

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### For Sale

2x Mount View High School Girls Skirts Size 18 in good condition $50.00 for both.
Library

Premier’s Reading Challenge Update

Well we had a real sprint to the finish with the end of Term 1, with many, many students completing their online entries. So... we now have some 257 students, or just over 60% of the school with completed and validated entries. This is a fabulous effort given that we have until mid-August to complete all entries. So Mums and Dads – can you help us make it to 100% of the school all finished by the end of this term? It would be just out of this world to see every student in the school receive a PRC certificate for 2014.

So who were the students who finished Term 1 with a completed entry? Well, several of our junior classes now have finished – KG with Alizah, Blake, Dacoda, Dylan, Ebony, Hugo, Jordan-Lee, Kalarney, Kayley, Kobi, Lara, Millie, Oliver, Seth, Sony, Tom, William D and William K; KO – with Adam, Alexis, Amelie, Astrid, Ella, Graidey, Kane, Kingston, Lachlan, Mackenzie C, Mackenzie H, Max, Noah, Preston, Reece, Riley, Theodore and Tyler; KPH – with Alex, Ashley, Blade, Chantay, Cooper, Dimitie, Harry, Isaac, Katie, Kobi, Lachlan, Lilly, Lucas, Mackenzie, Matilda, Sonny and John; 1C – with Ash, Aubrey, Blake, Crystal, Ebony, Ethan, Felix, Hallie, Harrison, Jack, Jacob, Jordan, Kiara, Laura, Lauren, Marc, Nate, Nash, Phoebe, Sharlet, Sienna and Sophie; 1P – with Braydan, Andii, Ethan, Evie, Chase, Kyron, Ruby, Sam, Tayah, Ava, Boston, Lachlan, Ella, Danika, Hendrix, Phoebe, Hamish, Beau, Jessica, Stan, Lucas and Kiara; 2S – with Aiden, Ava, Charlotte, Chloe, Eliza, Ella, Georgina, Harry, Jack, Jordan, Jorja, Josh, Kiah, Mercedez, Oliver, Rebecca, Seth, Shanae, Tallis, Zali and Zane – CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THESE K-2 CLASSES WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE READING CHALLENGE.

In the stage 2 and 3 classes, we have – Harry O and Macy P from S2B; Chloe C, Chloe P, Emma N and Jessicia J from S2L; Amarli E, Ben R, Chloe G, Isaac O, Meleane K, Nikki W, Noone K, Rylie S and Yousef J from S2W; Aleah O, Ariana F, Caitlin J, Dianna L, Jack S, Keagan H, Lily-Rose E, Zac M and Zack M from S3C; Paige W from S3J; and lastly, Heze J from S3P.

Wow, this is certainly one of the longest acknowledgement lists we’ve ever had to include in the newsletter – well done everyone, and let’s see if we can make it to that magic 100% figure!

Book Club - May Issue

Order forms for the latest issue of Book Club were sent out earlier this week. As usual, there are many terrific titles on offer, covering a wide range of subjects, with something to suit everyone. Orders and payments need to be handed in to Mrs Morris, or placed in the Book Club Orders box in the library by WEDNESDAY MAY 14TH. Remember that all student orders help our school library earn free books for our library collection.

May is ...
National Family Reading Month!

Celebrate the 18th National Family Reading Month with Scholastic. Visit http://www.scholastic.com.au/readmoreinmay for full details. Download the reading log, encourage your children to read for at least 10 minutes a day—fill in the reading log for each day, and at the end of May, tally up the total number of minutes read and enter the result online for a chance to win some great prizes—your family could win $250.00 in book vouchers, and our school could win $600.00 worth of new books! Read More in May!

It’s National Simultaneous Storytime Again!

In 2013, Nicholas Ickle never could finish his story properly thanks to all those characters who just wandered on into his story. This year, young Eric just has too many elephants in his house! What will he do when Mum says they have to go! Find out how he cleverly finds a solution when we share the story on Wednesday May 21 at 11am.
**A Blue Day Thank You!**

Thank you to all the students who donated a gold coin for our ‘Blue Day’ for Autism Awareness, which was held late last term.

**We raised $520!**

All money raised has been donated to the Strive Foundation – who are the local Autism support group for families in the Hunter.

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**School Banking**

The school office now has application forms available for anyone who would like to open a school banking account but can’t get into the Commonwealth branch.

School banking should be handed into your teacher or the office each WEDNESDAY morning!

Remember: each time you make a deposit you will receive a token.

10 tokens = A cool reward

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**Sunken Treasure**

to be won in Term 2

For your chance to win a share of exciting prizes, simply make three or more deposits at school during Term 2 and you’ll be automatically entered into the competition.

Remember our banking day is **Wednesday**!

**Major Prize**

- Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
- VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet ’n’ Wild Gold Coast;
- A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
- A $3000 travel gift card to get you there.

**Runner up Prizes**

130 Toys “R” Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each to spend on your favourite toys.

PLUS, a separate draw of $1000 cash for one school in each state/territory.

So come on Nulkaba Public School let’s get saving and remember your deposit can be as little as twenty cents just as long as you make 3 deposits!


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**Special Thanks...**

We would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. W. McLaughlin for their very kind donation of a copy of *The Lost Diggers* to the school library. The McLaughlins have a long-standing family relationship with Nulkaba, and have 2 grandsons currently enrolled in Years 1 and 3, and have a keen interest in military history. Given the upcoming 100th anniversary of the Landing at Gallipoli, this book is a very timely and valued addition to our library collection. Due to its size, the book will be placed in the Library’s reference section, where it can be viewed at any time.
Sport News

State Diving Trials

Mali and Isla B represented the Hunter Region and our school at the state diving trials last term and were amazing. Both have been training very hard over the last few months and were extremely successful at this disciplined sport where a small error can be costly. Mali overall came 7th in the state for her age and Isla received 1st place. This is an outstanding achievement and Isla will represent NSW at the National Championships in Melbourne later this term.

Regional Golf Trials

On Monday Joshua C, Maya R, Josh B, Zac M and Lachlan M represented our zone and school at the regional golf trials. We were the best represented school there this year considering we only had 2 last year and the students were extremely well behaved. Thank you to Mrs Crampton and Ms Johns for your organisation.

18 Holes Results:
Josh C 3rd in 18 hole putting comp.

9 Holes Results:
Maya R winner nearest to the pin
Josh B nearest to the pin
Zac M longest drive and runner up in 9 hole event
Lachlan M runner up 9 hole putting comp.

Athletics Carnival

Our athletics carnival is scheduled for Friday 30th May at Turner Park. Permission notes and details will be out shortly.

Cricket News

The team continued on their journey last week with a close victory over Abermain. A huge thank you to Damien Harrison who has supported the team and ensured the grounds have always been prepared.
Zone Cross Country News

Our cross country team performed admirably on the day and we will have 16 students attend the Hunter Regional Cross Country event this Friday at Broadmeadow Racecourse. Good luck to all!

Zone results:
8/9 Yrs Girls: Tahni B 2nd, Jasmine K 4th and Mali B 5th
10 Yrs Girls: Chloe B 2nd and Isla B 3rd
11 Yrs Girls: Monique E 3rd and Molly W 4th
12/13 Yrs Girls: Maya R 2nd
8/9 Yrs Boys: Jordan E 2nd and Jack G 6th
10 Yrs Boys: Henry M 1st, Joshua C 4th and Zac B 5th
11 Yrs Boys: Caleb T 1st, Eli M 5th and Mason F 6th
12/13 Yrs Boys: Charlie M 1st

Horse Riding

The weather in Scone was perfect for Natalie, Lucy and over 230 competing riders. These events are always highly competitive, particularly in the older age groups.

Riding Dudley, Natalie made a great start to her horse sports career with a 3rd place in her Rider class and picked up a 2nd and 5th placing in the sporting sections.

Lucy on her new pony Bella were in a huge class of over 20 riders, she was unlucky not to place but was a great competitor and went well all day.

Sport Thought

"To actually get near my potential, I needed some other support around me, I needed people that properly understood me and helped me to understand myself better than what I did."

JOHN BUCHANAN – Former Australian Cricket Coach

GET THE KIDS ACTIVE!

Do you find it challenging to get the kids away from their computer or TV to play outside?

We all know how important it is for a child’s health, growth and development to be physically active each day, but with increasing technology in our lives; this can sometimes be a real challenge! We may have the answer for you!

Go4Fun is a FREE healthy lifestyle program for families with children aged 7-13. It will be running after school hours at Cessnock West Public School on Tuesdays during Term 2. All families in the area are welcome to attend; you do not need to be attending Cessnock West. It is run by a qualified Dietitian/Nutritionist and Exercise Leader. Afternoon tea will be provided to families. Visit the Go4Fun website at http://go4fun.com.au or call 4950 9117 and speak to Jacqui for more details.

Encourage your child to be active, happy and healthy TODAY!
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

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**The simplest way**

to make Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea healthy!

**Date & Muesli Slice**

**Ingredients**
- Olive or canola oil spray
- 2 medium apples, skin on, core removed, coarsely grated
- 1/3 cup water
- 1/4 cup margarine
- 2 cups dates, seeded
- 2 cups natural muesli
- 1/2 cup plain flour
- 1/2 cup wholemeal plain flour
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon

**Method**

Preheat oven to 180°C (160°C fan forced) | Lightly spray a slice tin (approx. 25x30cm) with oil | Add apple, water, margarine and dates to a small saucepan and bring to the boil | Reduce heat, cover and simmer for a further 5 minutes until the apple is soft | Cook uncovered for a further 5 minutes and stir occasionally until mixture thickens to a paste-like consistency | Meantime, place muesli in a large frypan. Stir over low heat until lightly browned | Sift flours into a large bowl, returning husk remaining in the sieve to the bowl | Add cinnamon and muesli to the flours and mix to combine | Stir into the date mixture then spoon into prepared tin | Bake for 20 minutes until firm | Cool in tin before cutting.

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