Dear Parents and Carers

What a couple of weeks it has been at Nulkaba School. With sporting teams competing, debating teams competing, Starstruck, Aerobics, Athletics Carnival, assessments and reports. Such a lot to fit in, considering it has been a very short term. Reports will be sent home on the evening before your interviews.

Debating

Our debating teams had wins this week against Bellbird. It always astounds me just how amazing they are. A lock-down debate is very difficult. The children are given a topic and whether they are the affirmative or negative team. They then are locked down with pens, paper and a dictionary to come up with their arguments. They have an hour. Then they debate. What an amazing skill set they develop.

Newspaper

I hope you all had a chance to read the ‘Nulkaba Grapevine’ in the Newcastle Herald. It is our entry in their newspaper competition. It was amazing. The quality of the articles, photos, and advertising was truly wonderful from the students of S3S. Well done.

Starstruck

For the first time we had students performing in Starstruck. We had 2 groups. One of our groups were a part of the It’s a Kind of Magic segment, our other group were part of a dance and narration of the Rainbow Serpent - an aboriginal story. They were both stunning. I know from being with them for rehearsals and seeing them perform on Friday night that they loved the experience. If you have not had the chance to watch this event, you should try to next year. It was fabulous. The organisation of this type of event takes a lot of hard work from both the teachers and the parents. Well done to all.

Aerobics

Two of our aerobics teams, the Silver Angels and the Silver Jets, competed in the 2014 School Aerobics State Finals on Sunday. The both performed brilliantly. The Silver Angels were awarded the Silver Medal in their section. They were also invited to attend the National Finals at the Gold Coast in August. This is an amazing achievement for such young children. So it is full steam ahead with practices and fund raising. Again, this would not happen without dedicated staff, focused students and very supportive parents. Well done.

Sport

Our teams who compete in the various sporting teams continue to excel in both their achievements and their sportsmanship. It makes me very proud. Thank you to all the parents who came on our wet and windy Athletics Carnival - Mark 2. The children were awesome and we will again have a strong Zone team. Keep up the great work Nulkaba.

P&C

Great to see so many parents at our meeting. Don’t forget the Walkathon on the last day. We had a lovely Life Members dinner this week to welcome Lisa O’Brien into that group. A well-deserved honour for a lady who has supported this school in too many ways to mention. Well done Lisa.

School ends on Friday 27 June and resumes on Tuesday 15 July. Have a happy and safe holiday break.

Narelle Hunt
Principal
Nulkaba Public School
What's on the Calendar?

**2014 Term 2 – Week 8**
- Thu 19 Jun: Shake a Leg - Nutrition Debate vs Cessnock West at CWPS
- Fri 20 Jun: Cessnock Netball Cup Regional Rugby Union Trials

**2014 Term 2 – Week 9**
- Mon 23 Jun: Parent Interviews Early Stage 1
- Tue 24 Jun: Parent Interviews Stage 3
- Wed 25 Jun: Parent Interviews Stage 2 and 2Z Sports in Schools Stage 2 and 3
- Thu 26 Jun: Parent Interviews Stage 1 Shake a Leg – Physical (11:30am-1:20pm)
- Fri 27 Jun: Walkathon PSSA Netball (11:45am)

**2014 Term 3 – Week 1**
- Mon 14 Jul: Staff Development Day
- Tue 15 Jul: Student Return
- Thu 17 Jul: MS Read-a-thon Speaker

**2014 Term 3 – Week 2**
- Wed 23 Jul: Basketball Gala Day


*Reminder*

**Final Date for Payments**

- Stationary Fees Now Payable
  - Term: $20; Year: $80
  - Stage 2 Camp
    - Deposit: $50; Total: $230
    - Deposit Due: Now

**P&C Meeting**

- Tuesday 5th August 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

Nulkaba P&C Association

At the most recent P&C meeting, the Committee voted to release $15,000 to fund blinds to the back covered area of the school hall (directly in front of canteen). Anyone with objections should address them in writing to Mr Jerome Scarborough, P&C President.

**Nulkaba Nibbles**

**Canteen Roster**

**Canteen Week C – Term 2 Week 9**  
**Monday 23 June to Friday 27 June 2014**

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**Monday 14 July to Friday 18 July 2014**

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**Canteen Week C – Term 3 Week 2**  
**Monday 21 July to Friday 25 July 2014**

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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
Premier’s Reading Challenge Latest!

In our last newsletter, it was mentioned that the 2013 participation level was in “danger” of being overtaken – well, we are a bit closer now, with more students having finalized their entries. Completed entries currently stand at 312, only 10 short of last year’s result. Over 40 students currently have semi-completed entries, so when they are all in, we will again set a new high in the number of completed entries.

Helping us reach our goal – well done to Jillann A S2L, Saxon N S2L, Ben C S2M, Charlie R S2M, Eden S S2M, Noah F S2M, Noah B S2W, Natalya S S3C, and Sam Y S3C. Congratulations to all these students.

LET’S SEE HOW MANY MORE STUDENTS CAN COMPLETE THEIR ONLINE ENTRIES BY THE END OF THE HOLIDAYS!

Library

50-90% OFF!

Huge Children’s Book Sale

Thousands of picture books, chapter books, nonfiction & activity items. 1 DAY ONLY!

WHERE: Monday 23 June: 8am-5pm

WHEN: Newcastle Jockey Club, Darling Street, Broadmeadow


July Holiday Activities at your library

No phone bookings, tickets on sale early June. Numbers strictly limited

“FROZEN” MOVIE & CRAFT – ages 5-12

Monday June 30

Cessnock Library

12:00-1:00

FREE

Enjoy an afternoon at the movies followed by craft.

MODEL BUILDING COMPETITION – ages 5+

Tuesday July 1

Cessnock Library

12:00-1:00

FREE

Kurn Kury Library

2:00 – 3:30

FREE

Wednesday July 2

Kurn Kury Library

1:00 – 2:00

FREE

3:30 – 4:00

FREE

Be part of the great annual Cessnock Library model building competition with those famous plastic bricks!

ART WORKSHOP WITH CASSCAR ART STUDIO – ages 7+

Thursday July 3

Kurn Kury Library

10:00-12:00

$8.00

Cessnock Library

2:00 – 4:00

$8.00

Create an imaginative sculpture using organic and traditional sculptural materials and techniques with local artist and teacher Sandi Walker.

TROY MURPHIE MAGIC SHOW – ages 5+

Friday July 4

Kurn Kury Library

10:00 – 11:00

$5.00

Cessnock Library

2:00 – 3:30

$5.00

What tricks does he have up his sleeve? Prepare yourselves for an hour of magic and mayhem with the Matland Wizard.

KNITTING NANCY WORKSHOP – ages 5+

Monday July 7

Cessnock Library

11:30 – 12:30

FREE

Wednesday July 9

Kurn Kury Library

3:00 – 4:30

FREE

What is a knitting nancy? Find out, decorate one and learn how to use it in this free workshop – materials and tools provided.

DREAMTIME STORYTIME – ages 2-6

Tuesday July 8

Cessnock Library

10:00 – 11:00

FREE

Kurn Kury Library (in Rotary Park if weather permits)

10:00 – 11:00

FREE

Special dreamtime story time to celebrate NAIDOC week – stories, songs and craft

DREAMTIME RHYMETIME/STORYTIME – ages 0-4

Wednesday July 9

Kurn Kury Library

10:00 – 11:00

FREE

Songs, rhymes and dancing – as well as a special dreamtime storytelling session

ABORIGINAL ART WORKSHOP – ages 6+

Tuesday July 8

Kurn Kury Library

11:00 – 12:00

$5.00

Cessnock Library

2:00 – 3:30

$5.00

Learn about Aboriginal Art and its symbols in this hands-on workshop presented by Les Elvin, local Aboriginal artist.

TRADITIONAL ABORIGINAL BASKET WEAVING WORKSHOP – ages 10+

Thursday July 10

Kurn Kury Library

10:00 – 11:30

FREE

Cessnock Library

2:00 – 3:30

FREE

Come along and learn the traditional aboriginal art of basket weaving with Michelle Earl – materials and tools provided.

Please ring Cessnock Library 49 934398 or Kurn Kury Library 49 371638 to enquire.

Sandy Ryan
Children’s Services Officer
49 934384
Email: Sandra.Ryan@cessnock.nsw.gov.au
Sport Report

Athletics Carnival
Despite the damp and cold conditions we managed to complete all races and field events. Student participation and behaviour was outstanding. A special thank you to our volunteers who acted as time keepers and place judges: Liz Riley, Monique Harrington, Cameron Webster, Peta Edmunds and Mark Johnson.

2014 Age Champions:
Junior
Girls: Harriet N  Boys: Henry M
11 Years
Girls: Molly W  Boys: Will I
12/13 Years
Girls: Natalya S  Boys: Adam C

Regional Cross Country News
Congratulations to Caleb T who was placed 3rd at the Hunter Regional Cross Country. Caleb ran a great race and has been training hard for the State finals which are to be held in Sydney early next term.

Girls and Boys Soccer
Our two soccer teams made a successful start in the first round of the PSSA knockout competition. The girls had a 4 – 2 win over Cessnock while the boys ran riot with a 14-0 win over Cessnock West. The girls’ team came up against a determined Bellbird side in round 2 and were unlucky to go down 2-0. The boys kept their shooting boots on in round 2 with an 8-2 win over Cessnock.

Netball
The netball team have been busy preparing for their round 2 clash and will play on the last Friday of Term 2. We also have three teams entered in the Cessnock Cup and will play the round robin event this Friday.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY NETBALL DEVELOPMENT CLINIC
~ Registrations NOW OPEN ~

FOR CHILDREN TURNING 8 -13 YEARS IN 2014

Are you a passionate Junior netballer who
would like to build confidence, develop teamwork
and further enhance your skills?
Pivot Netball Academy can assist you.

ALSO OFFERING
AFTER SCHOOL JUNIOR NETBALL PROGRAM IN 2014
~ REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN ~

For children turning 8-13 in 2014
(only 10 positions available per age group)

For further info contact email: jula@pivotnetball.com.au
www.pivotnetball.com.au

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Office News

There is limited stock of School Beanies for $5.00 each available at the office, one size fits all.

Canteen News

We rely on volunteers to keep the canteen open every day and without these wonderful people (parents and grandparents) who give up their time to help out, our canteen can’t keep going. If you can help in the canteen regularly (most of our volunteers commit their time for one day every 4 weeks) or casually, please give our Canteen Coordinator Linda Balazic a call on 0457 514 786. In particular, we are in need of volunteers who are available on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday. The canteen relies on the goodwill and input of all of our volunteers and we would really appreciate your help (and your kids will love it)!

Rainbow Day Thank You

Thank you to all the students who wore beautiful bright colours last Friday and donated a gold coin for our ‘Rainbow Day’ to raise funds and awareness for Type 1 Diabetes.

We raised $500!
All money raised has been donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

DOMINO’S PIZZA FUNDRAISER
Monday 23rd June, 2014

$1 from EVERY pizza sold between 4pm and 8pm will be given to the school...as easy as that!

Pizza’s start from $4.95 so come on and support your school
Tell your family and friends as more pizza’s sold = more money raised

Don’t cook dinner on Monday night, let Domino’s Pizza do it for you!
GROUP TRIPLE P

SEVEN WEEK PROGRAM
Every Thursday from 31st July to Thursday 11th September 2014

Time: 10.00 am - 12.30 pm
AT
5 Hall Street
Cessnock
Bookings are essential

For more information please phone
CESSNOCK FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE
on 4990 4507

Seminars are presented by an accredited Triple P practitioner.

ELLALONG WOODCHOP AND MINERS CHALLENGE

ELLALONG HOTEL

SATURDAY 16 AUGUST 2014
Neonatal Intensive Care

NICU Helping Hands Angel Gown Program NSW is having an open day for everyone to come along and see what the program is all about. We take donated wedding/formal gowns and lovingly transform them into outfits for babies who do not make it home from hospital. Our open day is for people to drop off donated gowns, look at what we do and perhaps volunteer some time or become part of the team. The day details are as follows:

The Hill Youth Centre
98 Mitchell Drive
Kariong

Sunday 22nd June from 10am to 3pm

Minmi Community Centre
Woodford Road
Minmi

Saturday 5th July from 10am to 3pm

For further information please email the organiser: Angelgownsaustralia.nsw@gmail.com and mark the message for the attention of Catherine
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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**Nutrition Snippet**

**The simplest way**

...to manage fussy eating

Kids can get anxious when trying a new fruit or veg, so try providing a smaller serving for the first few times.

This approach is less overwhelming and you might find that they will ask you for more.

*Did you know it may take more than 10 times before your child accepts a new food?*

Give your kids two options that you’re happy with. Rather than saying “Would you like any vegetables?” offer a limited choice, for example “Would you like peas or beans?”

Stay calm + persistent in your approach! Perseverance pays off.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit