Dear Parents and Carers

**Swimming Carnival**

What a wonderful day it was with the students all getting involved and earning points for their houses. A big thank you to all the staff and parents who worked so hard on the day to make sure it went smoothly. The Zone Carnival will be held next Thursday and students who are competing will have received a note. Good luck to our team.

**P&C**

It was wonderful to see some new faces at our meeting last week. If you are thinking of coming along please do, we would love to see you. The organisation for the fair is in full swing. If you can help on any of the class stalls or on the P&C stalls please let us know. As I have stated before it is a great day and raises a lot of money for our school. If you have any connections for donations for our Chocolate Wheel please let the school or the P&C know. Next month is our AGM. Please do not let that put you off attending. There is no pressure to take on a position but you would be most welcome to if you would like.

**Technology**

At the moment we are still having technical difficulties with bells, computers and other technologies around the school due to a number of storms at the end of last year. This has caused some issues for the Canteen as well. We are working on it as swiftly as possible but as it is insurance it sometimes takes longer to settle. Thanks for your patience.

**Kindergarten**

Kindergarten will begin attending for full days from Monday 22nd February. It is wonderful to see them so settled and happy at school. I am sure they will make this transition very smoothly.

**Student Representative Council and Library Assistants**

A big congratulations to all students who were given their badges on Thursday for these positions. I am sure they will enjoy these positions and do a wonderful job in their roles. It was fantastic to see so many family members here to see the badge ceremony.

**Stage 3 Excursion**

This will occur at the end of the term. Notes and monies should be in to school at this time. I know some parents have payment plans established. If you have questions or concerns in regard to financing this excursion please come and have a chat. There are lots of ways we can help and support.

**Kindergarten 2017**

It is time to be thinking about Kindergarten enrolments for 2017. If you know of any families with children who are wishing to enrol at Nulkaba in 2017 especially if they are Out of Zone they need to apply by the end of the term. There are definite procedures that need to be followed and they take time. Our Orientation begins in Term 3 so it is important for all children who will be starting school in 2017 to come to the office and give us their details.

Please do remember if you have any concerns in regard to your child please ring the office and make an appointment to see a teacher or a member of the executive or myself. Our wonderful office staff are also here to help in any way they can. We are all here to help make sure your child comes to school feeling happy and safe and reaches their full potential.
### Coming Events

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### Canteen Roster

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**Week 5 = Roster B**  **Week 6 = Roster C**  **Week 7 = Roster D**  **Week 8 = Roster A**

*If you can help to fill our current vacancies please contact*  
**Phone Linda on 0457 514 786**  
*Support your school by volunteering in the canteen once per month*
News from the Classroom

1SC- The Super Class!
1SC have had a fantastic start to year one! We have been doing lots of fun and interesting work already. In AL we are reading the book ‘Big Rain Coming’ by Katrina Germein and have been looking closely at the water cycle, rain and clouds. We did an experiment on how to make a cloud in a jar, it was very interesting!

In science we have been busy ‘chatting’ about communication and how it has changed over the years. Did you know that thousands of years ago they used smoke signals to send messages? We made paper cup telephones, our messages turned into vibrations and travelled along the string to our partner’s cup.

In the first few weeks we drew some wonderful self-portraits, Mrs Schilder and Mrs Craft think they’re amazing! We can’t wait to see what else year one has in store for us. It’s going to be a busy and exciting year.
News from the Classroom (continued)

2Z off to a Great Start

By Ava and Preston

It was my first day at Nulkaba for Ava and I felt nervous. Preston was happy to be back at school. We have been doing tests, handwriting, started number groups, aboriginal art, continuous soccer, reading, Rock and Water, measuring things and how people communicate. We have met our two lovely teachers Mrs Zoneff and Mrs Thompson. Ava loves the maths when she gets to use the computer. Preston has enjoyed doing different types of art. The most amazing thing has been that we found out we were the student councillors. Ava is excited about helping our school get better. Preston is excited about collecting the money from fundraising. We are both excited about our excursion later on this term and the Easter Hat Parade.

Class 3/4C

Welcome to 3/4C. We have had an amazing start to the year with bright, positive attitudes and a dedicated approach to learning. The class loves our literacy rotations. These groups include activities such as hands on spelling (dot painting this week), the letters hidden in sand in the sand shakers with glitter and stars has also been a bit of a hit. The quiet reading tent is a favourite, even when children have finished their work they ask if they can read quietly... goal met 😊 I wanted to make reading fun and enjoyable and if it means relaxing in a tent while doing it, then why not. During the groups we also do reading and comprehension activates, computer activates, grammar activities and most importantly... guided reading with me. The class has been enjoying learning about Australia and how to map different features of it. They are enjoying sharing some of their own travel stories and adventures. Stay tuned to see their finished Australian artworks... 3/4C has a creative flair.
Class 5/6J

It has been a very busy start to the school year for 5/6J. We have been exploring a range of topics including the solar system, early Australian history, environmental issues, elements of music and the history of the Olympic Games. And we are just getting started! One thing we have loved doing is showing off our artistic talents and our Picasso inspired portraits have added some colour and creativity to our classroom. First, we sketched out our portrait adding peculiar features to give our faces a dramatic and humorous look before adding water-painted colour and outlining. We think they look great and we are looking forward to having more opportunities to experiment with art soon.

School Swimming Carnival

Wow, Wow, Wow!

It was so wonderful to see such amazing sportsmanship and dedication at the swimming carnival on Monday 15th of February. This was my first swimming carnival at Nulkaba Public School and I was so proud of everyone’s commitment and hard work. So many swimmers got in, had fun and tried their hardest, earning points for their houses. Congratulations to Phillip for earning 433 points on the day. There are so many people who qualified for Zone showing how talented Nulkaba Public School kids really are. A massive thank you to all of the staff who facilitated the smooth running of the day, your commitment and support is greatly appreciated.

Ms Challen
Sports Co-ordinator

Canteen News

The easy way to order your child's lunch

[Flexischools logo]

Register online at

Using your computer or mobile device

Using Flexischools on you mobile device simply search flexischools using your web browser and add their login home page to your mobile device home screen.
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**Hot Food – not available at recess**
- Chicken Nuggets (each) $0.50
- Garlic Bread – ⅛ loaf $0.80
- Garlic Bread – full loaf $1.50
- Mini Hot Dog – half a hot dog $0.50
- Hot Dog – bread roll, frankfurts, tomato sauce $2.00
- Rice Pudding $2.00 GF
- Lite Sausage Roll $2.00
- Lite Party Pie $2.00
- Lite Meat Pie $3.00
- Lite Potato & Meat Pie $3.50
- Pizza Singles – ham, pineapple, cheese & bacon $3.00
- Cheeseburger – meat, cheese & tomato sauce $3.50
- Hamburger – meat, lettuce, tomato, beef, & tomato sauce $4.00
- Chicken Burger – chicken, lettuce & mayonnaise $4.00
- Nacho Dipper $4.00
- Spaghetti Bolognese or Lasagne $4.00
- Fried Rice $4.00

**Ice Blocks – not available at recess**
- Cheeky Fruit Stick – apple, mango, tropical, orange, blackcurrant $0.40
- Bevco Juice Cup – apple, blackcurrant, orange, pineapple $0.50
- Ice Money – chocolate, strawberry $0.50
- Ice Polo – lemonade, raspberry $1.20 GF, NA
- Vanilla Ice Cream Cup (no fat free) $1.00
- Small Slushie (175ml cup) $1.20
- - Blackcurrant, tropical, strawberry, forest fruit (all natural flavours)

**Drinks**
- Bottled water 600ml $1.50 NA
- Focus flavoured water – fruitingle, lemonade, raspberry $2.00 NA
- Mooove Milk 300ml – chocolate, strawberry $2.50 NA
- Small Juice 250ml – apple, orange, apple/blackcurrant $2.50 NA

**Extras**
- Sauces – tomato, BBQ, sweet & sour $0.30
- Lunch Bags $0.20

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**Nulkaba School Canteen**

- Place your order online using [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au). Online ordering is more accurate and much easier for our busy volunteers to process. Online ordering gives parents peace of mind that your child’s canteen order is received and processed correctly.

- For orders submitted to the canteen please write all lunch and recess orders on separate paper bags, including student’s name, class, items, and total payment. No envelopes, snap lock bags or scrap paper will be accepted.

- Please provide your own lunch bag with correct money. Paper bags are available from the canteen for 20c per bag or reusable lunch order bags are available for $10 each – durable, wipe clean, clear zipper pocket for money and order – say goodbye to paper bags!

- The canteen does not give credit. Any orders without sufficient money will be returned to the student, or similar lower priced items will be substituted at the Canteen Manager’s discretion.

- Orders should be placed in the lunchbox outside the canteen by 9.10am each morning. Late orders should be handed directly to the canteen volunteers. Any late orders may be adjusted depending on availability and time.

- Unfortunately due to Health & Safety Requirements we can’t heat, cook or serve food bought in from home.

- If your child forgets their lunch they should get a signed note from their teacher and the canteen can supply a sandwich that must be paid for the following day.

- We rely on volunteers to keep our canteen open every day. If you could help in the canteen regularly or casually please contact Linda on 0457514786. We’d really appreciate your help (and your kids will love it)!

- Our canteen is operated by the P&C and is overseen by the P&C’s Canteen Committee. It aims to provide both a healthy canteen available to the students daily, and to at least cover its costs. Any profits are used to aid the school through the P&C.

- If you have any ideas or suggestions on how to improve our canteen please contact the P&C’s Canteen Coordinator Lynda on 0422988177!

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Canteen Manager: Linda Balazic – 0457514786
P&C Canteen Coordinator: Lynda Hirst - 0422988177
Parents and Citizens News

Welcome to the new school year at Nulkaba Public School.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th March 2016 in the school staff room. This meeting will commence at 6pm, then the AGM will follow at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along.

At our last meeting we voted to support the following programs in the school for 2016:

- 2017 ASO Library Subscription (subject to proposal from Librarian) $2,000
- Funding of Presentation Day bus travel for students (December 2016) $1,000
- Approval of $50 per student for 2016 GATS camp
- Educational Excursion Subsidy for 2016, $500 per YEAR group
- Subsidy of buses for Swimming Scheme, approx. $220 per day (10 days)
- Inter-Relate Program for Stage 3 Students (Year 6) contribute $1,500 towards to running of the program.

Anyone with objections to the above should address them in writing to Mr Gary Wills, P&C President.

School Fair

SAVE THE DATE
NULKABA SCHOOL FAIR
SATURDAY 19TH MARCH
SOUTH которого
NULKABA NEWS 2016 Term 1 – Week 4
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We are counting down - 4 weeks to go!

Saturday 19th March 2016 - 10am to 3pm

School Fair Rides

*** Bigger and Better Rides in 2016 ***

★ Jet Chairs ★ Pirate Ship ★ Whirlwind ★
★ Surf’s Up Ride ★ Crash Course ★ Clown n Around ★

PRE-PURCHASE YOUR ARM BAND NOW

Arm bands need to be collected on the day of the fair

Pre-paid price $30  (Arm bands on the day will be $35  Individual rides will be $5 each)

I would like to order ______ arm bands for the School Fair (Saturday 19th March 2016)

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Total Price $ ______

Payment Option 1:  Direct Deposit Into P&C Account – BSB: 032-516  A/C 256 409 – use your surname as your reference  YOU MUST STILL RETURN THIS FORM TO THE OFFICE

Payment Option 2:  Cash or Cheque – return form with payment to the office (Cheque payments should be made out to “NULKABA PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C”)

Payment Option 3:  EFTPOS at the office

Kids do not need to be students of Nulkaba School to pre-purchase a discounted arm band – invite your friends along to join in the fun!!

PRE-PAID ARMBANDS ONLY AVAILABLE UNTIL TUESDAY 15TH MARCH
Our canteen is now online with Flexischools!
Register today and purchase lunch from the comfort of home or on the go!

The easiest way to pay online.

Take advantage of this convenient new service. Go to flexischools.com.au and click register.

Does your child need some help during study?

Help is just a click away.

Thanks to your local library, your child has free access to yourtutor.

yourtutor.com.au
Online, on-demand homework and study help

School Banking is fuelling financial education.

Each term, the School Banking program will be working with pencil, pen and piggy bank to teach students about money. The Bank with our online resource designed to help parents teaching their children about money and maths.

Money and maths
Whether your child is at nursery or the highest level of primary, you can find our fun and engaging lessons on their own pace. The more you teach your child basic financial maths, the more they become keen on the subject. The Bank helps you to teach your child the many different combinations of coins and bills as well as their worth.

How to teach your kids to save
Teaching your children to save is important, but what is the best way to go about it? One tip is to help them fill up savings goals. By checking their own goals, they will become more motivated. Pairs will help motivate them by tracking their progress.

Activity: Money Maze
Help your child improve their addition skills with the Money Maze. More Money Mazes can be found at cormenbank.com.au/moneymaze

Make sure you keep a look out for more fun financial education from the School Banking program in next term's school newsletter.

What is yourtutor?
Thanks to the library, your child can be their best in school this year! No more afternoon homework battles, no appointments or travel necessary. They simply log in online for one to one, expert help from the library computer or from home.

When a student gets stuck on a homework question, a real-life tutor is ready online to help them get back on track and feel more confident.

Students can ask for help with a question in maths, English, science, study skills and more.

The best part: the service is entirely free, thanks to your local library. So, next time your child gets stuck?

Get unstuck, with yourtutor.

FREE with a library card number
4pm–6pm Monday to Friday
3pm–6pm Saturday

Need help? Contact us at yourtutor.com.au
Click, Sign in and feed your library

Friday, 19 February 2016
**Good for Kids good for life**

**PACKING A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX**

Many products marketed as being a healthy lunchbox addition can be high in sugar and fat, and low in nutrients. Here are some healthy options to consider swapping in your child’s lunchbox:

- An apple or banana instead of a fruit roll-up.
- Swap chips for unsalted air-popped popcorn.
- Include low-fat plain milk instead of drinks high in sugar such as sports drinks and fruit drinks with less than 99% juice.
- Swap sugary snacks, such as cake or biscuits, for a low-fat plain/fruit-based yoghurt.
- Use wholemeal or multi-grain bread instead of white bread for sandwiches.

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**SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?**

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**Examples of parking zones**

- 5-9am
- 2-4pm
- 6-8pm

**Penalties**

- 1 day
- 2 days
- 3 days
- 4 days
- 5 days

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**Meeting to be held Tuesday 8th March 2016**

**Guest Speaker:** Liberty Hunter

**Details:** Our guest speaker for our March meeting is Liberty Hunter with her new book, “Dellal is a River in Egypt”. “Don’t give up” is the theme behind her book written about her journey through autism.

**Where:** Howrah Building (Cessnock Primary School)
Corner Quaumbah and Rawson Streets, Cessnock

**Time:** 8:30am - 8:30pm

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**Strive for Autism Inc.**

- Families Supporting Families Coping with Autism
- Brought to you by Cessnock City Council Ranger Services & Road Safety Officer