



NULKABA NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are at the end of Week 6 and school is slowly coming back to normal. Most children have settled back into the school routines with not too many issues - for others it is a big adjustment especially for our Kindergarten students. For some of them it has been like starting school for the very first time. We are all working together to make sure everyone settles back into our routines and our new projects.

All stages launched their next project this week. Stage 3 on Monday and all other stages on Friday. It was wonderful to see the teachers and the students all in costume to make the launch even more fun. Staff and students are both looking forward to this project as the last one was very definitely interrupted by COVID-19. There are some wonderful topic areas that I am sure will completely engage the students and I am looking forward to seeing the work that will be produced.

Semester 1 Reports

Semester 1 Reports will be sent home at the end of Week 9 and we are working on ways that we can have our parent/teacher interviews in Week 10. We are just finalising space and then you will be able to book your timeslot as in previous years. Information for this will be sent out very soon. If your child has support funding, the review meeting will also be held at the end of this term. To make things easier for parents and carers we will combine both of these meetings if we can which will make that easier for you. If your child is involved in this, you will receive further information very soon. As we have mentioned before, our reports will be different due to the disruption in learning during this term and last term.

School Assembly

Our ZOOM assembly was a great success, so these will continue weekly for the rest of this term. Due to the Public Holiday on Monday, we will have Week 7's assembly on Tuesday. Stage 2 will be in the hall and all other classes will be in their rooms across the school. It's wonderful to see the students receiving their awards again.

Finish Time

Next week we will return to the 3:10pm finish time for all students. Thanks to the majority of parents who have followed our guidelines for drop off and pick up. These guidelines have to remain in force for the rest of this term. This is a very definite directive from the Department of Education. Drop off in the morning is a kiss and drop. This can take place outside the gates or in the playground when your child places their bag in the designated spot. Please do not hang around as we were lucky to be allowed to have the option of onsite drop offs and pickups. In the afternoon please do not come on site until 3:05pm and then stand in your designated spot, making sure you are abiding by social distancing guidelines when waiting. Then please exit the grounds as soon as possible. These measures are put in place to protect everyone.

The other really important directive we must abide by, is that no parent can be on site at any other time throughout the day except for drop off and pick up. If there is a reason you need to come on site then you must go directly to the office. If you need something to be given to your child then the office will organise it for you. If you are late - then again the office will organise - just go to the student window. If you have to pick up early then the office will organise for the child to come to you. We have communication to all classrooms and speakers for use during play breaks. This is very important - you cannot go into our classrooms at all at this time.

P&C Meeting

We will look to have one in the Staff Room on Tuesday, 9 June 2020. We will only be able to have 10 - 12 people present so that we can maintain social distancing guidelines. The staff room will be cleaned before the meeting and again after - before staff use in the morning. Can you please contact a member of the P&C Executive to let them know if you are coming. I hope to see some of you then.

The ICAS assessment note was sent home this week. It is all now on line. All the information is on the sheets. If you have any questions please ring the office and talk to Mrs Ryan.

Please remember if you are having any issues or concerns please come in and have a chat about them. We are here to help. Just ring the office and make an appointment.

Opportunity Classes (OC) Applications for Year 5 2021 have been extended. If you are interested can you please contact the office.

Have a wonderful long weekend. Stay safe.

Narelle Hunt
Principal
Nulkaba Public School



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Coming Events - 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7	8 Jun	9 Jun 6:30p P&C Meeting	10 Jun	11 Jun	12 Jun Book Club Issue 4 Orders Due
	15 Jun	16 Jun 1:00p Stage 2 Social Groups Bunnings Visit	17 Jun	18 Jun	19 Jun
Week 8	22 Jun	23 Jun	24 Jun	25 Jun	26 Jun Jun 27 Aerobics State Finals
	29 Jun	30 Jun	1 Jul	2 Jul	3 Jul

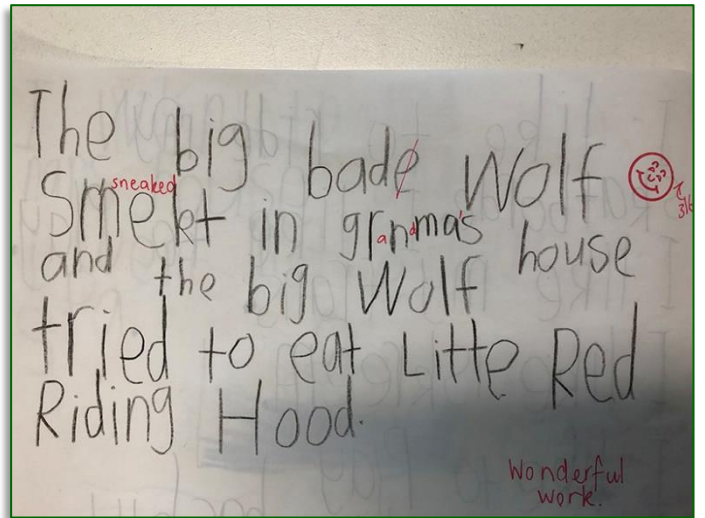
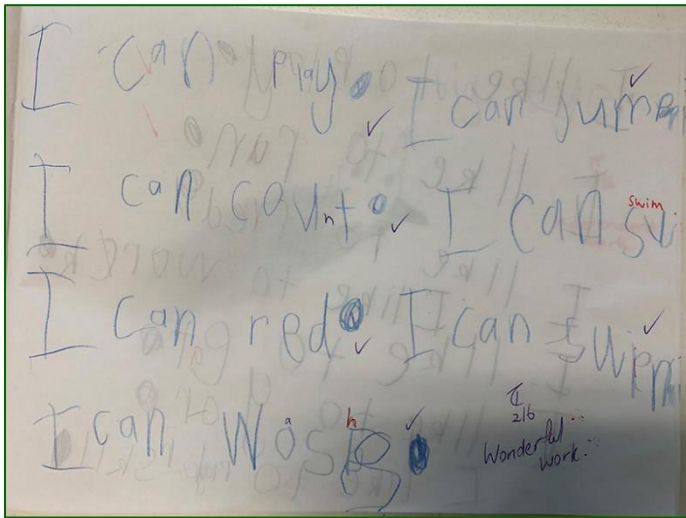
For more information, please visit our website: <https://nulkaba-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/events.html>

Class KT

It has been wonderful to have everyone back at school together. KT stepped into the classroom ready to show their teachers all the things they had learnt while at home. The students have worked amazingly hard to learn sight words, letters, sounds and numbers. We have jumped straight in and started reading groups, rotating around the classroom working with greater independence. They are impressing us with their reading and writing skills and proving just how far they have come.

Kindergarten have once again begun sport each Thursday. KT's first activity was soccer. We are practising dribbling, kicking, passing and goal shooting skills. The best part was making two teams and having a fun game of soccer where we worked together to pass the ball and score some goals. It was a very close game.

We are looking forward to our launch day for our second project – Once Upon a Time in Nulkaba. We worked in small groups with our friends to complete STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) challenges. One of our favourites was building towers out of paddle-pop sticks and pegs. Our classroom is decorated in our class theme with a giant beanstalk for 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and we are excited to learn about other fairy tales this term.



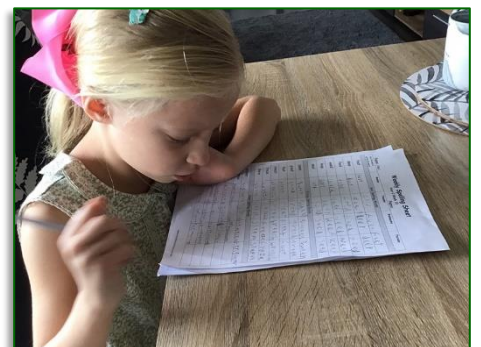
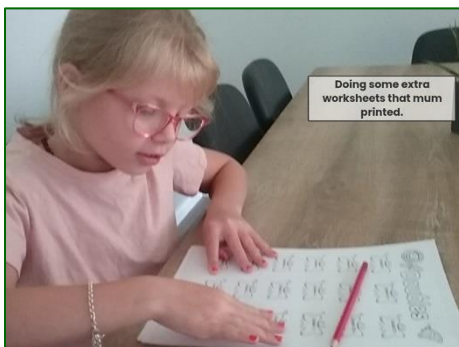
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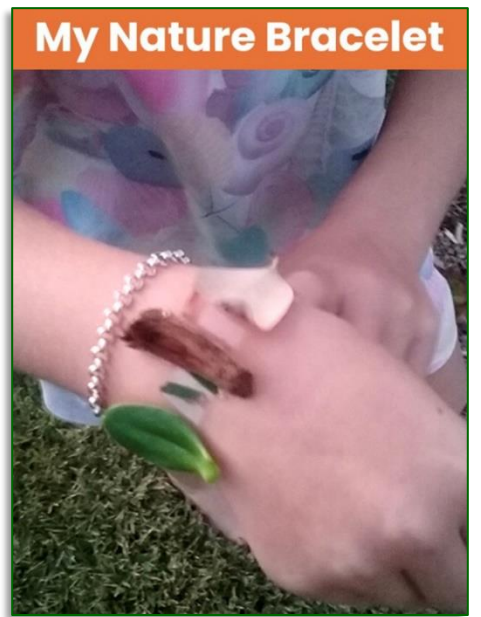
Well, what a couple of months it has been. 2C adapted to home learning and worked through their home learning packages. They should be very proud of what they achieved during this time. It was wonderful to be able to communicate with the students via Seesaw. I loved seeing their work uploaded daily.

Now that we are back at school fulltime, we spent our first week catching up with each other and getting back into routine. We wrote about, and made a film of COVID-19 and how it has changed our daily lives.

This term 2C are looking forward to our Project Launch and dressing up as their favourite fairy tale character. I am looking forward to parent teacher interviews at the end of term to discuss the progress the students in 2C have made.

Below are some photos of 2C participating in remote learning from home.





News from the Classroom (continued)

Stage 2

What a crazy rollercoaster we have been on! Stage 2 have come back and are settling back into the routines of school. We have just finished looking at all different types of music across the decades and we are now launching into our next Project. On Friday Stage 2 will engage in a range of activities to stimulate their inquisitive minds and start thinking about all things water! Over the next couple of weeks we will be developing our 'Ocean activists', passionate to make a difference in the future. Please keep an eye out for Projects coming home.

This term we have also restarted Creative Play sessions on a Thursday afternoon. Students get to engage in a range of activities with friends across the stage. This is to encourage social interactions in a positive way and help students adjust back to school. Last week was lots of fun and we are looking forward to this week.



Out the front of 3B and 4/5Z's building, we have a garden developing. Over the next couple of weeks (and months) students will be planting, watering and caring for some new plants. 3B have already done some planting to help the baby Koalas. Check out the progress as things grow and come together.



Class 5-6G

Along with the rest of Stage 3, 5/6G have just begun their new project learning about war. The students participated in their launch day on Monday where they engaged in historical trivia about wars, challenged themselves in a boot camp and learnt about Sadako and the thousand paper cranes. The students are looking forward to learning all about the causes and effects of wars, studying historical letters, diaries and poetry, and gaining a deeper understanding and appreciation of commemorative events, symbols and memorials.



In Literacy, 5/6G have been learning about writing fuller descriptions using noun groups. After studying the text 'Rowan of Rin' by Emily Rodda, which featured a dragon, the students have created their own mythical creatures describing the features of their creature using noun groups. They have worked to use more complex vocabulary to enhance their descriptions.

Here are some descriptions from two of our class members:

The Occamy – Written by Phoebe (Year 5)

CRASH! The occamy grew, destroying the house and making everybody collapse to the floor. I tried to escape but the door was blocked by it's colossal body. The occamy tried to attack with it's extremely jagged butter coloured beak. Amiellia jumped onto the beast and felt it's silky violet and cerulean feathers. I shouted "Amiellia, get off that thing!" It flapped it's large feathery wings but did not move off the ground. I saw a cockroach so I sprinted to it and picked it up. I climbed on the occamy's extended body and then shoved the bug into it's hungry mouth. The occamy scoffed it, then THUMP! I fell off the occamy to the ground catching the occamy in it's now small form. Amiellia said "I'm glad that's over!" Then the occamy turned around and looked at us with it's sweet carrot coloured eyes.

The Dragon – Written by Theo (Year 6)

ROAR! Burning slobber rained one me. A dark figure stood upon me. It was massive! I felt scared and nervous. Then two giant, oval, crimson red eyes stared into my soul. Then a terrible extensive scaly tail threw me off my feet, sending me into the air, screaming in shock. After that, a couple of gigantic, stretched wings flapped rapidly hurling me through the air still screaming. As I landed, my head hit a rock almost knocking me out and my right arm hit a jagged rock making it bleed. Then a group of frightening hooked claws pinned me down. I saw some massive powerful muscles. Then an immense, snow white jaw appeared. It was like a vast land of teeth. After that I saw thousands of large shining black scales. I gasped. Astronomical. Black. A Fire Dragon!

School Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge Latest

Well we have had some interruptions lately, but it is great to report that several students continued working on completing the 2020 Reading Challenge, and happily we have been able to begin presenting students with their merit certificates. The most exciting news is that K1/E have now become the first class to have all students complete the Challenge! Congratulations to K/1E and Miss Ebony on their great effort – Ivy B, Grace B, Braithen D, Liam G, Bella O, Georgah P, Tyson R, Charlotte S, Mia A, Alistar B, Sophia B, Adina C, Remy C, Hunter G, Bailey H, Samuel K, Sophie M, Lachlan O, Jayden S, Miranda S, Jack T and Matilda W. Our other students to have completed the Challenge since our last newsletter are – Ezra B 3B, Bella C 3B, Isabella C 3S, Ruby C 3S, Amahni H 3S, Boston M 3S, Sofia R 3S, Suvana C 3/4N, Myles C 3/4N, Alexis H 3/4N, Olivia W 3/4N, Lily G 4W, Sierra H 4W, Braiden B 4/5Z, Maeve H 4/5Z, Jed P 4/5Z, and Mackenzie Hi 5/6P. Well done everyone!

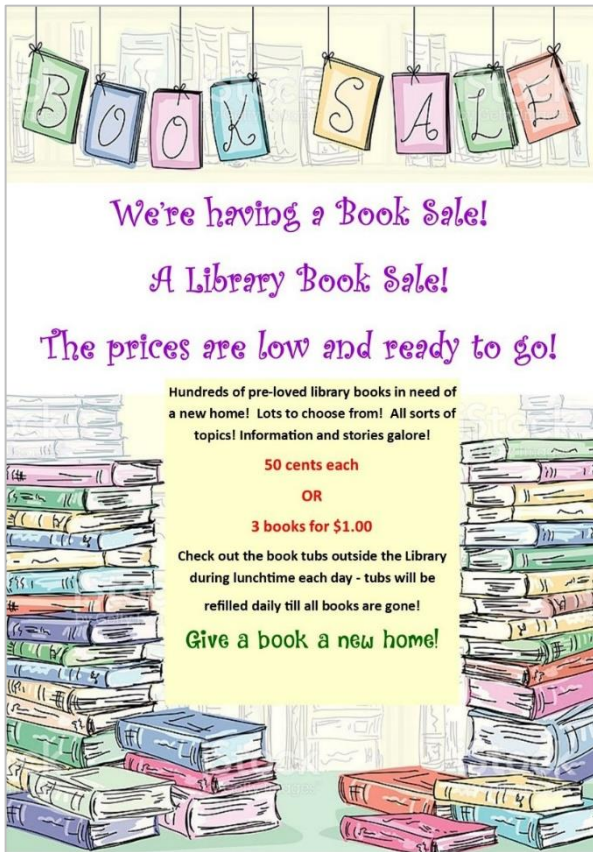
Book Club is Back!



It's wonderful to have the Book Club Catalogue back in print form. Copies were sent home early this week, with orders due by Friday, 12 June 2020. It is preferable to place and pay for orders online via Scholastic LOOP as this minimizes the need to send payment to school. The link is printed here for convenience - <https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/>

With our recent extended time at home, this could be the perfect time to invest in some new reading material!

Library Book Sale Now On!



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Hundreds of pre-loved library books in need of a new home! Lots to choose from! All sorts of topics! Information and stories galore!

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OR
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Check out the book tubs outside the Library during lunchtime each day - tubs will be refilled daily till all books are gone!

Give a book a new home!

With the renovation of our Library last year, the opportunity was taken to have a major stocktake of titles held which has led to a small mountain of books being removed from library shelves – these are still in great condition, may have just been extra copies, or outdated copies that have been replaced or are just looking a tad tired on our lovely new shelves. SO... now that we are back at school, the Library is having a sale – books and magazines are going for just 50c each or 3 for \$1.00 – what a bargain! At the time of writing, there were boxes of books still waiting to be unpacked!

We would love to have all Mums and Dads visit to have a look but of course that is a bit difficult at the moment, so it is just up to our students to have a look – if you are wanting to ask about something in particular, just send a message via phone, written note or Seesaw to Mrs Morris and a lookout will be kept for any useful titles – there is something for everyone!

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Have you **moved** enough today?

SLEEP
• 5–13 year olds need 9–11 hours per night.
• 14–17 year olds need 8–10 hours per night.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
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Children and young people (aged 5–17 years) should achieve the recommended balance of high levels of physical activity, low levels of sedentary behaviour, and sufficient sleep each day.

Australian 24-Hour Movement Guidelines for Children and Young People (5 to 17 years)
An Integration of Physical Activity, Sedentary Behaviour, and Sleep

Source: Australian 24 hour Movement Guidelines



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