

Primary entry #22: Nulkaba Public School



Nulkaba Grapevine



Caleb and Will making their mark on the footballing world stage.
Picture: Zac Brown

Passport for world from Jets football

By **ANGUS MCLELLAN, HENRY MURRAY and ZAC BROWN**

TWO Nulkaba students, Will Ingram and Caleb Trowbridge, are living their dream of playing football and travelling the world – all at the age of 12.

Both talented players are a part of the Emerging Jets squad that have already travelled to Qatar in March this year and are now preparing to travel to Japan in July to further their footballing experiences.

Qatar was an amazing experience and challenge, with the boys playing teams from around the world, including European powerhouse club Galatasaray.

Japan offers another exciting experience. "We can't wait to play in a different country, experience their lifestyles and try the food," Caleb said.

While it could be easy to be swept away in the excitement, both Will and Caleb remain humble about their achievements.

"It's a privilege to play in the team. We get to represent our country, the Newcastle region, the team and our family," Will said.

Will, a left back or winger, and Caleb, a defensive or attacking midfielder, have been playing football for seven years and share a mutual love for the world game.

With ambitions to play at the highest level they are definitely making the most of every opportunity.

Cessnock aids Vanuatu

By **CHLOE BECKETT, GRACE FAIRLIE, HARRIET NEVILLE and ISLA BARR**

ON February 20, the devastating cyclone Pam hit the tropical island of Vanuatu.

With over 40 people dying and many left homeless and heart-broken, two Cessnock families, the Fairlies and Schriebers, who had experienced wonderful holidays in Vanuatu decided they needed to do something to help the people affected by this disaster.

Erin Fairlie and Michelle Schreiber went into action, organising donations of clothes, gardening supplies, shoes, towels, blankets, school resources and first aid supplies from friends, family and the Cessnock community. They were also able to raise over \$1100 as well.

"After visiting Vanuatu twice, we had the privilege of meeting some truly beautiful people, people who really appreciated the simple things in life. We saw first-hand after visiting Pele Island just how tough the people of the island live every day. So when we heard of the devastation that had been caused by the cyclone we knew that this was our chance to give to some truly special people," said Ms Schreiber.

These donations were taken by AirVanuatu who flew the aid for free where it was then dispersed



Two worlds collide – the Schreiber and Fairlie children making friends in Vanuatu.
Picture: Erin Fairlie

amongst the people of Pele Island by their friend Morris, who they had met and stayed in touch with on their holidays.

The money is being used to replant crops and to assist in the rebuilding of the villages. The aid was spread amongst four villages, and approximately 200 people.

Morris has kept in close contact and said he had no words to fully explain how grateful the villagers were. "Please pass our thank yous to all of your friends and families who have helped donate to our island and please tell them they are welcome to visit any time. Reading the lists of what is inside

hearts and believe that something so easy and as simple for us will truly change a small part of many people's lives."

Ms Fairlie agreed: "It is also something we hope as parents that makes an impact on our children's lives and teaches them to give to the less fortunate."



Friendship bonds are made despite cultural differences at Nulkaba.
Picture: Saraya Borghero

Noone's new beginning in Nulkaba

By **LILLY STACE, SARAYA BORGHERO and NOONE KHAIRAM**

SATITA Khairam, known as Noone, is a year 5 Nulkaba student who arrived in Australia in 2013 from Buriram, Thailand. She moved here with her family for a better education and also because her father is Australian.

Arriving in Australia, Noone was extremely

excited about beginning her new life, but also nervous as she couldn't understand the language at first. "Everything is so different. The school, the alphabet, the language and the food," Noone said.

She also had a shock when she started school. Coming from a school with 3600 students to Nulkaba Public school with 420 students, was definitely a change.

"In Thailand we still have

the cane, you have to have a perfect uniform every day."

It didn't take long for Noone to get used to her new school and overcome the challenges. The students are enjoying having Noone as a part of their school and learning about Thai culture.

"I really enjoy living in Australia. I love the sports and enjoy the nice weather, though the food here is not as spicy," she said.



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