

## Aries

Career and public life are highlighted during this time. What direction do you like to follow? What is your special assignment for the world? Solidify your goals and build on your reputation. Create a new public image, reform unacceptable conditions and step into a position of true leadership!

## Taurus

This is a great period for going on a vision quest, may it be internal or external. Envisage what you would like to achieve over the next 12 months. Where can you see yourself and what would be worthwhile to engage yourself full-heartedly? Your beliefs and efforts will be tested, so keep an open mind.

## Gemini

Over the next 12 months you may attract benefits in the areas of joint finances and shared resources but also might succeed in your healing and personal transformation work. This is a time of diving into the depth of your soul and working through shadow areas. Reflect, clear, purge and free unlive potential.

## Cancer

Over the next 12 months you may enjoy many benefits through your personal and business partnerships. Create favourable agreements and contracts while releasing old patterns of attachment and co-dependency. Hearing your partner's point of view and empathising with what is going on in his/her world will enrich your own understanding, but it doesn't need to pull you down!

## Leo

Over the next 12 months, new opportunities could arrive through the area of health and work. It is a wonderful period for healing, self-care and finding more enjoyment in your daily duties. Appreciating and taking care of 'the small things in life' is the key. Take pride in whatever you do and commit to the task at hand.

## Virgo

This is your time to be creative and remove self-doubts that are blocking your journey of self-exploration. You may feel inspired by playing with children, or vice versa: you might be an inspiration to them! Over the next 12 months, creative projects that are close to your heart want your commitment. Just go for it!

# December

In the yearly cycle around the zodiac we have reached the fiery and freedom-loving sign Sagittarius. Archers are the archetypal seekers who not only search for new adventures but also for meaning and truth. It is essential for their spiritual well-being to have a purposeful goal they feel enthusiastic about. It helps with focusing nervous energy, since Sagittarius is not the most patient sign! Translating the 'far-away' into the 'here-and-now' is one of the challenges that needs to be conquered.

On December 3, Jupiter shifts from idealistic Sagittarius to the more realistic sign Capricorn, where the largest planet of our Solar system will remain until December 20, 2020. Capricorn prefers stable structures and attempts to put down the law to control its environment. Jupiter energy, on the other hand, likes to expand, grow, take risks, and seeks to broaden its perception. Jupiter in Capricorn teaches practical optimism. Being prepared to work towards our luck instead of waiting for the lucky moment promotes learning from experience and using our accumulated knowledge to carefully build and improve life. In this sense, Jupiter in Capricorn supports new approaches in environmental issues and using available resources sustainably.

Jupiter was last time in Capricorn from late 2007 until 6 January 2009, the time when we had the Global Financial Crisis. The Capricorn energy will be magnified as Jupiter joins Saturn and Pluto, already in Capricorn for a number of years (Saturn: Dec, 2017 – Dec, 2020; Pluto 2008 -2024). Ethics, beliefs and standards around power and authority have to be examined. On the downside, we can expect more harsh regulations, authoritative rule making and laws that diminish our personal freedom. Accountability is another Capricorn theme, as are trade disputes and a slowing world economy. So, Jupiter in Capricorn can set an end to unrestrained growth and speculative hope for progress. Debt burdened corporations, governments, banks, and other economic institutions could fall apart over the next 12 months signifying the death of the old order, as we approach the dawn of a new era in 2020!

The Full Moon on December 12 in



Gemini opposite the Sagittarius Sun squares Neptune in Pisces. Issues to do with water, its management and how we can improve looking after this so life-essential resource is on many people's mind. Gathering all the necessary information, combining logic with vision, and translating abstract ideas into practical outcomes is the message of this Full Moon. Neptune in Pisces reminds us that the environment is where we all meet, where all

have a mutual interest. It is the one thing all of us share. Let's hope that the Full Moon in close proximity with Neptune in Pisces, the planet that rules the oceans and all waters, brings us some long anticipated rain! The Solar Eclipse on December 26 on the 4th degree of Capricorn carries a powerful earthy signature. The eclipse is closely conjunct Jupiter who forms a constructive trine with Uranus in Taurus.

It is a great moment in time for planting new seeds as things can suddenly move into new directions. During a solar eclipse, the Moon blocks out the light of the Sun, 'the light of consciousness'. Thus we have to deal more deeply with subconscious as well as collective forces. The area in our personal chart, that is obscured by the eclipse might need some clearing of stagnant energies. Our material or physical existence could experience unexpected challenges. 19 years ago, the same part of our chart was activated, signalling definite endings and new beginnings. Wherever the eclipse passes, there is a heightened probability of natural disasters, particularly volcanic activities. This New Moon eclipse is visible from Saudi Arabia, Southern India, Borneo, Sumatra and the Philippines.

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## Libra

You truly appreciate a harmonious, productive and well-functioning home which provides you with stability and satisfies your sense of beauty. However, you also know when the foundations are not quite right and need to be strengthened. This is an important time for completing unfinished projects, engaging in renovation work, or moving to a new place.

## Scorpio

Over the next 12 months, opportunities may arrive by expanding your networks with others. Express your ideas and you will find that through communication you can open new doors. Whatever you say will have an impact, so chose your words wisely. Keeping an open and flexible mind allows new information finding fertile ground.

## Sagittarius

This is a great time for grounding any new growth and manifesting opportunities. You can look forward to a productive year if you are willing to limit your possibilities, prioritise, put in the necessary work, are disciplined in spending and have your attention set on the details.

## Capricorn

The next 12 months are an excellent time for opening new doors and walking a new direction. Your personal influence has grown a lot and others may approach you for guidance. Nevertheless, watch your ambition and where it wants to take you. Be clear about your goals, you have the power to succeed. You might find yourself blocked, if you are on the wrong path

## Aquarius

You have arrived at a moment in time where it is important to look for guidance from deep within. Re-charge your batteries, it is your special phase of reflection, healing and rest. Over the next 12 months you can rid yourself of unhelpful behavior patterns while tuning in to your soul. Then you will be ready for a new beginning.

## Pisces

You instinctively know that a lot of strength and power derives out of a gathering of like-minded souls. Over the next 12 months there will be many opportunities to expand and diversify your circle of friends. At the same token, some friends might leave your life because they do not share your vision any more as you evolve, change and transform.

# The rare beauty of an indigenous president

by Warwick Fry

While the Australian news columns were loaded (rightfully) with the apocalyptic bushfire reports, an old fashioned military coup in Bolivia went by almost without comment.

At last debate and discourse is being opened, unpacked, in Australian media over the disastrous consequences of climate change denial. Some of the media are at last questioning the rhetoric (or the failure thereof) of our national leaders' responses to the newly categorised as 'catastrophic' bushfires plaguing not only Australia, but also the Amazon Basin, Canada, California, the sub-Arctic tundra of Northern Europe and several Caribbean islands.

Moronic remarks like "this is not the time to apportion political blame, let us focus on the victims of tragedy" no longer pass the media gatekeepers without notice, but is

at last being compared with the USA's NRA responses to the now monthly reports of mass shootings by gun crazies over there in the US of bloody A.

And speaking of the haemorrhoidal A of the US, one of the few leaders in the international community who was actually doing something about climate change, Bolivia's President Evo Morales was forced to resign and seek political asylum in Mexico shortly after recorded conversations of the US Ambassador and opposition leaders planning the coup were leaked.

Six of those involved in the coup were trainees of the School of the Americas, and had been employed by the FBI.

The Bolivia of Evo Morales was the centre for worldwide efforts to stem the causes of climate change; the source of four UN resolutions that were adopted unanimously (and a fifth passed unopposed) for indigenous rights

and environmental rights.

As Andre Corrado wrote in Medium: "Any government that seriously proposes to close all city-centres to car traffic, to repeal all plastics and to take away many of the wasteful comforts we are used to, is bound to be lynched. Very few dare, if any.

"Try to think about the last time a government was elected on account of its environmental proposals. Which country's pre-election political debate has focused on the future of the planet?"

Well, one such government was the government of Evo Morales that successfully guided Bolivia through 13 years of stable government with a sustained 5% growth rate each year, elimination of illiteracy, 65% reduction of poverty (by IMF standards) 35% reduction of extreme poverty; the most successful economy in the region.

Evo Morales was an indigenous campesino whose MAS party

evolved out of his leadership as a unionist of a mass movement against the privatisation of the water resources of Cochabamba. These resources had been sold to a California-based company who raised water prices to the point where people were paying more for their water than they were for rent or mortgages (there is a similar movement against the privatisation of water developing in El Salvador today against the Presidency of Nayib Bukele).

He has been replaced by a woman who has declared openly that she represented the people who were "sick of being told what to do by brown-skinned people."

Guardian writer Nick Estes reports: Jeanine Añez Chávez [stated] "I dream of a Bolivia free of satanic indigenous rites," the opposition senator tweeted in 2013, "the city is not for the Indians who should stay in the highlands or the Chaco!" After Evo's departure,

Chavez declared herself interim president while holding up a large bible, though she failed to get the required quorum in the senate to do so.

There have been over 180 casualties of indigenous people (who make up over 70% of Bolivia's population) in protest marches in the last couple of weeks. Evo's attempts to promote the indigenous languages and culture (Aymar and Quechua) are being dismantled. Neo-Nazi paramilitaries are targeting the peaceful marches and ripping down the flags and signs of the strong indigenous culture and the lives and houses of Morales' family and supporters threatened, his own home looted. The concept of the Pachamama (Earth Mother) is being scorned.

The links between racism and disrespect for the planet, and the role of US plutocrats has never been more demonstrably acted out than it is being now in Bolivia.



# Trusting you



by Marilyn Devlin

“Jupiter in Capricorn can help you put a plan for lasting security and stability in place, as protection and safety are important themes in this cycle.” – Tony Howard, Astrology University

December 2019... so much has been written, spoken and discussed; the Armageddon, the change of Ages, the last days, the death throes of the patriarchy, the old dying and new arising. Some of us have felt it in our gut for years. We knew it was coming, that was broadcast loud and clear... for those who could hear. But talking about it, intellectualising about it is one thing. Being in it and feeling our primal and limbic brains blasting high alert... is another thing entirely.

2020 is said to be a monster of a year. Yeah, we’ve seen some changes and lotsa crazy shit over these last years... but most can feel we’ve now entered a new time. This is for real... there’s no turning back. No reverse button we can push. But a slow awakening, new inspired action... and a complete about turn in pretty much everything.

It’s important we take extra care of our self. We already carry our own scars and wounding. Some we’ve picked up along the road of our life, others we came with, tucked away in our DNA. We’ve known death and dying before, some part of us is familiar with all that’s happened along our family line. We carry it all inside us. And from time to time it’s activated. Burning and fire... for one. There’s plenty of experience and memory with that in our DNA.

Is there such a thing as other lives, or is it just the memory lodged inside our body, of all our family members from eons past. Some say we carry 1500 people inside us. And as a lot of them would’ve been through patriarchy... there’d be some pretty horrid memories in there. I’ve gone back and visited a few.

These can get activated with certain stimuli. Like a double whammy. It’s happening on the outside and the inside... all at once. And that can get intense. A lot of people feel exhausted... the thought of more loss is overwhelming. Sometimes feels too much. Then we remember how resilient we are, how we’ve picked ourselves up and kept on walking... so many times. We know, somewhere we can do it again. But yeah, it takes its toll.

So be super kind to yourself. Surround yourself with love and caring. If it can’t be with other humans, then in whatever way you can. This is a time for storing up those luscious Love vibes. Community so important now. It’s what will get us through.

I crave it. And I’m a bit of a hermit... I like lots of space around me. But I’ve been feeling it a lot... this longing for family, for togetherness... placing myself in the middle of a Love Fest.

I guess that’s the reaction... to our individualised, separated world; built by those faceless few. We know all the problems... it’s pretty clear. No shades of grey there. It’s time to turn our focus to the solutions. It’s time more than ever now to do that. Time is moving through that hour glass pretty fast.

Yeah... it takes effort creating new patterns. Taking on new habits, focusing in a new way. Social media can encourage the bagging, yeah it’s been necessary to call it out. But then comes time to really activate that part of Universal Creative Brain inside us... and start talking, doing, and being the new way. Just gotta re-pattern some of these neural pathways. Takes practice. Let’s try practising for 21 days (time to create a new pattern) ‘Being the Solution’.

Now that’s a challenge. I’ll see how I go.

“Another world is not only possible, she is on her way. On a quiet day I can hear her breathing.” – Arundhati Roy

# Nimbin Trivia Time

by Eclectus

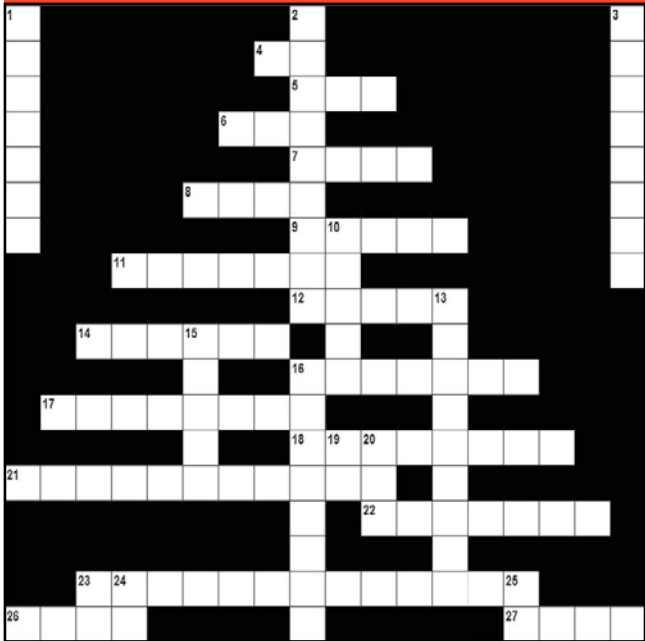


1. What is the cute creature above and why should we know?
2. Who was the subject of *A Liar’s Autobiography, Volume VI*, first published in 1980? Hint (sort of... well, no, not really much of one): Douglas Adams was one of the co-authors. Bonus point if you can name the semi-sequel published in 2005.
3. How many sheep are there in Australia?
4. Who said “Security is mostly a superstition. Life is a daring either an adventure or nothing.”?
5. Which winner of Australia’s richest literary award recently left their tropical island home for the cooler climes of New Zealand’s South Island? Bonus point if you can name the book.
6. Who recently scored a test triple century?
7. How many international borders does Russia share? Myriad bonus points if you can name the neighbouring countries.
8. Are Lancette, Ruote, Spighe, and Zite canals, cooking ingredients or surgical instruments?
9. Who lives on North Sentinel Island and why are there no scheduled tourist services?
10. Who will open the music element of MardiGrass 2020?

- Answers**
1. The Numbat is an eater that was once spread across all of southern Australia. It is now restricted to the south-east corner of Western Australia with an estimated population of fewer than 1,000.
  2. Graham Chapman, the “One” from the 2014 London stage show, Monty Python Live (Mostly): One Down, Five to Go. The semi-sequel was *Calcium Made Interesting*, published six years after Chapman’s death.
  3. There are currently about 65 million sheep in Australia, down from a peak of over 75 million before the drought.
  4. Helen Keller.
  5. Behrouz Boochani who was invited to speak at the World Christchurch festival in New Zealand, a shining beacon of liberal democracy in an increasingly brutal geopolitical landscape. Boochani won the 2019 \$100,000 Victorian Prize for Literature for *No Friend But the*
  6. Dave Warner, a very good batsman for Australia.
  7. Russia shares borders with 16 internationally recognised countries: Norway; Finland; Estonia; Latvia; Lithuania; Poland; Belarus; Ukraine; Georgia; Azerbaijan; Kazakhstan; China; Mongolia; North Korea; Japan and the U.S., the latter two being maritime borders.
  8. They are all forms of pasta.
  9. The Sentinelese people are a hunter gatherer society having virtually no contact with the outside world. They aggressively defend their 60km<sup>2</sup> home, one of the Andaman Islands in the Bay of Bengal, with deadly force. A 26-year old American missionary was speared to death in late 2018 after ignoring the Indian Government prohibition on approaching within five nautical miles.
  10. Favourite Son, 9:30pm Friday 1st May at the Pickers Ball.

# Nimbin Crossword

2019-12  
by 5ync



- Across**
4. (x3) The fat man’s laugh
  5. See 1 down
  6. Organising body for 3 down (init.)
  7. Cattle?
  8. Rudolf’s team-mates
  9. Trailing part of a dress? Teach animals
  11. Royal anniversary? 50th year
  12. Ceremonies?
  14. Small town South of the Border Ranges
  16. Opens?
  17. The dawning age
  18. Impoliteness
  21. Summer festival in South West England
  22. Raunchy art
  23. Of the designed, built environment?
- Down**
1. (and 5 across) 7,3 Autumn festival in Nevada
  2. Bed-top blanket
  3. Summer festival in South-East Queensland
  10. Rule
  13. Winter festival in Northern NSW
  15. Realm between reincarnations
  16. Relaxed (pace)
  19. Original? City in Mesopotamia
  20. Fabric colour
  23. Greek prefix (negation)
  24. About
  25. Pound
26. Long for? Seasonal tree
27. Depressed

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## Has Your Hot Water System Been Checked Lately?

### Ever Heard Of A Sacrificial Anode?

A sacrificial anode is a vital part of your water system, and having it inspected can be the difference between an efficiently working system and a costly replacement.

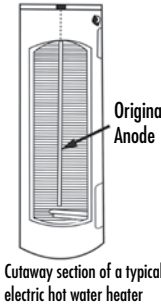
Manufacturers recommend that you maintain the anode in your system in order to prevent damage from rust + corrosion. After its 5th birthday – warranty expires.

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## Wildlife sanctuary launches second children's book

Koala Gardens at Tuckurimba is a native wildlife sanctuary with a thriving resident wild koala colony.

Preserving and restoring native habitat is crucial to the survival of us all. With over one million hectares of land burnt in NSW during the 2019 Spring fires, more than ever, every tree counts.

At Koala Gardens there are also another five vulnerable native species and more being identified each year.

The bush here teems with a countless variety of iconic native birds, animals, reptiles and insects.

The children's book series *The Adventures of Mist* is based on actual animals that live at Koala Gardens.

In book 1, *Mist*, the loveable young koala, is on a journey to find a new home after she finds her favourite tree and forest cut down.



The newly-published Book 2, *Look out!* reflects the tough predicament birds and animals are in today, having to negotiate the human sprawl, and shows how compassion, friendship and teamwork can find solutions.

It unfolds in *Mist's* new home, Koala Gardens, where she and her friends find an unexpected visitor one morning and are confronted by a potential danger

which could affect them all. Together they formulate a plan to help with the problem.

Katrina Jeffery at Koala Gardens has produced and published the book, making this another terrific international collaboration.

Becca Boucher is an American author who has written four adult novels and numerous short stories, and is passionate about wildlife preservation and koalas.

This beautiful children's book features delightful watercolour illustrations by Australian artist/author, Lucienne Noontil.

You will find yourself drawn into the Aussie bush to see and feel the story unfold. You can't help but fall in love with nature as you move through each page.

To celebrate the launch of *Look out!* please join Katrina at the Burribi Education Centre at Friends of the Koala on Saturday 7th

December in Rifle Range Road, East Lismore.

You are most welcome to come for the full experience of a tour of the rehabilitation centre at 9.45am, with the book launch beginning at 11am. Books 1 and 2 will be available for sale, and will make beautiful Christmas presents.

Full details can be found at: [www.AdventuresofMist.net.au](http://www.AdventuresofMist.net.au) where you can RSVP so we can cater morning tea.

Have a look around the website to learn more about the real situation of climate change, the environment, and the importance of healthy ecosystems.

There are interactive activities, and a parent/teacher guide to make the most of the concepts presented through the stories.

Follow the series on Facebook: *MistKoala* and follow the sanctuary at: *KoalaGardens*

## Taking the competition out of competitive sports

by Rosalie Shearer

As a parent of a Class 5 student from Rainbow Ridge School for Steiner Education I was fortunate enough to attend the annual Greek Olympics held in Brunswick Heads this year.

As a rite of passage, all Class 5 students from surrounding Steiner schools gather to participate in what some people might think of as a sports carnival. However, it was something very different from this and proved to be a rewarding experience for everyone involved.

All students during the year as part of the Steiner curriculum had studied ancient Greece which set the foundation for the children and teachers to create this wonderful experience of culture and athleticism.

The day started early with each school presenting a "gift" to please the Greek gods. These gifts were in the form of songs, eurythmy, instrumental music, and movement performances which were a real treat for the audience to witness.

After the initial formalities and sacred oaths were recited by both the teachers and the students the school all split into their allocated ancient Greek cities.

This ensured that children were mixed in together and had an opportunity to meet and mingle with children from other Steiner schools. Each child was given a special shirt that was in the colour of their allocated city.

Once in their city groups they moved through five different activities. These were discus, javelin, wrestling, running sprints and standing long jump.



10 batons across the finish line after the 10 laps in under 30 minutes.

The children all worked together to complete the task as one unified group and great emphasis and exclamation was made when the group finished with the final time of 27.4 minutes! A new record set in the history of Steiner Greek Olympics.

The joy and happiness of the entire group was so special to witness, and everyone felt part of the accomplishment and success.

Before everyone departed from the event there was one last acknowledgement that was such a worthwhile part of the day.

The children grouped again in their allocated cities and within the group there was a special presentation.

Every single child was presented with a medal in front of their peers whilst a Greek god read out positive words and statements about some of the activities, they participated in.

Comments like: "Your javelin throw was true and strong", "Your form in the running was graceful and light" and "Your kind and positive attitude to your team members was noted" all contributed to the children being seen and appreciated for their efforts and their participation.

Every child came away with a smile on their face, feeling like a winner without the need for competition.

Rainbow Ridge School for Steiner Education in Lillian Rock is currently taking enrolments for 2020. For further information please contact the office on: [admin@rainbowridge.nsw.edu.au](mailto:admin@rainbowridge.nsw.edu.au) or phone 6689-7033.



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## A great year at Coffee Camp

Another great year at Coffee Camp PS almost over, we still have our intensive swimming lessons and end of year excursion to SeaWorld and Wet 'n Wild and our Xmas tree night on Tuesday 17th December.

Our P&C raffle will be drawn on this night, tickets available from the school, the Green Bank and Nimbin Real Estate.

Highlights from 2019 Semester 2 include our Bundjalung Language Program with Uncle Gilbert. Our school Concert night/disco was a hit, with students displaying their amazing talent and afterwards wowing us with amazing disco skills. A visit from the author, Zanni Louise as part of Byron Bay Writers Festival. Science lessons in Term 4 with Mrs V. The Positive Behaviours for

Learning program rolled out.

In 2020 we have our year 5/6 students going to Canberra with other small school students and a visit to the snow. The 3/4 students will be going on a camp and the K/1/2 will be exploring their creative talents in Play and Discovery learning activities.

The Bundjalung Language program and PBL program will continue and we are also re-introducing our Musical instruments and our extension Creative Arts program. Our Hot Shot tennis program will continue.

All the best to our Year 6 students on their transition to high school and wishing everyone from Coffee Camp PS and community a safe and happy holiday.

We are open for enrolments in 2020.

## Garden picnic at Playhouse

by Leanne Logan

A dragon has soared through the air. The Rainbow Serpent wound its way around our preschool paths. Clip-clop went our wooden horse, while a mother and baby wombat also have been paraded.

For years, the end-of-year picnic celebration at Cawongla Playhouse has involved larger-than-life mystical creatures, animated wildlife, art shows and lots of stories. This year will be no different.

Our very own 'Rainbow Cabinet', inspired by the creative mastery of Lismore's Geoff Hannah, will be on display when we come together as a community to celebrate a fabulous year.

We will see the artworks and imaginative creations of our preschoolers following their involvement in the Hannah Cabinet project this year.

And over some yummy party food – last year's meringue grubs were a huge success and have been requested again – we will share stories of our time spent together this year. And it really has been a delightful year.

We sadly farewelled Lyric and Kodyn as their family moved on, but we too moved on in developing stronger bonds and alliances with each other and as a group – Harry, Shivali and James as collaborative storytellers, Tom's insightful understandings of life, Rieko's ability to identify other's needs, Eli's sharing of truth, sadness and humour, Raph's energy and zest, and Emmi's ability to bring others together.

The presence of our littlies, Abi and Tully, gives us a constant reminder of the importance of good role modelling and care. And sharing our space with many playgroup families each Tuesday has further enhanced community relationships.

So, on this very blessed note, those of us at Cawongla Playhouse would like to thank everyone who has been involved in the preschool in one way or another for helping to make this a terrific year.

Our end-of-year garden picnic takes place on Wednesday 18th December, 3-5pm. For enquiries please call 6633-7167 or email us at: [cawonglaplayhousedirector@gmail.com](mailto:cawonglaplayhousedirector@gmail.com)



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- Tuesdays** (starts 10.30am)
- 10th December:** WEED BLOCKS part 3 – Mortars and construction methods, held at the Cecil Street Hub. \$25, bookings essential
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**Nimbin Seed Exchange:** Share rare seeds and cuttings, buy local seeds  
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**7 Sibley Street will be closed from Friday 20th December, re-opening Monday 6th January**

## Nimbin Central's Year 12 formal



Nimbin Central School's graduating class, in alphabetical order:  
 Jerara Allan, Indi Baker-Rooke, Phoenix Batchelor, Jaiden Bell, Jaliah Carlyle-Harris, Ella-Rose Carthew-Wood, Caydan Douglas, Ellamarnie Evans, Rio Grant, Samantha Higgins, Maia-Rose hills, Mayla, Bennett Horsfield, Akasha Lord-Negus, Talaquin Major, Zari Maunder Burer, Lily Neenan, Sammaya Okan, Allirah Roadley.



**Carols by Candlelight** will be held at Nimbin Central School COLA on Wednesday 11th December, with a BBQ from 6.30pm and carols from dusk (7.30-ish). All welcome – free admission.

Community singing featuring: School choirs, Vocal Minority Community Choir, Williamina Bowers and many other beautiful voices.

Supervision of children is the responsibility of parents and care-givers.

