



NILLO INFANTS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 5 Date: 1st March 2024

Tennis program	Every Monday from 12 th February 11.30am
Special Recess	Wednesday 6 th March
Welcome BBQ (All welcome)	Wednesday 6 th March at 6.00pm
Scripture commences	Thursday 7 th March 11.30am
School Assembly	Wednesday 13 th March 2.15pm
P & C Meeting (All welcome)	Wednesday 13 th March 7.00pm
Easter Hat Parade (All welcome)	Thursday 28 th March from 11.30am
Music Lessons with Miss Rachael	Every Friday 9.00am – 11.00am

From the Principal

Many of our programs at Nillo Infants are well underway. Our students are once again enjoying the Music sessions with Miss Rachel on Friday mornings. Canteen has been very popular so far. Please be mindful that you do not over order for your child/ren. Also, please read the Canteen information provided further in the newsletter about being absent on Canteen Day.

*We have also had our first Assembly and I would like to make mention of the exemplary behaviour demonstrated by our whole school. It was a pleasure to witness the respectful and steady manner our students displayed during this time. Congratulations to our confident Year 2 presenters for a wonderful delivery. We look forward to our next Assembly on **Wednesday 13th March at 2.15pm.***

*Our Super Reader program will commence next week, and your recording page will be sent home on **Monday 4th March.** Please record each night of reading, not the number of books read, and please do not backdate your entries before this date. Awards for 25 nights of reading are handed out at Assembly.*

*Next week on **Wednesday 6th March,** we will hold our first **Special Recess.** Please remember to send your child in with **\$1.00** if you wish them to have this experience.*

*We will have our next P&C meeting on **Wednesday 13th March at 7.00pm.** This is our AGM and new office bearers will be elected. This is also where fund raising goals will be discussed and parents will assist in deciding what we can add to improve our school for our students. Please come along and share your ideas.*

As I have mentioned previously, if you have any concerns about your child, please speak to your child's teacher as soon as possible and also let me know. We aim for a positive and secure start for all students. Please keep yourself informed about the happenings at our school, and we are looking forward to a great year.

Vicki Sellens
PRINCIPAL

Student Health

It is essential that the school is kept informed of any health issues your child may have. If there have been any changes in the health of your child over the holidays, please call in at the office and update the medical information. This includes the annual review your child should have for their asthma plan or anaphylaxis if they have one.

In relation to this, all staff members have been trained in the mandatory CPR, Anaphylaxis and Asthma training.

Communications

Our newsletter is sent out fortnightly on a Friday. It is also posted on our school website and our Audiri App. The Audiri app is also essential to have as we post messages and updates on here and a summary of the following week is posted every Sunday with information about the following week.

We also use the whiteboard at the front of the school for reminders each week.

Absences, Late Arrivals and Early Pickups for School

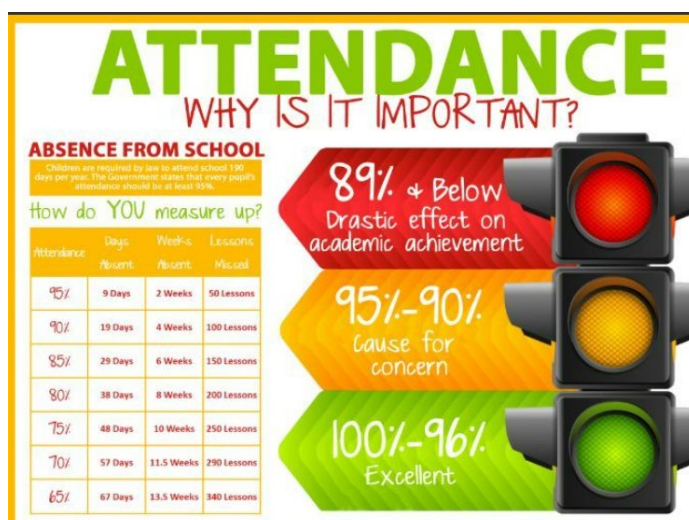
If for some reason your child is late to school or needs to be picked up early, please call into the office and complete a pink slip (partial absence slip).

Likewise, if your child is not well or away from school for any reason, please call the school on **49335323** to let us know the circumstances. If we haven't heard by the second day of absence a phone call will be made to parents.

If your child will be absent for over 10 school days, please see Mrs. Coffey in the office for an attendance exemption form. Also please inform your child's teacher as soon as you know this will be happening.

If your child is being picked up by someone other than yourself, please call the school to let us know the circumstances and name of the person who will be collecting your child.

Please be aware that it is mandatory for your child to attend school for the allocated time, at Nillo Infants School that is from 9.00am – 3.00pm. If your child is late to school, it is recorded and if this happens regularly, without a valid reason, it will be targeted by the Home School Liaison Officer when regular roll checks are completed.



ASSEMBLY AWARDS

K WHITE	May, Paddy, Jonah
1 RED	Violet, Archie, Ted
2 GREEN	Adalynn, Olivia, Lea
PLAYGROUND AWARD	Lea
RAINBOW AWARD	Jack H

Congratulations Students

Award System at Nillo Infants School

At Nillo Infants School there is a reward system in place and students have the opportunity to be recognised for quality work and exemplary behaviour in various ways. Each day we have a playground "Tin" and student's names are placed in the Tin for many opportunities witnessed by the teachers on playground duty. This can include kindness to others, developing a new skill, collaboration with others and sportsmanship in games. On assembly day all these names are in the draw for the Playground Award at assembly. All students have a sticker book they are responsible for. When they receive recognition for anything in class they are given a sticker, which they place in their sticker book and when they have accumulated 7 stickers, they receive a small merit award. Once they receive 7 small merit award cards, they will receive a large green merit award and when they get to 3 of these they will be presented with a rainbow award at the following Assembly. The sticker book continues on with the student each year.

At our Assemblies, each class hands out 3 Class Achievement awards and one You Can Do It Award. The You Can Do It Awards commence in Term 2 as we use Term 1 to provide an explanation of each Keys to Success. These are highly valued as they are limited. We also have the Super Reader Awards where students are recognised for 25 nights of reading, signed off by parents, up to 200 nights of reading. Both Super Readers and You Can Do It awards start afresh each year.

Super Reader Program

We will be sending home a green Super Reader card next week along with readers. These readers are designed to be at a level that students can read independently and should be at an easier level than they are reading in class. With the Super Reader program, parents should sign off each night their child completes some home reading. When 25 nights of reading have been completed, the green Super Reader record card should be returned to their class teacher, so that their reading efforts are recognised and an award can be given out at the next assembly.

School Fees/ Voluntary contributions

We do not have school fees as such however we do ask that parents contribute **\$50.00** per family to cover consumables such as stationary, paper, paper towels, soap products and other incidentals.

We also ask that, if possible, each student bring in the following:

- Own drink bottle (can be refilled at our water system)
- A box of tissues
- A glue stick
- Their own headphones (name clearly marked)
- A library bag (name clearly marked)
- 2 Plastic A4 envelopes for homework, home readers

Office News

We can now accept payments at school. Unfortunately, we can only take **cash** at the moment as the online payment system is not quite ready. There will also be more information about the Parent Portal coming out soon. Please see the attached blue note for your payment. Thank you so much for your understanding.

Student Assistance Scheme

Please be aware that the school holds funds for the use of families suffering temporary financial hardship. If you would like to access these funds to pay for excursions, sports, etc. Please speak to Mrs Sellens or Mrs Coffey (Please note these transactions are strictly confidential.)

Clean Up Australia Day

Today our students all participated in "Clean Up Australia Day" at our school. The Kinders cleaned up our play areas and Year 1 cleaned the out of bounds areas and Year 2 cleaned outside the front of our school. Well done students.



Scripture Classes

The NSW Dept. of Education allows ½ an hour per week for the religious community to come into the school for religious instruction, called Scripture classes at Nillo. The school breaks into 3 groups – Scripture for Kinder with Mrs Newman, Scripture for Year 1 and Year 2 with Mrs. Hemsworth and a non-Scripture group supervised by a teacher. Students in the non-Scripture group are expected to have quiet time where they read. Scripture will take place on Thursdays at 11.30am, **commencing Thursday 7th MarchFebruary.**

Tennis

Tennis lessons have started, and our students have all enjoyed their lessons.



Music with Miss Rachel



Harmony Day

Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. The message of Harmony Day is “Everybody Belongs”. The day aims to foster a sense of belonging for everyone. The actual date of Harmony Day is 21st March but we will be celebrating Harmony Day on **Friday 22nd March**. Our students are asked to wear something **orange** to celebrate this day as **orange** is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day as it signifies social communication and meaningful conversations and relates to freedom of ideas and the encouragement of mutual respect.



We also ask for a gold coin donation on the day. Proceeds will go towards new books for our Library. We will have some activities for the students to participate in during the day.

Save the date – Easter Hat Parade

We will be holding our **Easter Hat Parade** combined with the fortnightly Assembly on **Thursday 28th March, commencing at 11.30am**. We will run our Assembly and will have the Hat Parade as the whole school item. Following the parade, our P&C will run the Easter Egg Raffle.

Parents and families are invited to join us for the Easter Hat Parade and you may like to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy with your children in the school grounds.

The raffle will be drawn before lunch, students will be making their hats in class on and they can bring their own decorations to make their hats.

For your information, at Nillo Infants School all Easter Hats are made at school. Each class will choose a hat construction day and time and parents are invited to come along and assist. Parents are NOT required to make the hats at home. We do ask that if you can supply any decorations that your child may like to place on their hat, such as stickers, feathers, small, light Easter decorations, Easter images etc, please send them in in the week prior to the Parade. They can be stored in their tote trays in readiness.



Nut Products in Schools

Nillo Infants School aims to be a nut free school, this means we do not allow foods with any kinds of nuts or nut products. This includes peanut butter, nutella and all kinds of nuts. Please refrain from sending food with these products in them, as we do have students with allergies to nuts.

School Drive Subsidy

You can access School Drive Subsidy from the website of the Dept. of Transport.

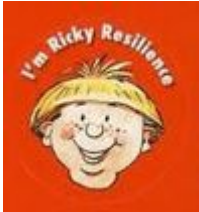
Book Club

8 times a year we send out catalogues/order forms for the Scholastic book club. If you would like to order books for your children, you can only order and pay by credit card online using 'LOOP'. For credit card LOOP payments just follow the instructions on the order forms. The books will then be sent to the school. If you are ordering books as a present for your child and you want to keep it a secret, please let Mrs. Coffey know and she will give the books to you rather than send them home with your child.

YOU CAN DO IT

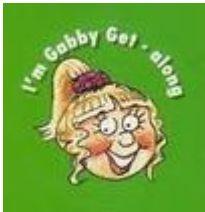
We are focusing on our "You Can Do It" program this year and the program is a wonderful way to optimize the social, emotional and academic outcomes of all young people. It's main purpose is to support schools, homes and communities, it's unique contribution is identifying the social and emotional capabilities that all children need to acquire in order to be successful at school, experience wellbeing and have positive relationships in affect it means to be a good citizen. Mrs Maddison will be teaching these lessons.

The 5 keys of You Can Do It, **Resilience, Getting Along, Confidence, Organisation and Persistence**



Ricky Resilience

Ricky Resilience is good at calming down when he is upset. He tells the children he knows what to do when he is feeling sad or angry or worried about something. He is able to calm himself down so he can work and play again.



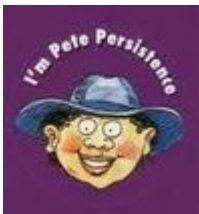
Gabby Get Along

Gabby Get Along teaches us that "I can work and play nicely with other children, I like to get along with other people and I like to take turns and share with other people. I try to fix problems by talking and not fighting."



Connie Confidence

Connie Confidence tells children: "I am good at doing many things. I can learn to do anything and I know it's ok to make mistakes when I am learning about something new. I am good at making friends and meeting new people. I look at people when I speak to them and I use a strong voice but not too loud or too soft, so people can hear what I am saying."



Pete Persistence

Pete Persistence teaches children: "I never give up. No task is too hard for me. I like to try my best and I know I do my best when I am Persistent."



Oscar Organised

Oscar Organised teaches children to be ready for their day and have the materials they need to get tasks done. "I am ready to work".

*You Are The Key To
Your Success
"YOU CAN DO IT!"*



Uniform Sales

Nillo P & C operates the uniform store for the school, orders can be obtained by Mrs Coffey in the office. Payment may be made by direct deposit or cash. In addition to our new uniform items, we also run a second hand clothing pool with pre-loved items being donated back to the school. Girls dresses are \$5.00 and all other items are \$2.50 each.

P&C

The P & C welcomes all parents and carers to be involved in any way they can to assist the school, from supporting fundraising activities, cooking at one of our BBQs, baking for our cake stalls to holding a position on the committee, every bit helps.

The next P&C meeting will be **Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 7pm** in the school library. We will continue to meet the second Wednesday of every month during school terms. This is an opportunity to find out what happens in our school and provides another forum for you to share your ideas on what would improve our school. Children are welcome at the meetings.

Our March meeting is the AGM, and we are calling for volunteers to take up Executive positions on the P & C. If you can spare some time to help our lovely school, please come along to the meetings.

P & C Easter Raffle 2024

As part of the Nillo Infants Easter celebrations, the P&C are having a raffle to be drawn at the **Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 28th March 2024.**

We are kindly asking families for **Donations** of Easter goodies to create the prizes. You can hand your donations into the office.

All donations should be delivered to the school office by **Friday 22nd March 2024.**

Raffle tickets are attached to the newsletter. Tickets are **\$1 each** and are in a bundle of 20. Extra raffle tickets are available from the school office. All raffle tickets (both sold and unsold) should be returned with money by **Monday 25th March 2024.**

Please ensure they have a name and mobile number clearly printed on each ticket.



Special Recess

Our first Special Recess is on **Wednesday 6th March**. Students are given the opportunity to purchase multiple treats if enough is available. Special Recess items are **\$1.00 each**.

If you are supplying Special Recess items, you can drop them to the office in the morning at drop off time.

Canteen

Canteen is held only on Fridays. Orders can only be placed using the Flexischools app or the website. **Please be sure to link Nillo Infants and your child's name and class.**

New menu and price changes will be available soon.

Orders need to be in before **Thursday 9.00am each week.**

Our Canteen Coordinator will process the orders and purchase/prepare items ready for canteen on the Friday. If your child is away their order will be carried over to the next week. **Unfortunately, if your child has ordered Sushi and they're away we can't replace the Sushi the following week, only items we have on hand at school. Sushi is outsourced.**

The Flexischools parent helpline can be used between 7am-12pm each day 1300 361 769. You can also go on to website hit HELP and then CONTACT US and fill in the contact form.

As you can see our students love Canteen



Ooshcare

OOSHcare offers centre-based care for children aged 5 – 12 years for before and after school during school terms. Its purpose is to create a safe and caring environment where children can freely participate in a variety of activities that are stimulating and enjoyable. If you would like to book your child/ren into OOSHcare please see one of our friendly staff or call OOSHcare on **0400244272**.

Please return this payment slip to school

I would like to pay for my child/ren _____
Tennis lessons at school on Mondays throughout Term 1.

I understand that the lessons will cost \$40.00 for the term.

I would like to pay my **Voluntary** Contribution to the school and enclose \$50.00

Please indicate below

- I will be paying a lump sum and enclose \$90.00 per child
- I will be paying in installments and enclose \$ _____

We can only accept cash at the moment, Sorry for any inconvenience.

SIGNED: _____ **DATED** _____

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Newsletter Draw

Each newsletter will include a return slip, see below. This is an opportunity for your child/ren to win a free lunch order for the following week. All you have to do is read the newsletter, complete the slip and place it in the newsletter draw box in the office. It will be drawn at the following Assembly.

NEWSLETTER DRAW TERM 1 WEEK 5

Please sign below to indicate that you have read the newsletter and return to the office before Wednesday 13th March for your child/ren to go into the draw for a free canteen lunch the following week.

Child's Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

