

Thank you BASC Staff and Committee

As we near the end of Term 3 2021, we also come to the end of an era at Nillo Infants School. For 21 years, Nillo Infants has had a BASC (Before and After School Care) managed by the P&C. Earlier this year at a P&C meeting, it was voted to go to an outside company through the tender process. This discussion had arisen due to a number of circumstances. This means the Nillo Infants P&C BASC ceases trading at the end of this term.

A process has been followed through the Department of Education's Assets Management and had representatives from the school and parent community on the panel. The successful tender was OOSHcare and they will commence running the centre under the same system that it is currently managed. The centre will remain onsite at Nillo Infants, mornings and afternoons and students will continue to be escorted and collected from local bus runs if they attend other schools.

One result of this process was the termination of employment for all current staff as the business had to be finalised. The new operators, OOSHcare, provided all staff the opportunity to apply for employment through an expression of interest. This means we will see some familiar faces at BASC or OOSH as it will come to be known, next term.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their care of the students at BASC. Thank you for providing engaging activities and for looking after the wellbeing of the students in your care. Thank you also, for stepping into many and varied roles to support the continuation of the service and providing ongoing care for the students in BASC. Your support and professionalism have been greatly appreciated.

Finally, I would like to thank the P&C for managing the BASC for so many years. It has taken many voluntary hours over this period to keep everything running and compliant with so many requirements. The BASC has provided an invaluable service for the students and families at Nillo Infants School and I wish to express my gratitude for this to have occurred in our school. I would also like to welcome OOSHcare and look forward to the continuance of such a valuable service.

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