



NILLO INFANTS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 9 Date: 28th March 2024

Tennis program	Every Monday from 11.30am
School Library	Wednesday 3 rd April
Easter break	Friday 29th March to Monday 1st April. School resumes Tuesday 2nd April
Special Recess	Wednesday 3 rd April
3 Way Conference Year 1	Wednesday 3 rd April
3 Way Conference Year 2	Tuesday 9 th April
3 Way Conference Kinder	Thursday 11 th April
P & C Meeting (All welcome)	Wednesday 10 th April 7.00pm
Scripture	Every Thursday 11.30am
Music Lessons with Miss Rachael	Every Friday 9.00am – 11.00am
Last day of Term 1	Friday 12 th April
First day of Term 2	Tuesday 30 th April

From the Principal

The newsletter is early this week due to the Easter break. We are sending the newsletter home prior to the Easter Hat Parade and Assembly. I am amazed to learn that there are around 50 prizes so thank you everyone for your support in sending in the chocolate donations and for also buying the raffle tickets. I am also putting an apology for Miss Dunlop, Mrs Coffey and myself for this event as we will not be able to attend. Thank you to our capable staff for managing everything as usual.

Our 3 Way Conferences will be held in the following two weeks. Please start thinking of a learning goal you would like your child to strive for over the next two terms. We look forward to your engagement in this process as much as your child/ren do. Appointment times will be on SeeSaw.

The other event I would like to inform you about is Nillo Infants School's participation in The Maitland ANZAC March held on Thursday 25th April. This is totally voluntary and meeting time and place will be published as soon as we are aware. We ask that students wear school uniform including hat and parents are welcome to watch us pass by and then meet us at Maitland Park for the ceremony. More details will be provided soon.

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.

I hope everyone has a safe and joyful Easter break and look forward to your return on Tuesday 2nd April for 2 more weeks.

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.

Harmony Day

Harmony Day last Friday was a great day. Thank you to our students for their gold coin donation as we raised \$100 to get some new library books. Our students looked great in their **Orange**.



3 Way Conferences

At the end of Term 1 and Term 3 we hold 3 Way Conferences for all students. You have the opportunity to make an appointment with your child's teacher and a meeting is held with you, your child and their teacher. At the Term 1 meeting, educational goals for each student are agreed upon. At the meeting in Term 3 these goals are reviewed and updated. Students find this a most valuable experience as they take responsibility for their learning.

The interview days are as follows:

- **Year 2 - Tuesday 9th April**
- **Year 1 - Wednesday 3rd April**
- **Kinder - Thursday 11th April**

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 secondhand clothing pool with pre-loved items being donated back to the school. Girl's dresses are \$5.00 and all other items are \$2.50 each.

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.

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 10th April 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.

Special Recess

Our next Special Recess is on **Wednesday 3rd April**. 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.**

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.

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.

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 9

Please sign below to indicate that you have read the newsletter and return to the office before **Tuesday 10th April** for your child/ren to go into the draw for a free canteen lunch the following week.

Child's Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____