



NILLO INFANTS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 5 Date: 28th February 2025

Tennis program	Every Monday from 11.30am
Special Recess	Wednesday 5 th March
School Library (Bring Library Bag)	Wednesday 5 th March
Information night	Wednesday 5 th March
School Assembly	Wednesday 12 th March 2.15pm
P & C Meeting	Wednesday 12 th March 7.00pm
Welcome BBQ	Wednesday 19 th March
Scriptures classes	Every Thursday from 11.30am
Friday Rotations include Music with Miss Rachel, Sport and PD	Every Friday 9 am - 11 am

From the Principal

We have held our first Assembly, and I would like to congratulate our Year 2 speakers on their confident and professional delivery. They were amazing. It was a very settled Assembly with our Kindergarten students so very mature and sitting steady for a long time. Well done!

I would like to reinforce the NSW Department of Education's push for high attendance for all students. We have had a great start to the year with our overall attendance sitting at 98.7%. This is a great start for our students and their learning. In saying this, however, please be aware that we also appreciate parents keeping children, who are unwell, home when that is necessary, for the wellbeing of the school community.

We look forward to seeing you at our Parent Information sessions on Wednesday 5th March. Details are included in this newsletter and will be posted on Audiri on Sunday.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th March at 7pm. We are hoping to have as many people as possible at this meeting. Our P&C do an incredible job at our school, providing opportunities for our students and our school community, as well as fundraising for items that would be well out of our reach as a school. Some of these items have been the sound fields that are in each classroom, readers for classroom instruction and home reading program and most of our outdoor shelters and play areas. Some of the activities that our P&C have coming up are Special Recess next Wednesday and the Welcome BBQ on Wednesday 19th March.

*Our students have the opportunity to enter a National Colouring Competition for ANZAC Day. We have included the entry form with the newsletter as we are required to have parent signature in relation to prize winning and social media. If you would like your child to participate, please return the form with the signature complete. **Please do not colour this in at home.** Our entries must be submitted by 4th April 2025, so we would request you return this as soon as possible.*

I will finish on some very sad news. Denise, our cleaner, has suddenly lost her partner, Matthew, last Monday. I would like to convey our condolences to her and her girls, Claire and Caitlin, at this heartbreaking time. You are in our thoughts, Denise.

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, 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.

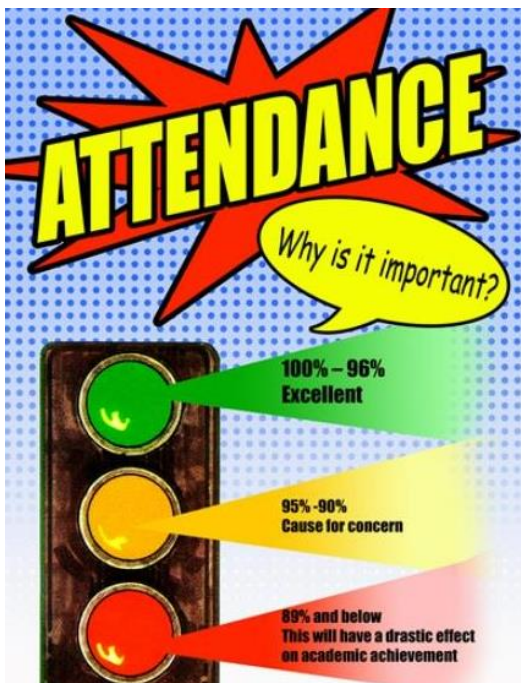
Student Details

If you have had a change in any of your contact details (Mobile, Address) please see Mrs Coffey to update your details.

Communications

Our newsletter is sent out fortnightly on a Friday. It is also posted on our school website and our Audiri App. Sometimes newsletters contain information on a blue page. This is called a 'boomerang blue note' and it means that it requires a response from parents i.e. it must come back to school (hence boomerang) Often this 'boomerang blue' has a permission note that needs to be signed so that children can participate in an event that is different to our usual everyday happenings. 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 use Sentral for attendance, roll marking, reports and also finance. The parents' portal is set up for parents to make payments for various activities throughout the year.



Absences, Late Arrivals and Early Pickups

If your child is late to school or you need to pick up your child up early, please go to the office and complete a pink form (partial absence slip).

If you need to arrange someone other than yourself to collect your child from school, please call the school to let us know the circumstances and name of the person who will be collecting your child.

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 from you 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. Please inform your child's teacher as soon as you know this will be happening.

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.

Parent Information Night

On **Wednesday 5th March** we will be holding our parent information evening. Each class has an allocated time.

This is a chance for you to learn more about what will be happening in your child's class. Class plans and expectations will be outlined, including class routines, library borrowing, home readers and homework. This is also a chance to have any general questions answered.

Please come along and find out how your child's class will operate, and also how you can be involved in your child's learning. If you choose to assist in our school we require you to produce a Working with Children Check for Volunteers. This is a form available from the school office. You will be asked to produce 100 points of identification to accompany the form.

The meetings will be held in your child's classroom. While it is a parent session, if you need to bring your children that will be fine. They will not be permitted in the playground during these meetings.

The times are as follows:

Our Parent Information Night is on **Wednesday 5th March**.

- **Kinder: 5.30pm - 6.00pm**
- **Year 1: 6.00pm – 6.30pm**
- **Year 2: 6.30pm – 7.00pm**

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, books, readers, 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)
- Their own headphones (name clearly marked)
- 2 Plastic A4 envelopes for homework, home readers
- A library bag (name clearly marked)

Please remember to name everything so things are easily returned to the owner.

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.)

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

K WHITE	Abigail, Leni, Oliver
1 RED	Annika, Elyse, Hugo
2 GREEN	Violet, Noah, Ted
PLAYGROUND AWARD	Aurelia

Congratulations

Award System at Nillo Infants School

At Nillo Infants School there is a reward system in place and students can 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 10 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 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.

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.



Tennis

Our students are enjoying their Tennis lessons



School Library

Every second Wednesday afternoon we have school Library. Students that bring a Library bag may borrow a book from the library. Please make sure names are on their library bags.

Music Lessons

We are fortunate to have the musical expertise of Rachel Cox, to conduct Kodaly music lessons for the whole school on Friday mornings. Each class has a lesson between 9am - 11am. The cost of these lessons is covered by the school.

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.

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**.

School Drive Subsidy

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

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 Mr Newman and a non-Scripture group supervised by a teacher. Students in the non-Scripture group are expected to have quiet time where they can read a book. Scripture will take place on Thursdays at 11.30am.



Dear Parent/Guardian,

My name is Alan Newman and I'm the Coordinator of the team providing combined Special Religious Education (SRE) at Nillo Infants School. Our team consists of my wife Kath and me.

Our SRE classes are a collaborative effort and the teachers are from different local churches who have been trained and approved.

We are using the curriculum called GodSpace to teach children about the Bible. Each lesson may include singing songs, hearing Bible stories, learning memory verses, completing activity sheets, and much more. For more information, please visit the website godspace.org.au

Why SRE?

TO ANSWER SEARCHING QUESTIONS

'What is God like?', 'Who wrote the Bible?' Your child's searching questions require informed and sensitive answers. Christian SRE teachers are trained to encourage every child's natural curiosity and respond appropriately from a biblical perspective.

TO HELP SHAPE PERSONAL VALUES

SRE can be invaluable in helping shape your child's values. Christian SRE offers a biblical worldview that teaches traditional ethics and values, and fosters genuine tolerance towards those with a different faith heritage.

- If you want to learn more about what's taught in SRE, please visit whysre.com.au.

We look forward to getting to know your child during our SRE lessons each week. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me through the school office.

Kind regards,
Alan Newman SRE Coordinator

P&C

The next P&C meeting will be **Wednesday 12th March 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. Please bring \$2 for your membership. If you can spare some time to help our lovely school, please come along to the meetings.

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. Volunteer parents/carers are invited to assist with canteen on a Friday from 12.00pm to 2.00pm each week. If you can assist, please see attached volunteer note.

Special Recess

At Nillo Infants School, on the first Wednesday of the month (or other designated day) we have special recess. This is organised by our P&C and we ask for volunteers to donate 20-24 small, nut free treat sized portions (cakes, slices, biscuits, jelly cups etc) to be sold for \$1 each. Special recess is an opportunity for our students to 'shop' from an array of yummy treats so remember to send money with your children on these days. Students are given the opportunity to purchase multiple treats if enough is available. The dates for special recess are included on the volunteer note attached to the newsletter.

If you are supplying Special Recess you can drop it to the office in the morning before school.

Our First Special Recess will be **Wednesday 5th March**

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.

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. Uniform orders can also be purchased by the Flexi School app. 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.

Stewart House

You will find a Stewart House envelope attached if you would like to purchase a raffle ticket you can return to the office with a \$2.00 coin inside and fill in your details on the back.

Coaching & Development Clinics @Maitland Hockey in Term 1 2025

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Maitland Hockey Inc is excited to be offering a series of Junior coaching clinics in 2025 for 10-16 year old players with the support of the NSW Government Local Sport Grant Program.

- ↳ Led by Hockeyroo and Australian hockey representative **Kate Jenner** and supported by Hockey NSW, the program will run on Wednesday evenings over 5 weeks during Term 1.
- ↳ Sessions will be available for U12's, U14's & U16's players as an opportunity to further develop their fundamental hockey skills in a fun environment.
- ↳ **FREE OF CHARGE** for registered players – with thanks to the NSW Government grant funding!



Numbers per session will be capped, so don't miss scan the QR code to register!

Any questions – please contact secretary@maitlandhockey.org.au



Register here!

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GRAND PARADE - SATURDAY 2:30PM

ART SHOW OPENING NIGHT
 An Opening Night and Preview evening will be held on Thursday 9th March from 6pm to 8pm in the Art and Craft Pavilion. "People's Choice" drawn at the Preview Evening. All Welcome.
More details to come.
 Stay up-to-date by following us on Facebook!

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JUNIOR GRESFORD YOUNG WOMAN
 Junior Gresford Young Women will be judged on Saturday 8th March 2025 during the show, with announcement after the Grand Parade.
 Entry is open to local young women aged 12-16 years.
 This a chance to see behind the scenes of the show.
 For more information please contact:
 Junior Young Women Coordinator Penny Evans on 0437604206 or by email penny@pauvans@gmail.com

GATE CHARGES
Members:
 Free on production of Members Card
Non-members:
Friday Adults \$15 Pensioners \$8 Children FREE
Saturday Adults \$20 Pensioners \$10 Children 6-5yrs \$5 Children under 6yrs Free
Family ticket 2 adults + 3 children \$40 (Saturday only)
Two-day pass adults only \$30 (Friday + Saturday)

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NILLO SCOOP

Each newsletter I like to hear what's happening in the classrooms, so I interview students to tell me all the great things they have been doing that week. I hope you enjoy these little stories as much as I do.

Mrs Coffey



Scoop on Kinder, By Fred

I love school, we have been reading a story about a duck. The duck lays two eggs and the love to swim around together.



Scoop on 1 red, By Milla.

I like to play hide and seek with my friends. In class I like to do our topic talks, and I love to play math's games, and my favourite is dominoes.



Scoop on 2 Green, By Monty

This week we had our first assembly, and I was one of the speakers and Mrs Sellens said I did a great job. We are also playing math's games, and my favourite is Fishy.

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 **Tuesday 12th March** for your child/ren to go into the draw for a free canteen lunch the following week.

Child's Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

