**Upcoming Events:**

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<td>Drama Lessons</td>
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<td>Scripture</td>
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<td>Whole School Assembly</td>
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<td>Music Lessons with Dr. David Banney</td>
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<td>African Drumming and Music W/shop</td>
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<td>Maitland Library Visit</td>
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**Assembly Awards:**

Congratulations to the following award winners:

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<td>K White</td>
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<td>1 Red</td>
<td>Della Birss, Jorja Lomas</td>
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<td>2 Green</td>
<td>Lukah Eveleigh, Amelie Wensrich</td>
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<td>You Can Do It!</td>
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**Education Week**

Education Week is another opportunity to showcase public education at its best. The basic tenets of our Australian way of life are exemplified every day in public schools for they are a microcosm of society. The opportunities students have at Nillo are because we have incredibly dedicated teachers. Zumba, dance group and choir are all extracurricular activities offered to the students. Well done and a big thanks to Ms. Strang, Mrs. Tagaroulias and Mrs. Connell.

I am sure you would have been impressed with your son/daughter’s work in the classroom, however learning is not restricted to the classroom. Home activities and your encouragement and support go a long way to ensure your child does as well as can be.

Congratulations to Mrs. Mortimer and Ms. Strang for receiving recognition and certificates at the Education week Reception for their commitment to our school and education. Mrs. Mortimer received hers for “Outstanding contribution by a non teaching staff member for her long term dedication and support to the students and staff at Nillo Infants School”, while Ms. Strang received hers for “Excellence in teaching with dedication and enthusiasm to the students especially through dance”.

**Excursions**

Our trip to Civic theatre was great and the students enjoyed the production of “My Grandma Lives in Gooligulch”. The travelling Nillo road show to Muswellbrook and Kirkton PS was a long but interesting day. The children were blown away with the size of Muswellbrook South’s playground! But they performed beautifully on stage for Muswellbrook South’s K-2.

The performance area at The Early Years Conference was a bit disappointing but the children were well received and performed wonderfully especially after the bus trip. Again, a big thank you to Ms. Strang for her
Zumba preparation and to Mrs. Tagaroulias for her preparation with the dance group.
Our visit to Kirkton School was short but it was also an experience for the Kirkton students to have a whole school turn up in a bus! Our students had the opportunity to visit another small school but one with lush paddocks all around. Their playground and play equipment certainly impressed our students too!
Our Muswellbrook trip also enabled the children to see some of the mining areas and of course Lake Liddell power station.

Book Week
Book Week is fast approaching and will be 22-26 August. The theme this year is “One world, many stories”. The teachers are preparing a Book Week activity.
In preparation for Book Week we have arranged for Bec Bryen to come to the school on Tuesday 9th August. Bec will do workshops with the children using African drums and African music. Bec lives locally but has performed with Afro Moses on school tours and has worked in Ghana. The cost for the workshops will be $4.00 per student. A permission note is attached for this event. Please complete and return to your child’s teacher with the $4.00.
Maitland Library staff is also going to visit the school. They will be at Nillo on Wednesday 17th August for a Book Week performance.

Upcoming Events
Later this term we have two sporting clinics booked. A cricket clinic will be held on 30th August and a Basketball clinic on 14th September 11.30am-1.00pm.
Our next Maitland Library visit will be on Friday 12th August.

Kindergarten Enrolments and Transition Visits
Letters have been sent to prospective Kindergarten students with a request that applications are completed by 19th August.
Ms. Strang will be organising Kindergarten Orientation visits and will inform families when this will happen.
Year Two have been invited to participate in transition visits with both Maitland and Bolwarra schools. Mrs. Sellens will inform Year Two of those details as time gets closer later in the term.

Changes at Nillo - Version 2
As mentioned earlier this week Mrs. Vicki Sellens from Stanford Merthyr will be relieving Principal for the remainder of the year.
Early this week, Mrs. Mortimer was also offered a temporary opportunity to share her skills and gain further knowledge and experience as the School Administration Manager at Irrawang PS in Raymond Terrace. While it appears to be a double whammy, we have been able to secure the services of Mrs. Gillian Manning to relieve as the School Admin Manager. Mrs Manning has been working in a number of local small schools and will bring with her a collective knowledge as well as some other skills in IT. Mrs. Mortimer will begin at Irrawang PS on Thursday 11th August.
These changes and opportunities are made easier with the knowledge that we have excellent staff, efficient work practices and strategies in place as well as an extremely supportive parent community. Both Mrs. Mortimer and I will only be a phone call or email away to assist our relieving staff members, as well as Mrs. McCabe continuing with her work as our School Admin Officer. I urge you to continue to assist our new staff members and remain supportive and patient if things are done differently.

Marketing and Advertising
This year we are not going to participate in the subversive form of marketing by Coles and Woolies and collect points from shopping in those stores. If you would like to support other schools with your shopping docket please feel free to do so. Similarly we won’t be entering the Stockland Christmas Star competition.
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I enclose $4.00 per child to cover the cost.

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