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Sport for Term 3
Term 3 sport commenced this week. The children will be participating in Gymnastics. This will be held every Tuesday at school making 10 lessons. The cost of the course is $35.00 or $3.50 per lesson.

If you have misplaced your permission note, please ask the office for another one.

Financial Assistance is available to families who may need assistance. Please see Mrs. Hooson.

Enrolments for 2011
We are currently organizing enrolments for next year. If you know of anyone intending to enroll their child next year at Nillo please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible.

National Tree Day
Our students had a wonderful time planting ground cover and shrubs in our playground last week. We are now keeping a close watch on their progress.

Education Week
On Tuesday night at the District Education Week Awards Presentation Night, three of our community members were presented with Education Week Awards. Congratulations go to Janine Ford, for ‘continued excellence in developing and maintaining a positive and successful Before and After School Centre at Nillo Infants School’; to Bonnie Matthews for ‘outstanding support to Nillo Infants school through positive participation in all aspects of P&C, school and class programs’ and to Margot Ridgway for ‘continued and outstanding support of Nillo Infants school through participation in all aspects of school and class programs as well as holding executive positions on P&C’.

Thank you to all of the parents who support Nillo Infants School. I am continually impressed at the commitment shown by the P&C members to the students and school.

Jump Rope for Heart
Our Jump Off was a major success, enjoyed by all. Thanks to Mrs Crawford for her wonderful organization of this event and to parents and family who supported it on the day.

Maitland Performing Arts Festival
Ticket allocations have been sent out with this newsletter. Unfortunately due to the limited number of tickets available to each school, a limit of 2 tickets per family has been allocated. These will need to be paid for by Tuesday.

Due to the number of students not attending the festival, it has been decided those students will remain at school on Wednesday during the rehearsal. They will be supervised by a teacher. Students performing on the night will leave by bus at 10:15am after an early recess. They will travel to Francis Greenway High School, run through a rehearsal of their item and return to school immediately after in time for lunch at school.
We will meet again that night, outside the FGHS hall on the grass to the left of the path, at 6pm. We will then proceed to the holding room, where only supervision staff will be allowed to enter. Your child can be collected after the performance from room A1. This is a security measure to ensure safety for your child. All staff will be attending this night, so you can rest assured our students will be well cared for. Please ensure your child is wearing brightly coloured shirts with dark jeans or long pants and covered shoes. They will also need a warm jacket which they will leave in the holding room. If you have any other questions please see Mrs. Hooson or your child’s teacher. A map showing FGHS is attached.

**Wombat Stew Performance**
The students will be attending a performance of ‘Wombat Stew’ at the Civic Theatre in Newcastle on Thursday 19th August. Travel will be by bus. The cost will be $20.00. A permission note was sent home last week. If you have misplaced it please see Mrs. Mortimer in the office for a replacement.

We have tickets for 3 adult volunteers to attend and help the teachers corral and control the children. These volunteers would have to drive themselves to the Civic Theatre to meet us there. If you are willing to help with this excursion please let Mrs. Mortimer know. (If we are over-subscribed for volunteers, we will put the names into a hat and draw three out.)

**Year Two Orientation Visit to Bolwarra Public School**
On Thursday September 9th, Year Two students have been invited to attend a Science Day at Bolwarra Public School from 10:30 till 2:00, where all year 2 students will participate in a variety of activities organized by the school. They will then be invited to stay for lunch afterward. This follows a successful parent information night this week. I will need some parents to volunteer to transport students to the school on the day. If there are any parents who are willing to do this, please leave your name with Mrs. Mortimer at the front desk. I shall contact you closer to the date to organize this further.

**Book Week – Library Visit**
The students will be visiting Maitland Library for story book reading on Thursday 26th August.

Ms. Strang would like to give parents/carers forward notice of our Book Week Parade on Wednesday 25th August. Nillo students will be asked to dress up as their favourite book character. This gives students plenty of time to decide on which fabulous costume they want to wear. You wait until you see what staff members will be wearing! More information to follow shortly.

**Home Reading**
I would like to just give you a gentle reminder about the organization of our home reading awards.

Students in Kindergarten record **books read** in their home reading folders, and Years One and Two record **nights of reading**. As part of their personal organization development, it is your child’s responsibility to enlist your help to record these dates, and bring the diary in with the book to change it. At this time, your child needs to let their teacher know that they have achieved 25, 50, 75, 100 etc nights of reading.

We have some lovely parents who come in to help students change readers, and they work in conjunction with the teachers to keep track of the awards. It is really important for your child to bring in the diary, with the home reader, as this is our record of their reading at home.

If you have any concerns, please see the class teacher and discuss it with them. If there are any parents who would like to spare 15 minutes at the end of the day to help change reader books and perhaps listen to children read, this help would be appreciated.

**Nillo 90th Anniversary**
As this is Nillo’s 90th year of educating students, I would like to create a display of old class and school photos. If you or someone you know is a past student and they have photos we would love to hear from you. We would like to take a copy and display in the library at our Spring Fair. If they can bring in the photo, we will copy it and return it immediately. Thank you for your help.