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Assembly Awards
Parents are reminded there will be no assembly next week or the first week back next term.

K White
09.09.10
16.09.10
Aurella Capararo
Aynsley Russ
Jonah Collis
Edith Mallon

1/2 Red
09.09.10
16.09.10
Emily Baker
Amber Demnar
Stella Nichols
James Strang

1/2 Green
09.09.10
16.09.10
Elizabeth Ferraro
Cooper Wright
TBA next term

Student of the Week
09.09.10
16.09.10
Jonah Collis
Nil

Playground Award
09.09.10
16.09.10
Morgan Clyne
Indianna
Groves-Showman

Rainbow Award
09.09.10
Claudia Weerts

Year 2 Recorders
All Year 2 students have been supplied with a recorder to help extend their musical curriculum. We would appreciate parents sending in $3.50 to cover the cost.

Term Dates
Parents/caregivers are advised that Term 3 finishes on Friday 24th September and that Term 4 will commence on Monday 11th October. Please be aware there is no Staff Development Day at the beginning of Term 4.

Parent Interviews
Our Parent Teacher Interviews are to be held next week. Notes about this were sent home in the last newsletter. If you didn’t receive one for whatever reason, please see Mrs. Mortimer in the office for a replacement. Your child’s teacher will send home a confirmation of time for you.

Work on school site during the holidays
During the holidays our school will have a Connected Classroom installed in the library. This will mean, after training, we will be able to attend ‘virtual excursions’ by video/phone link to the digital world. Places like the South Pole, NASA and visiting an author or artist in their studio are just some of the types of excursions students in other schools have participated in. Staff training will be in November.

As well, we will be having the storage sheds removed and replaced by a well constructed, larger one that will house all our sports equipment, Cleaner’s shed and General Assistant’s workshop. This will mean better storage for our valuable resources at school. These projects should be completed by the beginning of next term, weather permitting.

Quotes for our all weather surface are all in and Mrs. Collier and I will be considering these shortly.
Sculpture Competition – Spring Fair
Your child has been supplied with materials to enter the school’s sculpture competition to be judged by Maitland Regional Art Gallery after the Spring Fair. Please send in $2.00 in an envelope with your child’s name and class on it. Of course, children may enter as many sculptures as they wish on the day of the fair.

Dance Group – Spring Fair
The dance group will be performing ‘Everybody Feel’ at the Spring Fair this Saturday. Dance group members will need to wear their tie-dye shirt and either jeans/shorts or a skirt. Please make sure your child wears comfortable shoes to dance in.

Spring Fair Performance
All students performing at 11am will be asked to wear clothes suitable for a performance. We will not be wearing school uniform, but girls in skirts or dresses and boys in shorts and shirts would be appropriate for the time periods of the songs.

At 11am we will commence the official ‘opening’ of the fair with a series of items by students of Nillo Infants and the Maitland Public School Band. Following this we will cut the 90th anniversary cake where the oldest and youngest students of Nillo will be asked to come forward from the audience. So far we have identified Mrs. Jean Nicholls as the oldest, born in 1920.

We also have a lot of old photos, thanks to the generosity of past students. More photos have been discovered in the depths of the oldest cupboard in the school, a real find. Thank you all for your help with this task.

School Solar System
Our solar panels were commissioned and staff trained on Wednesday. This means that we will now start generating power back into the grid. This will ultimately save us money on our electricity costs, but more importantly, our students will be able to see how much CO₂ we save the environment each month via the internet.

Maitland Regional Art Gallery Excursion
On Tuesday 12th October K White, 1/2 Red and 1/2 Green will be going on a school excursion to the Maitland Regional Art Gallery. Our students will participate in 4 workshops while visiting the gallery which will include artmarking, viewing exhibitions and reading/writing activities in relation to art.

We will leave the school at 10.50am by bus and leave the gallery at 2.00pm. Students will take their school bags with them on the excursion as we will be eating our lunch at the gallery. Students will need to wear their school uniform and bring their hat.

Please sign the permission note attached and return it to school. If any parent would like to join us on the excursion as a helper, please indicate on the permission note.

The cost of the bus to and from the gallery is being covered by our wonderful P&C. Their thoughtfulness and support for our families is appreciated.

Parents and students are reminded that the official opening of the students’ art exhibition titled ‘Face’ will be held on Saturday at 3pm at the Maitland Regional Art Gallery for those interested in attending. Two of our students, Lachlan Ford and Morgan Clyne have artwork displayed at this exhibition.

Book Club Orders
Book club orders are due in to the office on Monday. The online order will be completed on Tuesday and the books should be back at school by the first week of Term 4. Once again, if you are ordering books for your child for Christmas, please let Mrs. Mortimer know not to give the books to your child when they come in. She is happy to hold them in the office until you pick them up yourself.

Parents/caregivers are reminded that the school holds funds called the Student Assistance Scheme to help families in temporary financial hardship. Use of these funds is confidential. Please speak to Mrs. Hooson if you need financial assistance.
PERMISSION NOTE – SWIMMING LESSONS TERM 4

I give permission for my child/ren ________________________________ to participate in swimming lessons from Monday 18th October to Friday 29th October 2010 at Maitland Pool.

I understand that the students will be taught by qualified swimming instructors and supervised by school staff.

I understand that travel will be by bus.

Costs are $22.00 for pool entry and $32.00 for transport.

My child will / will not be using a pool pass. (Please indicate which)

I would like to pay in advance and enclose $____________ as full payment.

I would like to pay in installments and enclose $____________ as the first installment.

SIGNED: ________________________________  DATED: __________________

I ______________________________ am able to assist at Maitland Pool.

I understand I will have to pay $1.50 per day pool entry. (New charge this year by Maitland Council)

• I am available everyday
• I am available on the following days

Volunteers will be supervising students dressing and undressing, so please no pre-schoolers.

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PERMISSION NOTE – MAITLAND REGIONAL ART GALLERY EXCURSION 12.10.10

I give permission for my child/ren ________________________________ to participate in the whole school excursion to Maitland Regional Art Gallery on 12th October from 10.50am to 2.00pm.

I understand travel will be by bus (paid by the P&C) and that the students will be supervised by our school teaching staff and parent helpers.

I can be a parent helper. My Name: ________________________________

SIGNED: ________________________________  DATED: __________________