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Playground improvement group

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 White 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 P&C to the students and school.

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, a limit of 2 tickets per family has been allocated. These will need to be paid for by Tuesday. Unfortunately, due to limited numbers of seats on the bus, students who are not attending the performance on the night will remain at school on Wednesday during the rehearsal. Students performing on the night will leave by bus at 10:15 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.

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 ………

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 activites 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.

Home Reading.
Just a gentle reminder about our organization of 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 readers and perhaps listen to children read, this help would be appreciated.
Life Education Van Visit 05.08.10

The Life Education van visits our school every year. The lessons are fun and educational and the children enjoy them very much. The cost this year is $7.00 per student.

Healthy Harold will be visiting our school on Thursday 5th August. Each class will have their own lesson. Kindergarten will be learning about healthy food choices, the importance of physical activity and safety, Year 1 will be learning about body workings, passive smoking, safety and decision making and Year 2 will be learning about environmental health issues, emergency procedures and individual needs.

The educator will also be selling Healthy Harold merchandise (these proceeds support the service). If you want to purchase anything from the attached list, please send in the money in a sealed envelope clearly stating who and what the money is for. The merchandising is handled by the van educator not by the school so it needs to be separate from the $7.00 attendance which the school office receipts.

PERMISSION NOTE – LIFE EDUCATION VAN

I give permission for my child/ren ____________________________ to attend the lessons given in the Life Education van on Thursday, 5th August in the school grounds.

I understand the children will be supervised by teachers at all times.

I enclose $7.00 per child.

SIGNED: ________________________________  DATED: ____________________

PERMISSION NOTE: GYMNASTICS

I give permission for my child/ren …………………………………………………… to participate in Gymnastics lessons every Tuesday in Term 3 2010 at school.

I understand the cost will be $3.50 per lesson for 10 lessons making a total of $35.00 for the course.

Please indicate which payment method you will be employing.

□ I wish to pay in advance and enclose $35.00.

□ I wish to pay in installments and enclose $.......... as the first installment.

□ I wish to pay weekly and enclose $3.50 for the first week.
Year 2 Visit to Maitland Public School

Dear Parents,

As part of our orientation to Primary School, we have been invited by Maitland Public School’s year 2 grade to participate in an inter school visit next Friday, 25th June between recess and lunch.

We will be participating in tabloid activities and visiting the computer lab as part of this.
Mrs. Hooson will be walking the year 2 to Maitland Public School, and Mrs. Crawford will remain at school with year 1.

It would be nice to have some parent helpers to walk with us, if you feel you could spare the time, please indicate your willingness to do so on the attached permission note.

Please note that this is an activity for all year 2 students whether they will be enrolling in Maitland Public School or not. This is an opportunity for our year 2 to become acquainted with other year 2 students at another school.

Mrs. Hooson
Relieving Principal

Permission Note: Year 2 Visit to Maitland Public School

I give permission for my child ____________________ of 1/2__________ to participate in a walking excursion to Maitland Public School on 25\textsuperscript{th} June between 11:20 and 1:00pm.
I would be willing to walk with the students.       Yes   /   No

__________________________                                  Date:____________
Parent