Term 4, Week 2
Tuesday 15 October, 2013

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Welcome back to school for Term 4! I hope that you all enjoyed a safe and happy holiday break. All students are encouraged to try their best throughout Term 4 and enjoy the wonderful experiences planned. We certainly have a very ‘busy’ term ahead!

I would like to clarify ‘Freddie’s Fete’ is a Community Event and not a school fundraiser. The school is supporting the event by providing the venue and is happy to promote the event for the organisers.

NAPLAN student reports have been distributed to parents of children in Year 3 and Year 5 this week. Please contact the school office if you would like to make an appointment to discuss any aspect of the information provided in these reports.

The process of planning for the 2014 school year has begun. All families are asked to complete the survey sent home with today’s Newsletter and return it to the office by Friday 15 November. Surveys are anonymous and give you the chance to contribute to our school evaluation.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

I would like to encourage all families to work with the school to ensure the wearing of full school uniform at all times. I have noticed a range of coloured socks, tights, shoes, jumpers and other items of clothing that are not part of our school uniform. We want our students to develop a sense of pride in our school and the quality of our learning environment by showing they belong and value being part of our school community. Any family experiencing difficulties with school uniforms are asked to make an appointment and discuss possible solutions with Mrs Flegg.

• Jackson McCarthy and Max Cachia for their successful entries in the Uniting Care Christmas Card Design Competition. Entries were submitted through OSHC. Their designs will now be published in a set of 12 Christmas cards.

• Kane Harrington, Jack Wright and Holli Harrington for their successful nominations in the 2013 Aboriginal Student Achievement Awards. They will attend a regional presentation ceremony at UWS on 8 November.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT

Selective high schools are one strategy used by the Department of Education and Communities to cater for the learning needs of gifted and talented students. If you would like your child to go to a selective high school in Year 7 in 2015, you will need to apply soon.

All applications should be made online through an Internet connection. A limited number of application packages will be provided through the school for those parents who do not have Internet access. The website where you will find all the necessary information, including the list of selective high schools and the application portal is: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Parents will be able to apply online between 15 October and 18 November. All students applying for Year 7 Selective High School entry will be required to take the Selective High School Placement Test on the morning of Thursday 13 March 2014. The test will be held in a test centre to be advised individually to all applicants. Parents will be responsible for transporting their own children to and from the test centres.

If you would like to discuss the appropriateness of making an application for your child for Selective High School
placement please contact Mrs Miller and arrange an appointment.

ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CORRECT?
All families are asked to make sure that they have provided the school with current contact details. It is extremely important that any change of address, telephone contact number or emergency contact information is given to the school immediately. It is very distressing for your children and school staff when we are unable to contact you in an emergency.

CRUNCH N SIP
Children are encouraged to bring a bottle of water to school each day to keep on their desk throughout the day. This is particularly important as the weather is becoming warmer. The Fruit Break program is a highly successful initiative to encourage the children to improve their daily intake of fresh fruit and vegetables. You can support this initiative by making sure that your child has their Fruit Break snack every day.

NO HAT- PLAY IN THE SHADE
Does your child remember to bring their hat to School every day? Families are reminded that children need to have a hat to play in the playground with their friends. Children who do not have a hat are required to play quietly under the shelter.

Mrs Flegg
Principal

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Well done to these students! Your awards will be presented at your next scheduled assembly.

Special mention to Dayna O’Loughlin – 5/6M and Kyle Burland – 5/6G who have reached the level of Principal’s Medallion. Congratulations!

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PSSA Cricket
Congratulations to both the Senior and Junior PSSA cricket teams. It is now official and we have again taken out 1st place in the PSSA Mixed Cricket Gala Days.

Fantastic effort to all the children I am extremely proud of you all. PSSA ribbons will be presented at this week’s assembly.
Mrs Garney
Cricket Coach

Rebekah Lord
During the first week of the school holidays Rebekah represented Metro South at the girls under 12’s Football State Titles in Shoalhaven. From here she was identified by Football NSW (FNSW) to trial for FNSW Institute. Trials were last week, where she was successful, Rebekah continues to trial this week.

An outstanding achievement! We wish you the best of luck.
Mrs Garney

Kindergarten Enrolments 2014
Kindergarten Orientation is fast approaching, invitations to attend have been sent out. If you have not received your invitation or you have not completed your forms please contact the office as soon as possible.

Lost
A Blue Topaz Pendant was lost on the last day of Term 3 between the school and IGA. If anyone has found it please contact the office.
Christmas Carols Corner

Our annual Christmas Carols event will take place this year on December 5th. We are again looking for local businesses to sponsor our carols and/or donate prizes for our Giant Christmas Raffle.

If you would like to sponsor our carols or donate a prize in our giant raffle, (or know of anyone who can) and receive FREE advertising, please let Mrs Miller know by the 14th November. We are planning a HUGE night and look forward to you ALL being there!!

WATCH THIS SPACE EACH WEEK for information about this year's Christmas Carols.

Live Life Well

Turn off the TV or computer and get active

- Set a limit on the amount of time children watch television or spend on the computer. Two hours a day is the maximum. Too much screen time limits physical activity.
- On the weekend, live life instead of watching it on TV. Find a new place to hike, bike or run. When you hear “I’m bored” – think of something active to do.
- During the winter months, avoid allowing children to watch too much TV or play video games. Encourage active play, which builds social, mental and physical motor skills.

Why reduce television time?

- studies have shown we use less energy watching TV than sitting still
- TV influences the food choice of kids – Australia has a high rate of food advertising during children’s viewing hours
- TV replaces time a child can be active and enjoy physical activity
- there is an association between TV watching and being overweight
- 40% of children 5 – 12 years report watching an average of two hours or more of television or videos a day.

“YGAP” 5cent Friday

Every year Curran’s Hill students and teachers choose a charity to support for the rest of the year and this year, Year 6 have chosen a charity called “YGAP”. This cause supports children in Rwanda, Cambodia and Australia. To support “YGAP”, every Friday we will be collecting loose change; this is called 5cent Friday.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

Pre-School Story Time is back on each Friday from 2.20pm – 3.00pm. Pre-schoolers aged 3-5 years meet Mrs Wilson near the gate alongside the hall. Please bring a library bag to borrow a book and make new friends.

New School Website!

Have you looked at our new school website lately?

Check it out and save it to your favourites! http://www.curranshil-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

It contains photos, newsletters, notes a calendar and even a mobile device version.

Term 4 has lots and lots of events coming up from party days to presentation day, have a look and see what’s on and keep up to date with events happening at CHPS.

The new website will be updated regularly, feedback welcome.

On the move?

Are you leaving Curran’s Hill Public School at the end of the 2013 school year? If so, we need to know! Please advise the school office as soon as possible to assist with our planning for 2014.

Inclusions with today’s newsletter

- Parent Survey – School Satisfaction
- School Spectacular Note
- Fete Flyer
- United Taekwon Do Flyer