Term 4, Week 3
Tuesday 22 October, 2013

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

The current Bush Fire situation across NSW is certainly extremely alarming and I am sure you are more than aware of the difficulties faced not only by those directly impacted by the fires, but in other areas where ‘air quality’ has been significantly affected by smoke. Staff at Currans Hill are congratulated for their level of care and willingness to minimise the effects on our children by providing ‘inside play and supervision’ when required.

It is important for the school to ensure that our safety procedures are well known by the community. The school is required to have an ‘Off Site’ Evacuation Plan. Families are informed that in the case of any situation where the school is directed by Emergency Services to evacuate, we would assemble at the Jack Nash Reserve.

On a happier note I am very much looking forward to the performance of our choir at the Choral Festival at the Sydney Opera House this evening. What a wonderful opportunity for the children, particularly this week, as the Opera House has a week of activities celebrating its’ 40th birthday.

Thank you to the families who have completed and returned the School Satisfaction Survey to the school. It would be appreciated if all surveys could be returned before the end of this week.

The School Photographer provided the school with a cheque as commission for the school photos this week of $1334. Thank you to families who purchased photo packages enabling our school to benefit from this additional fund raising. The donation will be used to support the cost of installing blinds in the new demountables.

MATHLETICS

I am delighted to inform you that the school has purchased the Licence for all students to access MATHLETICS. Mathletics is a computer program that allows students to participate in a personalised Mathematics program that is fun and engaging. We have been able to negotiate for staff and students to trial (experiment with) the program in Term 4 this year with full access extended throughout 2014. In addition to school based programs children are able to access MATHLETICS on home computers with their individual User Name and Password which teachers are currently working to provide. Please speak to your child’s teacher if you would like further information.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Did you know that if your child misses as few as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a whole year of education? By law, you are required to send your child to school every day. If your child has to be away from school for any reason, please either tell your child’s teacher or send a signed note explaining the reason for the absence, as soon as possible. If your child arrives at school late, or needs to leave early, you must come to the office to sign your child in or out.

If you’re having problems getting your child to attend school regularly and on time, please talk to your child’s teacher.

I would like to remind all parents of the importance of using the pedestrian gates to enter and exit the school grounds. For the safety of our children the Staff Carpark is out of bounds. I thank you all for your continued cooperation!

SAFETY ALERT

Parents are reminded of the importance of adequate supervision of their children following reported incidents in our local area. Any incidents MUST be reported to
the Police Assistance Line 131 444 or ring 000 in an emergency.

Mrs Flegg
Principal

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS


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

Special mention to Ryan Oreshkin – 3/4T and William Meredith – 5D who have reached the level of Principal’s Medallion. Congratulations!

CALENDAR TERM 4 - 2013

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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.

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.

Sponsorship For Presentation Day

The end of the school year is fast approaching and planning is now well underway for our Annual Presentation Ceremony. On this day we celebrate our students’ achievements during 2013.

In accord with our Student Welfare Policy and to encourage community support for promoting excellence in our school, we would like to acknowledge outstanding students through the presentation of book awards. We are therefore seeking community and business sponsorship for these awards.

If you, or someone you know may be interested in sponsoring one of our annual awards through their business, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Wilson through the school office.
Library News

Congratulations to the following students who achieved Credits and Distinctions in this year’s ICAS competitions:

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Book Fair
Start saving your pocket money. The Scholastic Book Fair will be here from Thursday, 28th November until Tuesday, 3rd December – that’s only six weeks away!

Talent Quest
Congratulations to these students who gained a place in their Talent Quest heats and will now participate in the Grand Final on Thursday this week (24th October) at 12 noon in the school hall.

Monday
1st Petria Jelenkovic – 5HR
2nd Tyrell Paton – 5/6M

Tuesday
1st Abbie Adams – 1/2JB
2nd Ashley Kohu – 2/3G
3rd Karlee Lavender – 1T & Rhiannan Ruwoldt - 1T

Wednesday
2nd Breanna Thompson – 2/3G
3rd Max Cachia – 1/4M & Adam McCarthy – 4W(equal)

Thursday
1st Zahra Pope – 3/4C
2nd Eliza Meredith – 3/4T
3rd Bronte Riley – 1G & Jack Abboud - 3/4T (equal)

Friday
1st (Recorder Group) led by Mitchell Griffiths – 2A with Chad Hughes – 2A, Sara Collier – 2R, Hanan Markabouli – 2R
Christina Hohberg – 2R
2nd Charlotte Snowden – 3/4C
3rd Elyse Alexander – 1G

All these students should bring their music to Mrs Garney’s room before lunch. Parents and friends are welcome to attend. Please ensure you are seated by 11:50am.

“YGAP” 5cent Friday
Every year Currans 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.

Free Online Tutoring
Just a reminder that Camden Libraries offers a free online tutoring service for Years 3+ called Yourtutor. Subjects covered include Maths, Science, English, Economics, Business Studies and Commerce as well as support on Essay writing, Assignment Research and Study Skills. All you need is our library card to access! Check our website for more information.

www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au

On the move?
Are you leaving Currans 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
- Healthy Kids Flyer