Term 4, Week 4
Tuesday 29 October, 2013

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

What an absolute pleasure it was to attend the Festival of Choral Music at the Opera House last week. I congratulate the students, teachers and families for making this such a memorable experience.

I had the opportunity to attend Swim Scheme last week. I congratulate the staff for providing this exceptional initiative for the children to participate in weekly swimming lessons. I was extremely impressed by this wonderful program and encourage all participants to continue to do their best to improve in this invaluable life skill.

I would also like to congratulate the community, particularly the organisers, on the success of ‘Freddie’s Fete’ last Friday evening. This was a great Community Event reflecting the strength of Currans Hill as a caring, supportive community.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Teachers are currently completing Semester 2 Reports to provide parents with written information about their child’s learning achievements and needs. Reports will be sent home with students on 10 December.

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY

Currans Hill has followed up our participation in the PLAST signposting trial earlier in the year with the completion of National data collection for students requiring ‘adjustments’ to participate in learning experiences with their peers. Further information is available by making an appointment to speak with Mrs Flegg or Mrs Wilson.

HEAD LICE UPDATE

Parents of all students are asked to regularly check their child’s head and ensure that the treatment described as the “Comb and condition method” be used regularly. ALL families need to be active in helping the school and our children to overcome this problem! Children CAN NOT be excluded from school with Head Lice and Head Lice treatment is NOT an acceptable reason for NOT attending under the Policies of the NSW Department of Education and Communities.

NSW Health advises that head lice resistance has increased. If head lice are not present, NSW Health advise not to treat a person’s hair as this may contribute to the problem of resistance.

NSW Health recommends the “comb and conditioner method” for treatment of head lice where hair is combed with hair conditioner. This method may be more acceptable than some advocated in the past and does not require the purchase of chemical treatment products. NSW Health also suggests that it is not necessary to purchase expensive hair conditioner and that cheap white hair conditioner is sufficient when using the “comb and conditioner method”. Information about the “comb and conditioner method” is available on the NSW Health website at http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/headlice/treatment/index.htm#comb

I would like to remind families that expensive toys are best kept at home. Children need to accept responsibility for their own belongings and be encouraged to make suitable choices to avoid loss or damage to valued toys at school! Electronic Games are not permitted at school.

Mrs Flegg
Principal
PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS


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

Special mention to Tristan Harris – 3W, Cooper O’Loughlin – 5D, Kahu West – 2R who have reached the level of Principal’s Medallion. Congratulations!

CALENDAR TERM 4 - 2013

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1/11</td>
<td>Swim Scheme</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>3- 6 Assembly</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4/11</td>
<td>Chess Tournament</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5/11</td>
<td>Heartbeat</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/11</td>
<td>UWS Science Fair</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>P&amp;C Meeting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8/11</td>
<td>Aboriginal Student Achievement Awards</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/11</td>
<td>Kindy Gym program</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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.

Kindergarten News

Gymnastics

The gymnastics program has started well and all of the students participating seem to be enjoying the activities planned. Please be aware that many of the lessons involve tumbling, rolling and bending so it is best that girls wear shorts or shorts under their dresses to avoid embarrassment.

Waiting Area

A reminder for Kindergarten parents to wait until the bell goes at 3.00pm before moving up to the classroom as having parents and pre-schoolers outside the classroom is distracting during end of day routines. We thank you for your consideration.

Library News

Book Fair

Don’t forget to bring your library bags to school, especially for the next four weeks! As part of our Book Fair celebrations, every student who borrows books from the library will go into the draw to win one of four $15 vouchers for the Book Fair in Week 8.
**Design a Cover ‘Carols by Glowlight’ Competition**

Would you like your picture to be the cover of this year’s Carols by Glowlight?

This year we are running a competition for the best picture, your picture must include:

- The title ‘CHPS Carols By Glowlight’
- The date ‘Thursday 5th December’
- A great original design/ picture
- **On the back, your name, year level and class**, those without a name will not be considered
- No bigger than A4

Once you have completed your entry place it in the box in the library. There will be a winner from K-2 and a winner from Yrs 3-6

The winner will have their design on the official Carols by Glowlight Program. Competition closes - Friday 15th November

Any questions, see Mr Weir

**Year 4 Campers to Berry**

Medical forms due to the office by next Tuesday 5th November

6 weeks to go!

Mr Weir

**Choral Festival**

On the 22nd of October, the School Choir performed in the Sydney Opera House with 700 other children, an orchestra and a band. But also thousands of people looking.

We met at Campbelltown Station. After meeting we took the train, everyone was doing something different, talking, playing or listening to the music. While we did that Mrs Miller, Ms Clarke and Ms Burgess were making sure everything was ok for dinner.

We got to the city and we ordered McDonald’s. We had lunch under a tree to cover up from the rain and then we walked up to a place full of little performers in black shirts.

I really got goose bumps in the rehearsals but the actual performance was the most awesome feeling ever. After rehearsals we had dinner, again under a tree being teased by some weird birds.

The performance was like just having two voices singing, Alto and Soprano. We sang, bands performed and the public enjoyed it, but we enjoyed it as well. It was the best night ever.

I have to say, after 4 months of living in Australia, I never thought I was going to perform in one of the most famous buildings in the world. But I also never thought I was going to enjoy that much doing what I love.

Catalina Soto – 5/6M

**Talent Quest Winners**

Congratulations to all the students who performed in last week’s talent quest final. All the performances were amazing. Thank you to our judges Mrs Flegg, Mrs Grenfell and Miss Burgess whose jobs were made very difficult by the amount of exceptional talent.

Our talent quest final winners were:

1st place Zahra Pope
2nd place JTA (Jamie-Lee Jeans, Tia Tuerlings and Ashleigh Abboud)
3rd place Tyrell Paton

Congratulations!!!!!

**P&C Meeting**

A reminder that the next P&C meeting will be held on 6 November which is Wednesday next week. We would love to see the familiar faces along with any new comers. The meeting starts at 7pm in the staffroom located in the Administration block.

If you are unable to attend but would like to have your say you can email the P&C with suggestions, questions or concerns at curranshill.p.c@gmail.com

We would love to hear from you.

**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.

No Inclusions with today’s newsletter