Term 4, Week 6
Tuesday 12 November, 2013

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

The Aboriginal Student Achievement Awards last Friday evening were a wonderful celebration of the success of students. Congratulations to Holli Harrington, Jack Wright and Kane Harrington and their proud families who were presented with their awards.

ATTENDANCE
The Education Act (1990) requires parents to ensure that children attend school on each day that the school is open for instruction. If children are absent from school, or arrive late, parents are required to provide the school with an acceptable explanation within seven days of the absence. I remind all families of the importance of regular, on time attendance to ensure that our children do not miss vital teaching and learning experiences.

REMEMBRANCE DAY
Remembrance Day was observed by the school this week with a minute silence interrupting usual school programs and activities at 11.00am. Remembrance Day marks the anniversary of the armistice which ended the First World War (1914-18) and commemorates the loss of Australian lives in all wars, conflicts and peace keeping operations. Thank you to Mrs Thompson for coordinating this important commemoration for our school.

STUDENT SAFETY
Visitors to the school are reminded that the student toilets are not to be used as a Public Toilet. Adults are not allowed to use the children’s toilets. There are Child Protection issues to consider and we must always be diligent in ensuring the safety of our children. Simply by coming to the office you can assist in keeping our school a safe and happy place for our children to learn.

All visitors to the school are required to report to the school Office. Parents are asked NOT to go directly to classrooms and interrupt teaching and learning programs without signing in.

Thank you to the families who have completed and returned ‘Planning Surveys’. All families are asked to complete the survey and return it to the office by 22 November. Surveys are anonymous and give you the chance to contribute to our school evaluation.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
Currians Hill Public School
Together our school community encourages and supports a quality learning environment. Through an atmosphere of trust and mutual respect this partnership shares the responsibility for learning. We strive to be the best we can be and value the contributions of all for the success of our students.

HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAY
Public High Schools in South West Sydney will hold Orientation sessions for students beginning Year 7 in 2014 on Wednesday 4 December.

FAMILIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF THEIR CHILDREN IN THESE PROGRAMS and will need to ensure that suitable arrangements have been made. Families who require any additional information are encouraged to
make direct contact with the appropriate high school.

2013 YEAR BOOK
Please indicate your interest in ordering a professionally printed, colour 2013 Year Book by completing the slip below and returning it to the Office by 15 November.

INTEREST IN ORDERING 2013 YEAR BOOK
Name: ____________________________
Number of Copies: __________________
Child’s Name: ______________________
Child’s Class: ______________________

CRUNCH N SIP
The Crunch N Sip program is a highly successful initiative to encourage the children to improve their daily intake of fresh fruit and vegetables and to drink plenty of water. You can support this initiative by making sure that your child has their “Fruit Break” snack every day and an extra bottle of water to have available in the classroom.

Mrs Flegg
Principal

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

Special mention to Tia Tuerlings – 5HR, Heath Abata – 4W, Ashleigh Abboud – 5/6G, Caitlin Russell – 2A and Jack O’Loughlin – 5D who have reached the level of Principal’s Medallion. Congratulations!

Christmas Carols Corner
Thursday 5th December, 2013.
Gates open 5:30pm
Sausage sizzle, Monster Raffle, Jumping Castle, Icecream, Donuts, Carol Singing and heaps of entertainment!

Thank you to the following businesses that have already donated to our Monster Christmas Raffle:
• Begin Bright School Readiness and Tutoring Centres, Harrington Park.
• Chain Towing and Tilt Tray, Currans Hill

We are still 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.

5c Friday
So far this year we have been raising money with our 5c Friday initiative for YGAP. Year 6 School Parliament have decided as a result of recent bush fires to now raise funds for Red Cross to assist with their efforts in helping people affected by the fires.

All funds collected commencing this Friday will go towards this worthwhile cause.
**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.

**FUN DAY**

This Wednesday is FUN DAY! Children will have an opportunity to participate in lots of fun activities and purchase lots of yummy goodies while helping Year 6 raise money for their farewell and their gift to the school. Activities and food will cost between 50c and $2.00. Bring your money and enjoy! This year we have a raffle. The prizes include a Mambo Skateboard and a Wilson basketball donated by Chain Towing and Tilt Tray P/L. A huge thank you to this very generous business!

**Scholastic Book Fair**

Our Book Fair will be held from:
8.30 am Thursday, 28 November until
3.30 pm Tuesday, 3 December

Some great competitions have been organised to celebrate the book fair:
- This week we’re holding a colouring in competition during lunchtimes in the library.
- Next week we will hold a bookworm guessing competition – entries only open to those students who RETURN loans to the library, so start checking under your bed for those overdue library books for your chance to win!
- Our raffle is still on for another two weeks – entries open to everyone who borrows.

**Mufti Day**

Recently a member of our school community passed away from long-term health issues. In remembrance we will be holding a mufti day to raise funds for the Heart and Lung unit at St Vincents Hospital on Thursday November 21. Please bring along a donation to contribute to this great cause.

**Last Week To Get Your Entries In For the ‘Carols by Glowlight’ Competition**

The competition for the Carols by Glowlight cover competition closes this Friday 15 November. If you would like your picture to be on the cover of this year’s Carols by Glowlight make sure you get your entry into the box in the Library no later than Friday.

Mr Weir

**Remembrance Day**

Years and years ago many young men and women travelled to join the army, knowing very little of what they were doing and what they were going to find. Some survived and some didn’t make it back, but today on Remembrance Day we fall silent for a minute to remember and honour those who served our country. There were many people who agreed that World War 1 was so bad, with 60,000 people dying, that there couldn’t be another war, so they named it the Great War, the war to end all wars. But only two decades later war started again. A long time ago leaders of the countries that participated in war signed an armistice to declare that war would end on November the 11th, and every year they celebrated this day calling it Armistice Day and later on renaming the day Remembrance Day. It was hard for the people in the army, fighting in trenches and trying to fit in time to write to their families and friends, so today on Remembrance Day we will fall silent for a minute to remember and honour all of those who served our country. It is a time to celebrate peace, honour and courage.

By Kimberley Deitz – 5/6M

**Inclusions with today's newsletter**
- Dynamic Rhythms Flyer
- Moscow Circus Flyer