Term 4, Week 7
Tuesday 19 November, 2013

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Term 4 is certainly passing quickly with amazing opportunities being regularly provided for our students. Planning for end of year events is well underway and I am certainly looking forward to celebrating the success of our achievements in 2013 as we approach the end of the school year.

TERM DATES

Parents are reminded that the last day of the 2013 school year for students will be **Wednesday 18 December**. Staff Development Days will be held on the last two days of Term 4 2013 (Thursday 19 December and Friday 20 December). Staff Development Days at the start and end of semesters allow teachers to undergo further professional learning.

**Wednesday 29 January** is the first day back in 2014 for students in Years 1 – 6 with Kindergarten beginning on **Monday 3 February**, following the completion of the Best Start Assessments.

To assist the school in planning please notify the office as soon as possible if you will not be returning to Currans Hill in 2014.

Program will continue to be implemented in 2014.

MACARTHUR ENRICHMENT DAY

Last Tuesday I had the pleasure of accompanying a group of 10 outstanding Year 6 students who competed in 2 teams against schools from across the Macarthur. Our school was represented by Stephanie Wark, Aaron Godwin, Jack Wright, Ashleigh Abboud, Hassan Al Abdallah, Kaylah McClelland, Tahlia Huygens, Callum Dyer, Catalina Soto and Dayna O’Loughlin. The teams competed in activities including Mathematics, Problem Solving, Spelling, Debating, General Knowledge and Brain Teasers. I was extremely proud of the efforts of our teams who were a credit to their families and our school in this highly competitive challenge. Well done to you all!

I would like to thank Mrs Pearce and Mrs McClelland for their assistance in transporting the children to and from the venue. Your support is greatly appreciated.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Semester 2 Reports will be provided to parents with information about their child’s learning achievements and needs. The reports will be sent home with students on Tuesday 10 December. Please speak to your child’s class teacher if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child’s report.
SCHOOL EVALUATION PARENT PLANNING SURVEYS
Thank you to the high number of families who have already completed and returned ‘Planning Surveys’. A reminder that surveys need to be returned to the office by 22 November (this Friday). Surveys are anonymous and give you the chance to contribute to our school evaluation.

Currrans Hill Public School Statement of Purpose
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.

2013 YEAR BOOK
The 2013 Year Book is currently nearing completion. I have greatly appreciated the response from families to the Expression of Interest. While interest in purchasing has been fairly limited, I anticipate a ‘print run’ of approximately 120 copies. Further details of costing will be sent to families who have expressed their interest in the near future.

Mrs Flegg
Principal

CALENDAR TERM 4 - 2013

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Walk around community  
K – 6 Kindy |
| 20/11 | Kindy Orientation |
| 21/11 | Mufti Day – Donations for Heart Lung unit |
| 28/11 -3/12 | Book Fair |
| 29/11 | Schools Spectacular |
| 4/12 | High School Orientation |
| 5/12 | Carols by Glowlight |
| 10/12 | Presentation Day  
Year 6 Farewell |

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who have reached the level of Principal’s Award: Isaac McCauley – 1G, Nicholas Barrington-Marsh – 1T, Matthew Westwood – 1G, Mikayla Cugola – KP, Alexandar Jelenkovic – KP, Zachery Russell – 1T, Alexiah Abdow – 1/2JB, Emily Lund – 1/2BK, Brydie Meredith – 1/2BK, Joshua Whitford – 1/2BK, Jasmine Waterworth – KP, Christina Hohberg – 2R

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

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!

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 ASAP. We are planning a HUGE night and look forward to you ALL being there!!

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

UOW Science Fair
On Wednesday 6th November, we had to arrive at school no later than 7:30am as the bus was taking a bunch of us to the University of Wollongong for the Science Fair. This was my first time so I was excited and curious not knowing what to expect. There were 720 students involved from primary and high schools presenting 450 projects. They needed all of their 180 judges with so many displays.

On arrival, we set up our props to enhance our project in the hope of catching the judges’ eye. One by one, each of our seven judges came up and asked various questions about our experiments. When our first judge came over we were a bit nervous but as the judging progressed our nerves settled.

All the projects were amazing and some extremely creative. Every student, who participated, had made a huge effort in conducting their experiments and creating their final presentations. The UOW Sports Hub just looked awesome with all the projects on display.
Presentation took place in the University Hall. Unfortunately, we didn’t receive any awards on the day. However, Mt Annan district won the “Leadership” award for “fostering science in schools”. But at least we had fun. We arrived back at school around 4:30pm, it had been a long day but well worth it!

I’m looking forward to doing it again next year.
By Kane Harrington - 5/6M

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[Image: Share the Joy - Toys 'n' Tucker]

**THROUGH TOYS 'N' TUCKER YOU CAN SHARE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS WITH PEOPLE IN NEED!**

Help us demonstrate God’s love by providing food and gifts for those who would otherwise go without!

**HERE’S WHAT WE NEED:**

**Gifts for children and teens**
- Toys
- Board games
- Sports equipment
- Retail gift cards

**Christmas food for festive meals**
- Christmas puddings
- Christmas cakes
- Long life custard
- Tinned tuna

**Cash donations so those we help can choose the fresh food they would like for a special Christmas meal.**
- Mail: 222 Ross St, 2600 ALBURY
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