Term 1, Week 10
Tuesday 2nd April, 2013

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Easter Hat Parade
I hope everyone enjoyed their Easter break and didn’t eat too much chocolate!
Many thanks to Mrs Prakesh and the K-2 staff for their support and organisation of this year’s Easter Hat Parade. It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and friends enjoying the colourful and creative displays worn by the students.
Special thanks to the P & C who wrapped the Easter baskets and prepared the raffle tickets. In excess of $1800 was raised for the school. It was pleasing to note that after 11 years of buying raffle tickets, I finally won something!!

School Maintenance
Over the last few weeks, scheduled maintenance has been carried out around the school. Last weekend, the senior toilet block was repainted. A new concrete slab was also poured outside the toilet block to replace the old cracked surface. Over Easter, 5/6M and 5/6G were freshly painted and the guttering and downpipes were thoroughly cleaned to remove all debris. Additional maintenance will continue throughout the year.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Have your kids signed on for the Premiers Reading Challenge? Get a head start with holiday reading time. What’s your child reading right now? Booklists are here:


In our fast paced world, it is often difficult to maintain good mental health and well being in kids. Here are some ways that you can help:
1. Make sure they get enough sleep
2. Encourage kids to exercise
3. Give them creative outlets
4. Provide a space of their own
5. Talk about their troubles
6. Ensure they have time each day to relax
7. Have two routines- school days and weekends
8. Bring fun and playfulness into their lives

From Michael Grose @ parenting ideas.com.au

Mrs Wilson
Relieving Principal

CALENDAR TERM 1 - 2013

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Reminder High School Applications
Expression of interest forms are NOW OVERDUE. Please return to the school office.
**Principal's Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who have reached the level of Principal's Award:

- Scott D – 5D
- Abby S – 1T
- Zachary G – 1/2BK
- Breanna T – 2/3G
- Blake P – 2/3G
- Sarah H – 4W
- Alyssia T – 5HR
- Hannah H – 5/6M
- Jarrod L – 2A
- Tia T – 5HR
- Kaylah M – 5/6M
- Alexiah A – 1/2JB

Well done to these students!

Special mention to Tykan G – 4W, Kaylah M – 5/6M who has reached the level of Principal's Medallion. Congratulations!

**Teacher Professional Learning**

At Currans Hill PS the staff has an ongoing commitment to professional learning. The staff benefits from attending inservices, in curriculum areas, that assist them in providing quality learning opportunities for the students in their class. This week the following staff will be attending professional learning:

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**Kids of Macarthur**

We will be joining with other schools in the Macarthur district again this year to raise money for "Kids of Macarthur" foundation. This foundation provides much needed equipment for the Children’s Ward of Campbelltown Hospital. Our gold coin donation day will be on this Thursday (4th April 2013). Please bring a gold coin and place it on the quad (with your class) to for the words Kids of Macarthur!

Thank you
Mrs Miller

**New NSW Syllabus**

*What is the Australian Curriculum?*

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), in collaboration with states and territories, has developed agreed Australian curriculum for English, Mathematics, Science and History. Each of these learning areas includes content statements that represent essential learning for all Australian students.

*How is the Australian Curriculum being implemented in NSW?*

In NSW, the Board of Studies has worked closely with teachers and key education stakeholders to develop syllabuses that include Australian curriculum content and further detail that clarifies learning. As a result of this work, Kindergarten to Year 10 syllabuses provide direction to ensure greater consistency between NSW schools.

*When will the new syllabuses incorporating Australian curriculum be taught in NSW?*

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**P&C FUNDRAISING**

A meeting will be held on Monday 8th April at 2pm in the school Staff Room for anyone who may be able to help with upcoming fundraising events. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

**HEAD LICE**

We have had several reports of head lice. Please be vigilant and check your child regularly. If your child becomes infected please treat promptly to inhibit the spread of lice.

**IGA COMMUNITY CHEST PROGRAM**

The IGA Community Chest Program has been running for the past 7 years and raised over $42 million nationally for worthwhile causes. Currans Hill PS is now a beneficiary of this program. One way funds can be raised for our school is by customers purchasing products that carry the IGA Community Chest logo (above). A percentage of the purchase price is donated to the chest. The funds raised through the chest will be paid to Currans Hill PS annually.

**Camden Show Highlights**

**Primary Cross Country Highlights**