PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Classes 2013 Update
We were able to form 20 mainstream classes following confirmation of our enrolments last week and the children have settled well into their new class placements. Please speak to your child’s teacher if you have any concerns you wish to share regarding your child’s learning. As we did last year, we will be holding parent/teacher interviews for years 1 to 6 next week so you can provide information about your child to their new teacher. Staff will also be able to give you an overview of the year ahead. A separate note is attached with this newsletter.

Staff Professional Development
During the course of the year, various staff will participate in Training and Development initiatives developed by the Education Department in key areas like The National Curriculum, literacy, numeracy and technology. Through Training and Development, staff are able to develop a greater depth of knowledge about content and also more effective approaches to teaching. As a result there are improved student outcomes.

This week 6 staff attended the course Taking Off With Numeracy or TOWN project which is a research based professional learning program our school has committed to that is designed to assist teachers to identify each student’s current understanding of numeracy. Staff will also monitor student progress against a learning framework.

Staff participation in Training and Development courses will be highlighted in the school newsletter.

P& C Meeting
Our first P & C meeting for 2013 will be held on Wednesday night at 7pm. All parents are welcome to attend and I would particularly like to extend this invitation to any new parents who are keen to work in partnership with the school to ensure the best quality education for our students.

School Zones
Please be mindful of children crossing the road and alighting from cars every morning and afternoon. Tramway Drive is a designated school zone. Motorists are required to drive at no more than 40 km/h through school zones. The majority of school zones operate between 8:00am – 9:30am and 2:30pm – 4:00pm on gazetted school days. Parking unsafely can also put children’s lives at risk. Increased fines and loss of demerit points apply when certain offences are committed in an operating school zone. Police will be targeting the area in coming weeks.

Road Safety
You can help keep our students safe by ensuring that -
• Children always get in and out of the car through the rear kerb side or ‘safety door’.
• You always drop your children on the school side of the road.
• You meet your children on the school side of the road, preferably at the school gate – particularly in wet weather.
• You NEVER call to your children from across the road. Teach them to wait until you come to them. Talk with them about what they should do if you are not there on time.
• Children up to at least eight years old hold an adult’s hand on the footpath and when crossing the road.
• You ensure that you do not walk through the STAFF car park.
Smoke Free Zone
As from the 7th of January 2013, smoking is banned within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance or exit from a public building such as schools, shopping centres, restaurants and childcare facilities. Therefore, we kindly ask parents to refrain from smoking within the school vicinity.

Mrs. Wilson
Relieving Principal

Swimming Carnival
Thank you to the parents who assisted at the swimming carnival with time keeping and other duties. Without that help it would not be possible to have a successful day. Well done to the children on the day also. It was great to see and hear about those children who “had a go” and entered races for their house. Some students will now represent the school at the Razorback Zone carnival in the coming weeks. We wish them the best of luck.

Age Champions
Jnr Girls – Hayley W (4W)
Jnr Boys – Zach T (3/4C)
Snr Girls – Rebekah L (5D)
Snr Boys – Aaron G (5/6G)

Ribbons and Age Champions will be awarded at the Primary Assembly in Week 4.

K-2 Assembly
This term, we will be conducting a formal assembly once a fortnight on the even weeks commencing Friday 22nd February. All parents and friends are welcome to attend these and a detailed roster of assembly dates and class items is below.

Assembly will commence at 2:15pm and will conclude by 2:50pm.

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PAL’S School Based Courses
St John Ambulance Australia runs a program called ‘Program to Aid Literacy’ (PALs) to support children in the development of their literacy skills in one-on-one or small group sessions.

We are asking for volunteers who would be willing to participate in a four day course that commences at 9:30am and finishes at 2:30pm. A number of ten volunteers is required for our school to participate. If you are interested please leave your details at the office for Mrs Pearce.
Family Law Network Australia

The Family Law Network Australia is a free information resource and referral service for family law matters. For more information visit www.familylawmattersaustralia.com.au

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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ASSEMBLIES

Primary Assemblies will be held in Weeks 4, 6, 8 & 10 commencing at 12:00pm

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P & C Email Address

Can’t come to the P & C meetings but would like to have your say? You can now email the P&C with suggestions, questions or concerns: curranshill.p.c@gmail.com

We would love to hear from you.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

The school office is open during the following hours:

- Monday: 8.30am – 3.15pm
- Tuesday: 8.30am – 3.15pm
- Wednesday: 8.30am – 3.15pm
- Thursday: 9.00am – 3.15pm
- Friday: 8.30am – 3.15pm

Thursday morning an all school staff meeting is held from 8:30am therefore there is a later opening time on this day.

Currians Hill Netball Club

NEEDS YOU!!

If you are turning 10 or 11 this year and would like to play netball please phone Kerrie Abboud ASAP on 0403 302 256.

Any age enquiries are more than welcome.

Student Absences

A child’s absence from school must be explained by a note from a parent/guardian. The note must contain the child’s name, date of absence and the reason for the absence. It should be forward to the class teacher upon the child’s return to school.

Audition Information For Parents and Students Campbelltown Performing Arts High School Year 7 – 2014

Auditions for Year 7 2014 will be held on 11th, 12th and 13th March, 2013.

CPAHS is a specialist Performing Arts High School offering a broad comprehensive curriculum. Talented students with a strong interest in Dance, Drama, Circus, Instrumental music and Vocal are encouraged to apply. Students that live out of area must audition to attend CPAHS and local (in area) students wanting to be part of our selective Performing Arts program MUST also audition at this time.

Audition application forms can be obtained from Ms Ryan or can be posted or emailed to you directly by contacting the Audition Co-ordinator on 4625 1403 or by downloading one from our website www,cpahs.nsw.edu.au.

There is an Information Evening for interested parents and students on 13th February, 2013 at 7pm in the school hall. Please ring to confirm beforehand.

Closing Date for the return of application forms is 18th February, 2013.

Included with today’s newsletter

- Canteen Menu
- Parent teacher interview note Yrs 1 - 6