Term 1, Week 4  
Tuesday 19th February, 2013

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

P & C Meeting
Our first P & C meeting for 2013 was held last Wednesday night. It was pleasing to see several new parents in attendance as well as a small, but dedicated group of regulars who were keen to discuss school issues and organise fundraising initiatives for the term. I would also like to acknowledge the volunteers who operate the Uniform Shop. As you can imagine, it has been a particularly busy time of year and Ms Ditton, Mrs McClelland and Mrs Nicholls have worked tirelessly to service the needs of the school community.

Anaphylaxis Update
As you are aware, we have a number of anaphylactic children at the school. We have introduced several measures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of these students in the school setting. Further to this, if your child wishes to celebrate their Birthday at school, instead of sending in a cake or cupcakes that may contain eggs we would like to encourage parents to provide a small treat such as lollipops, iceblocks or a bag of lollies (eg The Natural Confectionary Company).

School Zones
I would like to remind all parents that the staff car park adjacent to the Kindergarten block is not to be used as a walkthrough area for parents or to be used for parent parking. Please help us to keep our students safe by abiding by this request.

Crunch and Sip
Our school is committed to improving children’s health through education and by supporting the Department of Health’s Crunch & Sip® initiative. Research has shown that drinking water and eating fruit and vegetables is essential for good health and can help concentration throughout the day.

Crunch & Sip® is a set break for students to eat fruit or salad vegetables and drink water in the classroom.

We invite you to support your child’s participation in Crunch & Sip® by providing a water bottle and a piece of fruit or vegetable each day. Younger children often find it easier to manage a small container of cut up fruit or vegetables.

Mrs. Wilson
Relieving Principal

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Drama
If your child has some talent in the area of Drama and would be interested in auditioning for the NSW Public Schools Primary Drama ensemble please see Mrs Miller for more information.
PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS


Meet the Teacher

A reminder that meet the teacher is on this evening. This is an opportunity for you to provide information about your child to their new classroom teacher and the teacher to provide you with an overview of the year ahead.

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.

Uniform Shop News

We apologise to all families waiting for the arrival of their ordered Sports Polos and advise that our supplier is trying to get our missing order to us ASAP. We will deliver the shirts to your child’s classroom as soon as they turn up. Thank you for your understanding.

The Uniform Store has a great range of hair accessories in school colours to meet your needs. The popular Pony Bows are now also available in our sports house colours Red, Green and Royal Blue, and can be purchased individually (2 pack) for $5 or as part of a Schoolies Range package deal. **Buy 4 and your 5th item is FREE**

Library News

Library Monitors 2013

Congratulations to the following students:

Jaida W. 3/4T
Tahleah T. 3/4T
Bethany E. 3/4T
Grace B. 3/4T
Ella B. 3/4T
Khushi D. 4W
Shaun C. 4W
Corey B. 4W
Jade R. 4W
Veronica W. 4W
Alannah H. 4W
Hayley W. 4W
Laura K. 4W
Sophie G. 4W
Drew M. 4W

Corrections to Swimming Results

Senior Boys age champions will be jointly awarded to Aaron Godwin and Jordan Harrington. Congratulations boys!

Ms Wear

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.

Parents / Visitors to our School

If there is a need for any parent or visitor to come to the school during school hours it is first necessary to speak to the office staff and sign in. This is to ensure the safety of all children along with your safety in the event of an emergency. All authorised visitors are then easily identified by the display of a school visitors badge.

If there is a need to speak with a teacher at any time please either call or send a note direct to the teacher to arrange a convenient time for both of you.

Please do not at any time go direct to a classroom or the playground to speak with a teacher or child before speaking with office staff.
**Kids & Bullying**
2 sessions, 2 ½ hours each

This course is designed for parents who are seeking to better understand the issues surrounding bullying.

**Session 1**
- Bullying definition
- Types of bullying
- The bullied child
- The child who is bullied
- The role of the bystander
- Strategies and prevention

**Session 2**
- What is cyber bullying
- What does it look like
- The impact on children
- Strategies for protection
- Prevention

12 - 2:30pm Tuesday 26th Feb & 5th March
25 - 27 Auburn St, Wollongong.

Bookings essential, telephone 4227 1122

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**STUDENT MEDICATION**

If your child requires prescribed medication while at school, please ensure the medication is delivered to the office prior to class commencing and that a Prescribed Medication form has been completed. We are not able to administer prescribed medication without this form. Only medication that carries written authority from a Doctor can be administered at school.

**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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**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.

**SCOOTERS / BIKES**

A number of students are regularly riding bikes and scooters to school, many without wearing helmets. It is important that helmets are worn to ensure students remain safe. Upon arrival at school it is expected that students lock their bikes/ scooters up at the bike racks.

**At no time are students permitted to ride bikes/scooters in the school grounds.**

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**Harrington Park Hockey Club Registration Day**

When: Saturday 23rd February 2013
9:30am - 2:00pm
Where: Narellan Town Centre
For more information: Call Sandy Parker: 0408 483 743 or Frank Lauc on: 0419 257 616 or visit www.harringtonparkhockeyclub.com.au

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**Included with today’s newsletter**
- Campbelltown City Challenge Walk