Term 1, Week 5
Tuesday 26th February, 2013

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Parent Teacher Interviews
Last week, many parents participated in Parent Teacher Interviews so that they were able to share information about their child / children with staff.

Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning and their school in particular. Children copy many of their parents’ views so your positive attitude to school and learning is catching. Positive parent participation in school and learning is a proven criterion for student success. One practical way to assist your child as a learner is to become actively involved in his or her school-life.

Here are some more ideas to help you participate in your child’s education in positive ways:

• Make sure your kids start each day well.
  That means they should get a good night’s sleep, have a healthy breakfast and arrive at school on time with all their learning requirements as well as a healthy lunch.

• Attend school activities such as open days, concerts, parent evenings, sports events and celebrations. Read the school newsletter and other forms of communication so you can stay in the loop with what’s happening at your child’s school.

• Consult with your child’s teacher about homework expectations and practical ways that you can assist both at home and at school.

• Support a broad, balanced curriculum that offers children a variety of educational experiences rather than a program that focuses narrowly on the traditional 3 R’s.

• School discipline is always more effective when it’s supported by parents so be supportive of their attempts to promote good behaviour in your child.

• Direct any problems or constructive criticism through the correct channels such as your child’s teacher, the Stage Leader or the Principal

• Become an advocate for your child’s school and promote its positive features throughout the wider community. Encourage your child to take pride in their school through your example.

For more ideas, support and advice for all your parenting challenges visit: www.parentingideas.com.au

Clean Up Australia Day
Every year the event encourages and inspires thousands of Australians to take to their local park, bushland and street and really make a difference in their local environment. Clean Up Australia Day is on Sunday March 3rd so I would encourage as many families as possible to participate in this worthwhile event.

School Clean Up Day will be held this Friday, the 1st March. Each class will be designated a small area to help clean. The children are encouraged to bring along a pair of gloves and a rubbish bag.

Assemblies
Last Friday, grades K-2 and 3-6 held their first assemblies for the year. It was pleasing to see so many parents in attendance to acknowledge students who received awards for achievement in class or sporting success. As this is a formal occasion, we would like to ask parents to set their mobile phones to mute.

Story Time will begin in week 6 for pre-schoolers. Parents who would like their child to participate in this great school –readiness initiative should meet Mrs Fleming outside the uniform gate area at 2:15pm on Friday 8th March.

Mrs Wilson
Relieving Principal
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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Student Leaders Induction

The student Leaders Induction Ceremony will be held in the hall on Wednesday the 6th March at 9:30am. Parents of student leaders are warmly invited to attend and join us for a morning tea at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Ms Ryan

Uniform Shop News

Unfortunately the Uniform Shop will be CLOSED this Friday 1st March. Normal operating hours will resume on Monday 4th March 2013.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Book Club – Issue 1

All Book club orders due in Friday 1st March to your classroom teacher.

YEAR 3-6 CROSS COUNTRY

The Primary Cross Country Carnival will be held on Wednesday 13th March – Week 7, Term 1, commencing at 9.30am for years 3-6. If there are any 8 year old children in year 2 able to run 2km and wish to participate please let your classroom teacher know.

If your child requires an Asthma puffer or similar due to a medical condition please ensure your child brings their puffer on the day.

We are also looking for parents who may be able to assist with marshalling for this event. If you can help, please complete and return the tear off slip at the bottom of today’s newsletter. Thank you for your support.

Schoolkids Bonus

The first installment of the Schoolkids Bonus has recently been paid to approximately 1.2 million families to help lighten the load of back-to-school costs.

Most eligible families would have received the payment automatically, however some needed to update their child’s education details to ensure they received the payment, e.g. families with children starting primary for the first time in 2013 and children moving from primary into secondary school in 2013.

If you think you might be eligible for the Schoolkids Bonus January payment but are yet to receive it please contact Centrelink or visit australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus for more information.
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School Contribution and Book Packs

As for previous years, we have made the contribution on a sliding scale depending on the number of children you have at school. One child - $40, two children - $70 and three or more children - $100. These contributions cover the students’ books and many items required for your child during the year. The teachers have informed everyone what stationery is required in terms of pencils, pens, scissors, textas and rulers etc.... Hopefully your child still has these and many can be used from last year. Kindergarten children will have their stationery needs supplied.

If you are unsure if you have paid your book pack contribution please contact the office.

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.

Safety and Care of Students

The safety and welfare of our students is of utmost importance. Section 14 of the Companion Animals Act (1998) states that ‘Dogs are prohibited in schools (whether or not they are leashed or otherwise controlled).’ In ensuring the safety of our students we ask that no dog be brought on to school property at any time.

Would you like to play Rugby League?

Mt Annan Currans Hill Junior Rugby League Club are signing new players now across all ages. Registration and information days are on Thursday 28th Feb from 5:30pm to 7:30pm and Saturday 2nd March from 12pm to 4pm at Jack Nash Oval – Currans Hill
Girls Welcome!

Cross Country Assistance

Yes, I am able to assist with marshalling at the Cross Country Carnival on Wednesday 13th March 2013.

Name: ________________________________

Contact Number: __________________________

Child’s Name: ____________________________ Class: __________________________