Staffing Update
Last week we were received notification from Staffing that we were entitled to a full time General Assistant from Term 2 and a Non Teaching Assistant Principal position effective immediately based on our increased student enrolment. Mrs Pearce will remain off class for the duration of the year to assist with staff Training and Development and the implementation of the National Curriculum. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school in that Mrs Pearce will be available to lead demonstration lessons, release staff to visit other classrooms or schools and organise workshops for staff. Mrs Pearce will continue to supervise Kindergarten and work closely with Mrs Hyde on KK to ensure a smooth transition for the class. Mrs Hyde is an experienced Kindergarten teacher and we welcome her to our school community.

This week, the Expression of Interest was also advertised for the Principal's position. This is a temporary appointment until the end of 2013 or longer. The position should be filled by the end of Term One.

eT4L Server and Service Update
This week, Mr Weir our school Computer Coordinator, has been working tirelessly with technicians from the Department of Education to install 16 new computers and a new server into our school. The computers will replace older models currently servicing our classroom whiteboards. Hopefully, the new server will improve internet connection and also improve our school filing structure and access to information.

Camden Show
This Friday, our Dance Group and Choir will perform at Camden Show. Thank you to Mrs Harrington, Miss Clark and Mrs Garney for organising this wonderful opportunity for the students at Currans Hill to showcase their great talent. The Art Club led by Mrs Garney, have also produced an amazing Fireman Scarecrow for the interschool competition. If you visit the show over the weekend, please take the time to have a look at their fabulous creation.

Cross Country
Tomorrow, the students in years 3-6 will participate in our school Cross Country. Thank you Mrs Garney and the primary teachers for their excellent organisation of this event. Please ensure that if your child is asthmatic, they have their puffer with them. Parents are most welcome to attend.

National Day of Action
This Friday is the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. At Currans Hill, there are many things that we do to prevent bullying. These include working with parents and children to solve bullying problems, teaching specific units as part of the Personal Development and Health Syllabus and working to create a safe and pleasant environment in the school. We have also organised for “The Power of One”, a live performance centred around the issue of bullying to be performed in Term Two.

In addition to informing the school and talking to your child’s teacher there are many things you can do as parent.
1. Understand what bullying is and the types of bullying that may occur.
2. Listen to your child and reassure them.
3. Teach your child about appropriate non-violent responses to bullying such as saying STOP in a firm strong voice and walking away.
4. DO NOT deal with the bully yourself.

School Safety
As you may be aware, we have had several children fall on or near the front stairs. Often small children have difficulty navigating their...
way down the stairs when parents and other children are sitting on them. I would encourage all parents to utilise the seating within the quad before school rather than sit on the stairs to address this safety issue.

Mrs Wilson  
Relieving Principal

**CALENDAR TERM 1 - 2013**

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            | Easter Egg Donation                       |
| 19th March | Paul Kelly Cup                            |
| 19th March | Regional Swimming                         |
| 21st March | Harmony Day                               |
| 22nd March | High School Forms for 2014 to be returned |
| 22nd March | Primary Assembly  
            | Infants Assembly                          |
| 27th March | Easter Scripture Service                   |
| 28th March | Easter Hat Parade                         |
| 29th March | Public Holiday                            |
| 1st April  | Public Holiday                            |
| 12th April | Last day Term 1                           |

**Drop Off Zone Safety**

- **Means that you have no more than 2 minutes** for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver **must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle**
- **Penalty = $147 + 2 Demerit Points**

This zone is operational from 8:00am – 9:30am and 2:30pm – 4:00pm each school day directly outside the school gates. Please adhere to these parking restrictions to ensure a smooth flow of traffic at peak times.

**SMOKE FREE ZONE**

No Smoking within 4 meters of a pedestrian entrance or exit from a public building such as schools, shopping centres, restaurants and childcare facilities. This new legislation has come into force as of 7th January 2013. Therefore, we kindly ask parents to refrain from smoking within the school vicinity. For further information visit [http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/Pages/smokefree-legislation.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/Pages/smokefree-legislation.aspx)

**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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**Is your child going to High School in 2014?**

An information guide and expression of interest form for parents and carers was sent home yesterday, Monday 11th March. If you have moved address recently, please advise the office as soon as possible.

Forms MUST be returned to the office by Friday 22nd March.

**YEAR 3-6 CROSS COUNTRY**

A Reminder that the Primary Cross Country Carnival will be held tomorrow, Wednesday 13th March commencing at 9.30am for years 3 - 6.

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

Just a reminder to students and parents, due to computer upgrade maintenance books cannot be returned or borrowed for this week. Normal routine will resume from next Monday 18th March – week 8.

EASTER EGG DONATION MUFTI DAY
THURSDAY 13th MARCH

Donations should be taken to classrooms.
Please ensure children wear modest, sensible clothing and covered footwear.

2013 Write On Club

What?? - A handwriting assessment and group program during the April school holidays.
Who for?? - Groups will be run separately for Kindergarten, Yrs 1-2, Yrs 3-4 and 5-6 children who have difficulties in:
* Neatness  * Writing posture
* Speed    * Fluency
* Pencil grip
When?? – April school holidays 16th – 18th April (Morning sessions)
Cost?? – (claimable on most health funds or through Medicare under Allied Health Care Plan through GP)
$110 Screening Assessment
$65 per 1 hour session
Total cost $305
Where?? – Macarthur Pediatric Occupational Therapy, 138 Thunderbolt Drive, Raby
Bookings?? – Phone Pauline Nicholls, Narelle Hypatidis or Amelia Grady on 9824 8945

Pre-School Story Time

We are once again going to have our wonderful story time program this year. If you have a pre-school child who would like to have an afternoon of stories and fun on a Friday from 2:20 – 3pm feel free to bring them along.

Story time will be held the same weeks as assembly (week 8 &10 this term). Mrs Flemming, will meet the children up at the hall during the K - 2 Assembly near the canteen.

Mobile Phones/Cameras/Cyber Bullying

A reminder to all children that cameras are not permitted to be used by students in the school. Students bringing mobile phones or other forms of technology that also utilise camera facilities must not use these at school at any time. The Privacy Act restricts use of such items as does our own school policy on mobile phones. Ideally, phones should be handed in to the office daily. Phones must not be on or used during school hours. Please contact the office if you need to leave an urgent message for your child.

Cyber Bullying has been a concern at times. Children bullying through texts, emails, chat rooms, facebook etc... can lead to suspension from school and in some instances, the police may become involved. Please monitor your child’s use of such technology at home.

HOW DO I GET A PRINCIPAL’S AWARD?

When your child has received 10 school awards these can be presented to the office for a Principal’s Award to be processed for their next assembly. It should be noted that previously received Principal’s Awards DO NOT count towards another. Only school awards with the school crest or merit card can be used. When you have received 5 Principal’s Awards, these can be presented for a Principal’s Medallion.

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.

Included with today’s newsletter
- Say NO to bullying flyer