Term 2, Week 2
Wednesday 7th May, 2013

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

The children have made a great start to the school term and it is an absolute pleasure to enter classrooms where teachers and students are engaged in quality teaching and learning experiences.

I am very much looking forward to meeting families at the P&C Meeting on Wednesday evening and would like to encourage you to come along and be actively involved in your school.

**MY SCHOOL WEBSITE**

The [My School](http://www.myschool.edu.au) website provides a snapshot of every government and non-government school in Australia.

A short video is available for parents to help explain My School and how it relates to the information NSW public schools already provide to parents about their children’s progress and the performance of schools - [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/myschoolwebsite](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/myschoolwebsite).

Parents are reminded that the national tests in reading, writing and maths for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 (NAPLAN) reported on My School are snapshot tests taken at one point in the year and sample only part of what students learn, and that like all tests they are subject to some margin of error.

Anyone using My School to choose a school, or assess a school, should not stop there. If parents are unsure or concerned about any of the information on the My School website, you are encouraged to call or visit the principal to discuss the school’s achievements, values and plans.

**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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**CALENDAR TERM 2 - 2013**

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PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS


Well done to these students!

Special mention to Dylan B – 3/4C who has reached the level of Principal’s Medallion. Congratulations!

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Did you know that if your child misses as few as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a whole year of education? By law, you are required to send your child to school every day. If your child has to be away from school for any reason, please either tell your child’s teacher or send a signed note explaining the reason for the absence, as soon as possible. If your child arrives at school late, or needs to leave early, you must come to the office to sign your child in or out.

If you’re having problems getting your child to attend school regularly and on time, please talk to your child’s teacher. We cannot stress enough the importance of children arriving at school on time. Any family experiencing difficulty with regular, on time attendance is encouraged to contact the school and we will attempt to find solutions to the difficulties you are experiencing.

For your obligations under the school attendance guidelines, please go to: www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student_admin/attendance/sch_polproc/PD20050259.shtml

Year 5 Opportunity Classes for 2014

Parents/Guardians of Year 4 students,

If you would like your child to attend an opportunity class in Year 5 in 2014 online applications are available now. All applications should be made online through an internet connection at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. A limited number of application packages will be provided through the school for those parents who do not have internet access, however these applications will only be available from the 7th May. Parents will be able to apply online between 29th April and 17th May 2012.

If you require any further details please contact Mr Weir.

Thank you

Mr Weir

Transition to School

Transition to school visits will commence in Week 4, Term 2. They will be held on the following Wednesday from 12:40pm – 1:10pm

- 22nd May (Week 4)
- 19th June (Week 8)

There will be different activities each visit. If you have a school aged child intending on starting school in 2014 you are welcome to attend with them at this time. Please meet Mrs Pearce under the COLA area outside the school hall/canteen.

Mrs Pearce

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

Pre-School Story Time is on each Friday from 2.20pm – 3.00pm. Pre-schoolers aged 3-5 years meet Mrs Wilson near the gate alongside the hall. Please bring a library bag to borrow a book and make new friends.

Mother’s Day Stall

The Mothers Day stall will be held on Thursday 9th May. Please bring your money. Gifts are $5.00 each. Any remaining gifts can be purchased on Friday morning before the 9am bell.

P&C Meeting

Don’t forget that the P&C meeting will be held this Wednesday 8th May at 7pm in the staff room. We would love to see you there.
**Photo Envelopes**

School photos will be held on Wednesday 22nd May 2013. Photo envelopes were handed out with last week’s newsletter. If you require another envelope or a sibling envelope these are available at the office. Please ensure that each student returns their own envelope even if payment is made in the eldest child’s envelope.

Please return all envelopes BEFORE photo day. Please enclose exact money as we are not able to give change.

For further information or queries please contact Advanced Photographers on 9905 6688.

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**Sport in Schools**

This Wednesday 8th May we would like to invite parents who would like more information about Sport in School to observe the students participating in the program. Come along between 11:55 and 2:45 to view the students involved in these activities. Please note between 1:20 – 1:45pm the students will be having a normal recess break and therefore no activities will be available for you to observe during this time.

A reminder that your child cannot participate unless we have signed permission and payment is made. Please ensure payment is made as soon as possible to the office.

Thankyou

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**Stewart House Day**

Starting from Tuesday 7th of May the Fundraising Committee will be selling High Bounce Handballs to raise money for Stewart House before school.

These handballs are blue with a little dolphin and Stewart House written underneath. The popular handballs are lightweight and perfect for fun in the playground while supporting Stewart House at the same time. Games you can play with a handball are Silent ball, Handball, tennis, scoop and ball or you can make up your own game.

So come along and see us.
The Fundraising Committee

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**ANZAC Day Service**

Our school ANZAC day service was held upon the students return to school last Wednesday 1st May. We would like to thank Ms Michelle Alexander who played the trumpet during our service which made this a very special occasion. We would also like to thank all the children involved in the service and those who brought flowers along to pay their respects.

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**2013 Razorback Representatives**

Congratulations to all our 2013 Razorback representatives. A fantastic achievement! We are extremely proud of you and wish you well.

- **Rugby League**
  - Cooper L 5/6G
  - Jack W 5/6M
- **Netball**
  - Ashleigh a 5/6G
  - Tia T 5HR
- **Softball**
  - Jordan H 5/6G
  - Patricia L 5/6G
- **Soccer**
  - Rebekah L 5D
  - Akiel R 5D
- **Hockey**
  - Shaun T 5/6G

Mrs Garney  
Sports Co-ordinator

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**Included with today’s newsletter:**
- Uniform Shop Booklet
- Grasshopper soccer flyer
- Year 6 T-Shirt Note
- Dynamic Rhythms flyer

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**Happy Mother’s Day!**