Term 2, Week 5
Tuesday 28th May, 2013

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Congratulations to Ashleigh Abboud in 5/6M who has been successfully nominated as our Ambassador for Public Education. She will represent our school at a number of events throughout the school year, particularly in Education Week and have the opportunity to participate in student leadership activities. Ashleigh was presented with a certificate to recognise this achievement at Assembly last Friday by Rob Edwards from the television program ‘The Voice’. Staff and students thoroughly enjoyed the performance and opportunity to have a celebrity visit our school. Thanks again to the D’Amico family for organising this special treat for us all!

Parents are reminded to label all parts of their child’s clothing. This makes it easier to return items when lost. If your child has lost a jumper or hat, the lost property is located outside the school office.

I would also ask for your assistance in remembering children’s toilets at the school are for the use of our students and should be avoided by visitors, particularly adults, due to Child Protection concerns. Your support in this matter would be greatly appreciated!

**National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week 2013**

Theme – “Let’s Talk Recognition”

National Sorry Day is held on 26 May to remember and express regret over the past mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It is not just about saying sorry, but a way to listen to each other and work together with respect.

It is also the start of National Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June), which is a time to come together and celebrate the rich history of the first Australians, who are the oldest continuing culture for over 70,000 years.

The theme for Reconciliation Week is “Let’s Talk Recognition” with a focus on how Australians can better recognise each other. When you are recognised you feel proud and this is good for your self-esteem and encourages you to recognise the best in others. Recognition is an important part of reconciliation and improving relationships for all Australians.

**Mrs Flegg**
Principal

**CALENDAR TERM 2 - 2013**

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**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS**

Peer Support

Yesterday we had peer support and the session was all about resilience and springing back after difficult times. We got to make a jack in a box then watched it spring back. We looked at some good ways of coping with difficult situations. The students played a little game of “Don’t Do As I Say” and they had a good time of playing and cooperating with what the peer leaders were saying.

By Jamie-Lee Jeans
5/6G

Teaching Your Children About The Birds and the Bees

A reminder that our Birds and the Bees session is on this evening in the school library. During this term Stage 3 students will be taking part in Human Sexuality Lessons. If you are interested in hearing about what we teach in this area or would like some tips on how to talk to your own children about this important subject please come along to our information session tonight, Tuesday 28th May 6.30pm – 7.30pm in the school library.

Although this session is mainly centred around the Stage 3 program, parents from K-6 are more than welcome to attend.

Ms Rene Ryan
Assistant Principal

Teacher Professional Learning

At Currans Hill PS the staff has an ongoing commitment to professional learning. The staff benefits from attending in-service’s, 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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Power of one Incursion

A reminder the Power of One Incursion is on this Thursday for all students. If you have not made payment please return your permission slip and payment of $4.00 to the office first thing Wednesday morning.

Overdue Library Books

Please look out for any overdue notices which may come home this week and next week. If books cannot be found or are damaged beyond repair then we ask that a payment be made to replace the books. Stocktake will take place at the end of this term on all books that students borrow so it is very important that all overdue books are returned before this time. There will be no borrowing for the last two weeks of term two.

Ms Formica

Thank you

A big thank you goes out to Mr Paul Nasko (father of Letitia and Kaiden) for removing the mound of dirt from the staff car park.

Uniform Shop

The P&C uniform shop will be open at the following times:
- Mondays and Wednesday from 8.45am – 9.15am
- Fridays from 2.45pm – 3.15pm

Payment methods: Cash or EFTPOS, $20 minimum, $1 surcharge for credit cards.

Order forms/price lists are available from the school office if you are unable to attend during opening hours and wish to place an order.
Woolworths Earn & Learn

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program has started and will run until 9th June. You can collect 1 sticker for every $10 spent and place on the point’s sheet available from Woolworths. A Woolworths box is located just inside the office foyer door; once your points sheet is full please place in the box. We thank you for your support in this program however please do not change your shopping habits purely to collect the stickers.

Thank you
P&C

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

Pre-School Story Time is on each Friday from 2.20 pm – 3.00 pm. 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.

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

Year 6 Fundraising

Thank you everyone who participated and donated for Fluro Friday. Thanks to your generosity Year 6 were able to raise $324 towards their farewell.

“YGAP” 5cent Friday

Don’t forget to support “YGAP” each Friday. Year 6 have chosen this charity as it supports children in Rwanda, Cambodia and Australia. To support “YGAP Year 6 we will be collecting loose change; this is called 5cent Friday. Every little bit helps.

Watch This Space!

The P&C are arranging a private screening later this term at Dumaresq St Cinema in Campbelltown as a fundraiser for the school. Keep an eye out for more details in newsletters to come!

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

Thank you

Celebrating Birthdays at School

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).

PARENTS/CARERS COLLECTING CHILDREN EARLY

In the interest and safety of your child, if there is a parent or carer not residing at home with your child and they wish to collect them early, please contact the office prior to collection so we can ensure your child is leaving with the correct parent or guardian.

Included with today’s newsletter:
• Dinosaur Incursion Note – Stage 1 only