Term 2, Week 6  
Tuesday 4th June, 2013

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Term 2 is certainly passing quickly with amazing opportunities being regularly provided for our students. Quality teaching and learning happens in our school every day and it is a pleasure to visit our classrooms and see such enthusiasm from our students and teachers.

I attended the ‘Power of One’ school incursion this week and was very impressed by the knowledge of the children. Children appear to understand the importance of making our school a safe and happy place for everyone to learn together. They participated enthusiastically in the performance and signing of the ‘Bullying Protection Oath’ which will be updated and displayed in the Office.

My thanks to the families who have supported the school in participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn initiative. The program finishes this week and I encourage you all to make sure your stickers are placed in the box before the competition closes on 9 June.

As the weather has become cooler many of the students and staff are coming down with colds and flu. Please remind your children and yourselves to follow these simple precautions to prevent catching or spreading your cold:

- Covering your mouth and nose if you cough or sneeze.
- Washing your hands after contact with soiled tissues or any contact with nose or throat discharge.
- Students who are sick should remain at home and seek medical advice. Students need to be dressed appropriately for the colder weather and MUST wear school jumpers or jackets. Wearing our school uniform shows pride in being part of the Currans Hill Public School Community.

HEAD LICE UPDATE

We have had several reports of head lice. Parents of all students are asked to regularly check their child’s head and ensure that the treatment described as the “Comb and condition method” be used regularly. ALL families need to be active in helping the school and our children to overcome this problem!

NSW Health advises that head lice resistance has increased. If head lice are not present, NSW Health advise not to treat a person’s hair as this may contribute to the problem of resistance.

NSW Health recommends the “comb and conditioner method” for treatment of head lice where hair is combed with hair conditioner. This method may be more acceptable than some advocated in the past and does not require the purchase of chemical treatment products. NSW Health also suggests that it is not necessary to purchase expensive hair conditioner and that cheap white hair conditioner is sufficient when using the “comb and conditioner method”. Information about the “comb and conditioner method” is available on the NSW Health website at http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/headlice/treatment/index.htm#comb .

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 directly to a
classroom or the playground to speak with a
teacher or child before speaking with office
staff. We thank you in anticipation of this
procedure to ensure a safe and happy
school community.

Mrs Flegg
Principal

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PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have reached the level of Principal’s Award
Stimson – 1T, Blake Hanley – 1/2BK, Ryan Carter – 1/2BK, Cierra Ovington – 1/2BK

Well done to these students!

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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Peer Support

Yesterday our Peer Support session was focused on seeking help. The first activity we did was called ‘I Can’ and that activity was about different things we have learned and who has helped us learn. The children then shared the types of things they had learned with the other peer members and leaders. We then played a game of Springing Up. The peer leaders instructed the peers to spring up repeatedly when the leader says go. They also had to clap their hands above their head while jumping to reach the highest point in the spring. The idea of the game was to spring back like a jack in the box and bounce back when things don’t go our way.

Our next activity was called ‘Helping Others’. We explained that we were going to look at ways in which family members helped each other. The children were divided into three groups and were given a situation that they may have difficulty with by the peer support leader. They discussed what they would do in that situation and shared with the rest of the group.

The last activity we did was called ‘Lean On Me’ and it was about supporting each other. We split the students into pairs, teaming them with someone else who was the same height as them. The aim of the game was to carefully push off from their palms and spring back once off their partner’s palms. As you can see this was an action packed session of seeking help and obtaining solutions.

By Jamie-Lee Jeans – 5/6G

“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.
Library News

ICAS Science Competition
This Wednesday, 5 June at 9am in the library.

Overdue Library Books
Notes went home last week regarding overdue books. Could these books please be returned as soon as possible. A cost value is on the note. It would be greatly appreciated if lost or damaged books be paid for.
Ms Formica

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program ends this Sunday 9th June. Please place any stickers you have collected on the points sheets and then place them in the box located inside the office door. 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

Rugby League Gala Day

A great day was had by all the boys at the Rugby League All Schools Gala Day. The boys displayed a high level of skill, effort and sportsmanship. The Juniors were unlucky to miss the Grand final by one point. A big thank you to the Mount Annan Currans Hill Knights JRLFC for lending us jerseys and water bottles for the day. Thank you also to the parents for all their support, especially Mr Lewis and Mr Harrington for assisting us with the training of the teams over the last few months. We were also lucky enough to have Mt Annan High support us by sending along some students to help out on the day. Zac, Andrew and Brodie did a great job helping the younger students. Thanks to all who came along to cheer on the teams. It was a great day.
Ms Ryan

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be closed this Friday the 7th June. Normal hours will resume on Wednesday 12th June. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Stage 3
Gold Excursion
Final day to secure your child’s attendance and participation is Friday 7th June. Please return the permission note with a $50 deposit to the school office.

Special Screening of
Monsters University
For Currans Hill PS

When: 6:30pm Tuesday 25th June
Where: Dumaresq Street Cinema Campbelltown
Cost: Tickets only $6 each

Don’t miss the chance to be one of the first to see this movie before the holidays!

This event is a P&C Fundraiser with all money raised going towards supporting increased technology at our school.

Simply complete the order form enclosed with today’s newsletter and return it with payment to the school office. Please enclose correct money.

It should be noted that ALL children must be accompanied by an adult.

Transition to School

The next transition to school visit will be held in Week 8 this term. It will be held on Wednesday 19th June from 12:40pm – 1:10pm

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

Included with today’s newsletter:
• P&C Movie Fundraiser Note
• Hot Shot Tennis flyer