Term 2, Week 8
Tuesday 18 June, 2013

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

The NEiTA Foundation (National Excellence in Teaching Award) has congratulated Currans Hill Public School on having a teacher nominated for an Inspirational Teaching Award.

Mr Weir was nominated by members of our community and presented with a NEiTA Certificate of Nomination at Assembly.

The purpose of these prestigious awards is to honour and recognise inspirational teachers, and highlight the work, not only of individual teachers throughout Australia and New Zealand, but also the team contribution of all teachers in every school.

Mr Weir is now eligible for consideration for a National ASG Inspirational Teaching Award. Congratulations, Mr Weir, thank you to the nominator, and ‘well done’ to all of our teachers for doing a great job!

STAFFING UPDATE

I am sure that many of you will be aware that Ms Ryan is expecting her second baby and will commence her Maternity Leave at the end of this Term. I know that you join with me in thanking her for the wonderful contribution she has made to our school community and wish her and her husband, Pete, all the very best!

Mrs Heath will continue to work with 5HR on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with Mrs Burke replacing Ms Ryan on Thursday and Friday.

I am delighted to inform you that following a recent Merit Selection process, Mrs Cheneen Collins will commence as a permanent teacher at Currans Hill Public School at the beginning of Term 3. Mrs Collins is a highly skilled and experienced teacher and will be an asset to our community. I am sure you join with me in warmly welcoming her!

Mrs Collins will work as 1G class teacher and will be visiting our school next week to meet with Mrs Grenfell for a ‘handover’ to minimise the disruption to learning programs for the children.

Mrs Grenfell has done a wonderful job in 1G. We thank her for her professionalism and hard work during Semester 1 and wish her all the very best!

Mrs Thomson will return to Currans Hill after the holidays 2 days a week. She will replace Mrs Rosser implementing the RFF program. It is anticipated that this will continue until the end of the year enabling Mrs Selakovic to continue to work with 1T.

LOST PROPERTY

Please encourage your child/children to develop independence and be responsible for the care of their own belongings. You can assist other families by politely returning any jumpers or other items that are bought home by your child that do not belong to them. There are times when items are placed in the wrong bag or picked up by mistake and in showing that we value honesty we must return what does not belong to us.

By writing your child’s name on any items bought to school, you can avoid losing them. I am very concerned by the large number of items currently in Lost Property. As we approach the end of the term please encourage your child/children to check the Lost Property located outside the office for any missing items.

Mrs Flegg
Principal
PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have reached the level of Principal’s Award

Lachlan – KH, Blaze Recek – 1/2JB, Tobias – 1G, Brayden Hodder-Hampton – 2R, Emma McCarthy – 1G. Well done to these students!

CALENDAR TERM 2 - 2013

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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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“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.

Date Change

Transition to School Program

Due to Mrs Pearce attending the Differentiating the Curriculum Professional Learning as mentioned above on Wednesday 19th June, the Preschool visit has been postponed. The new date is Wednesday 26th June which is the last Wednesday of term (Week 9).

Special Screening of Monsters University

For Currans Hill PS

Please return all Movie Night money and ticket requests no later than Wednesday 19th June (tomorrow). Tickets can either be collected from the Uniform shop on Monday morning 24th June or given to your child in class on Monday afternoon.

If there are still seats available, last minute tickets can be purchased Monday morning from the uniform shop.

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

Uniform Shop Special

Don’t forget our special offer, Toddler Polar Fleece Play Clothes, size 2 & 3, ONLY $5.

Great value, these items usually retail for up to $25.

As well as being a great bargain for you, all money made on this special offer helps to keep uniform prices low, so check with everyone you know with small children, they might like to take advantage of this great deal.

Opening Hours: Mon & Wed 8:45 – 9:15  
Fri 2:45 – 3:15

Sport In School Program

There are a large number of payments outstanding for students participating in the Sport In School program this term. All payments need to be finalised before the end of next week. If you are unsure of the amount owning please contact the office. Thank you

Congratulations

Kane Harrington competed in the Novic Gymnastics Competition last weekend with great success! Kane came first in vault, bars and parallel bars. Well done Kane!
Library News
Please check at home for any library books you may have. Stocktake will be carried out in the last week of term and we need to ensure all library books are returned before then.

Ms Formica

Woolworths Earn & Learn
As mentioned in last week’s newsletter the Woolworths Earn & Learn program has now finished. Please return any stickers you have at home or have been given by friends or relatives. You can place the completed sticker card in the green Earn & Learn box in the office foyer. Don’t worry if your sticker sheet is not full as we have plenty of loose stickers here which we can add to your sheet. Thank you for your support!

PSSA Girls Soccer
Last week’s gala day was a very different story for our girls. Despite not being successful in our games the girls showed great sportsmanship and teamwork. They represented our school proudly. Well done girls!

Mrs Miller

PSSA AFL
With the public holiday last Monday I missed last week’s newsletter!

AFL Gala Day #2 was again full of fun! It was the seniors turn this time to go through the day undefeated and they won all four games comfortably. The juniors won 2 and lost one. Most consistent players for the seniors were Jonah Baker, Jackson Rye, Kane Baker and Tahlia Huygens. For the juniors Hayden Fisher, Conner Fazzino and Lachlan Turnbull. Again the sportmanship was excellent. Well done to all.

I’m looking forward to Gala day #3 on the last day of term!

Mr Weir

AFL Kelly Cup Greater Western Sydney Championships
Last Thursday, June 13th a group of 16, Year 5 and 6 students travelled to Blacktown AFL Park to compete in the Paul Kelly Cup - Greater Western Sydney Schools’ Championships after coming runner’s up in the Macarthur zone competition last term.

We knew the level would go up a notch and started nervously in the first game but the boys settled and we ended up winning all our group games and making it through to the Semi Finals! We narrowly lost the Semi Final and ended up coming 4th in the Greater Western Sydney region!! This was a fantastic achievement. Well done to all the boys, I was very proud of all of you!

Mr Weir

Sport In Schools Make-Up Session
With a 9 week term and Sports and Schools offering a 10 session program, the make-up session is this Friday 21st June from 9:00 to 12:35.

Despite being indoors due to the weather last week, the students had a great time with the alternative dance and movement program in the hall.

We thank the team at Sport In Schools for delivering a top quality PE program and look forward to possibly working with them in the future. We encourage parent and community feedback on the program so it may be booked again in the future.

Peer Support
On Monday’s session for Peer Support we were discussing and playing games specifically on the topic belonging. We firstly played a little game of “parallel lines” in which we had to get the students to line up in a line by age, size of hand and alphabetical order by first name initial. Then the peers had to reverse that order by finding a way to get to the other end without stepping out of the two parallel lines. Our second activity was called “I have” and that was about thinking of all the different groups we have joined either in or out of school. Then we all came together and shared our groups. That was all of our session yesterday named “belonging”.

By Jamie-Lee Jeans 5/6G

Ambassador Day
Thursday, 13th June, I went to Belgenny Farm for an Ambassador Day. The day was about leadership and working together. There were Primary and High School students from the Macarthur and Campbelltown areas. There was one student from each school. We learnt about different cultures and being nice to one another. Our first activity was to untangle a knot made by the group. My group were the only ones to untangle their knot, that’s how we got our name “The A Team”. The second activity was to build a medical war tent with different supplies. It took quite a while but we finished. I had such a fun time and made lots of new friends. I really enjoy being Ambassador for our school.

By Ashleigh Abboud

Included with today’s newsletter:
• Athletics Carnival Years 3 – 6