Term 2, Week 9
Tuesday 25 June, 2013

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

What an absolute pleasure it was to accompany the students and Mrs Bui Viet to the Flag Ceremony at Chester Hill High School last week. The children represented our school proudly and made the most of this amazing experience. Congratulations to all for making the day a brilliant experience that I will always remember.

I had the opportunity to attend the local final of the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition at Robert Townson Public School. I was extremely proud of the speakers from our school and congratulate them on their magnificent efforts! Our Year 3 and 4 representatives were Lachlan Fordham and Chelsea Furnari (Highly Commended) and from Year 5 and 6 Rebekah Lord and Ashleigh Abboud (Highly Commended). You were all very confident and did an amazing job! I would also like to thank Miss Clarke for her organisation and preparation with the children as their Public Speaking coach.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILL
A very successful Emergency Evacuation Drill was completed at the school last Wednesday. Everybody, including 4W’s budgie, safely evacuated and assembled at the Emergency Evacuation Assembly Area within 7 minutes. Well done!

HOLIDAY SECURITY
Families who live near the school can help in protecting our school during the holiday break, by ringing School Security on 1300 880 021 and reporting anything suspicious. Children are reminded that they are not permitted to enter the school in the holiday as it is not safe.

As this is the last Newsletter for the Term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday!

Mrs Flegg
Principal

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who have reached the level of Principal’s Award
Jessica Kerr – K/1T, Sarah Eade – KO, Clare Eade – 1/2BK, Tyler Goddard – 1/2BK, Brock Godfrey – 2R. Well done to these students!

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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:
**Date** | **Staff members** | **Professional Development**
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All week | All staff | Planning Days
Tuesday 25 June | Mrs Pearce  Mrs Wilson | Linking the Curriculum to the Literacy continuum
Thursday 27 June | Mr Weir | Computer Co-ordinator Day

**Sydney Schools Cup Netball Gala Day**

Last Thursday, the Currans Hill Sydney Schools Cup Netball team went to Liverpool to compete in our area's Sydney Schools Cup Local Gala Day. The team put in their best efforts and showed great sportsmanship and netball skills throughout the 4 games that they played. They even got to meet one of the Sydney Swifts players, April Letton, and were lucky enough to have her watch one of their games so they could impress her with their skills! Although the girls will not continue on to the next round of the Sydney Schools Cup they should be very proud of their efforts - I know I am! Congratulations to all of the girls on a great day of netball!

Miss Clarke

**Peer Support**

Our last day of Peer Support was yesterday and it was all about “Moving On”. We did an activity called “I am, I can and I have”. That activity was about discussing our personal qualities, our strengths and interests and also people who support us all. Then we did an activity that was called “What could happen next” we acted out a scene where something went wrong and had to bounce back and be resilient. Our last activity was called “Jack in the box wave” and that was just an easy stand up/sit down game like we were doing the Mexican Wave. This demonstrated “bouncing back”. That was our last session of Peer Support for the year and I hope everyone was glad that they got to be a part of it.

By Jamie-Lee Jeans 5/6G

**Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition**

Congratulations to Lachlan Fordham, Chelsea Furnari, Rebekah Lord and Ashleigh Abboud who competed in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition Local Finals yesterday. They each had to present their prepared speech and an impromptu speech as part of the competition. Each and every one of them spoke clearly and confidently, putting in their best efforts in both speeches. I am so very proud of you all! Chelsea and Ashleigh spoke so well that they were awarded Highly Commended in their age groups for their fantastic efforts - so another extra special congratulations to them!

Well done to you all, you should be very proud of yourselves!

Miss Clarke
“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.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be closed this Friday 28th June. We apologise for any inconvenience. Normal operating hours will resume in Term 3 on Wednesday 17th July.

Opening Hours are;
Monday and Wednesday 8:45am – 9:15am
Friday 2:45pm – 3:15pm

Getting Ready For School Group

A school starter’s group therapy program run by OTs for children commencing school in 2014 and may be experiencing difficulties in:
* Fine motor skills  * Hand Strength
* Hand dominance  * Pencil skills
* Unusual/weak grip  * Scissor skills

The groups will involve an assessment and 8 weekly sessions of 1½ hour length during Terms 3, 2013.

Groups will be run on Tuesday 11:30am – 1pm, starting week 2 of term (27th July 2013).

Where: Macarthur Paediatric Occupational Therapy 138 Thunderbolt Drive
Cost: Screening assessment: $115
Each weekly group session: $70
Claimable on most health funds or from Medicare by GP Referral on Allied Health Enhanced Primary Care Plan
Contact: Pauline Nicholls or Narelle Hypatidis on 9824 8945

Camden NAIDOC
Tuesday 9 July 2013

NAIDOC is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contributions and achievements of Indigenous Australians

Flag Raising Ceremony
10am John Street Camden

Family Fun Day
Flag raising ceremony will be followed by a Family Fun Day at the Camden Town Farm on Exeter Street, Camden

Free event - All welcome Morning Tea and Lunch provided.

School Holiday Tennis Clinic

When: 1st - 5th July
Where: Wests Tennis Club, Leumeah
Cost: $25 per day 9 - 12, $40 per day 9 - 3, $150 for 5 days 9 to 3
Enquiries: please call Jared 0404 457 088 or Ian on 0411 330 107 email jared@centrecourttennis.com.au

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.

Thank you

Included with today’s newsletter:
• No inclusions

Reminder – Kindergarten

Notes have gone home to all Kindergarten children requesting permission and payment to attend Calmsley Hill City Farm.
When: Thursday 1st August
Cost: $25 per child
Payment and permission slips must be returned to the office by Tuesday 30th July.