A Newsletter for the School and Wider Community of Currans Hill

Term 3, Week 1
Tuesday 16th July, 2013

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Welcome back to school for Term 3! I hope you all enjoyed a safe and happy holiday break. I would especially like to welcome families who are new to our school and encourage you all to become actively involved in our community. Our school statement of purpose states “Growing together Learning together”. Developing and maintaining positive partnerships between home and school will greatly assist our children in achieving their potential and enjoying success as learners.

Unfortunately the school Library will be unable to open for a few days following a break in at the school over the weekend. This is extremely disappointing and will cause some disruption to school programs as we commence the new term. Ms Formica is working hard to have the Library re-opened as soon as possible.

I am sure you all join with me in welcoming Mrs Cheneen Collins to our school community. Mrs Collins is a highly skilled and experienced teacher and will work in 1G.

I would also like to welcome Mrs Marjorie Burke to replace Ms Ryan while she is on Maternity Leave. Mrs Burke will work with Mrs Heath in 5HR.

Ms Thomson has returned to the school part time after an extended period of leave. She will work on Monday and Wednesday replacing Mrs Rosser.

Mrs Down is on Long Service Leave this week and Mrs Grenfell will replace her in 5D.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held at the school in Week 3 commencing Tuesday 30 July. Notes will be sent home with children tomorrow. All families are encouraged to participate in this valuable opportunity to meet with your child/children’s teacher/s.

The school will celebrate Education Week this term. A note providing full details of planned activities will be sent home closer to the date. The theme for Education week is “Sharing our Stories.”

APPROACHING THE SCHOOL

At Currans Hill Public School the community and staff work together for students. There may be times when you are concerned about an issue and need to talk to someone at the school. The guide below will assist you in finding answers to questions that you may have.

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<td>Send a short note to the teacher. Contact the school and make an appointment.</td>
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<td>Arrange for an interview with the teacher or the appropriate staff member.</td>
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<td>I am concerned about a policy or practice?</td>
<td>Contact the office and arrange for an interview with the appropriate staff member or the Principal.</td>
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<td>I am concerned about the actions of another child in the school grounds, coming to or going home from school?</td>
<td>Arrange to speak to the stage team leader. Contact the Principal.</td>
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School Photos

We anticipate the school photos taken in May will arrive later this week and distribution will be early next week.
All families are asked to ensure that they have provided the school with current contact details. It is extremely important that any change of address, telephone contact number or emergency contact information is given to the school immediately. It is extremely distressing for our children and school staff when we are unable to contact families in an emergency.

CARPET CLEANING
The school carpets will be cleaned by professional cleaners over the weekend of 17 August. This service is provided to the school annually by the company contracted to provide our cleaning service. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to our cleaners, Veronica and Jennifer who work very hard to make our school environment as pleasant and clean as possible for our staff and students. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Mrs Flegg
Principal

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who have reached the level of Principal’s Award Kane Herbert Stimson – 3W, Hiba Al Abdallah – 3/4T, Kane Baker – 5HR, Drew McClelland – 4W, Shaun Clarke – 4W, Amanda Robertson – 5D. Well done to these students!

Special mention to Hiba Al Abdallah – 3/4T who has reached the level of Principal’s Medallion. Congratulations!

CALENDAR TERM 3 - 2013

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Teacher Professional Learning

At Curarrns 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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POSITIVE STRESS MANAGEMENT
Students who manage best at school:

- maintain positive relationships with family and friends
- continue to allow some time for exercise and leisure
- get plenty of sleep
- eat sensibly
- have planned time for study
- are organised
- learn and practise simple techniques for relaxation

If you think your child isn’t coping with stress, please contact the school counsellor or your family doctor. More information can be found at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/highschool/stressexams.php

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 30th July (week 3). Notes will be sent home tomorrow, please return the slip to your child’s classroom teacher if you require an interview.

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.

Year 5 and 6 Camp

A reminder to parents of students attending Year 5 and 6 camp to Bathurst. Please ensure regular payments are made. The next payment is due this Friday 19th July as suggested on the payment schedule attached to the camp note. Please advise the office if you have any difficulty making payments.
P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held this Wednesday 17th July in the staffroom. The P&C committee welcome anyone who wishes to attend. Please note this meeting ONLY will commence at 6pm. Next month’s meeting will return to the usual time of 7pm.

HEAD LICE UPDATE

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.

Year 3 – 6 Athletics Carnival

A reminder that the Year 3 – 6 Athletics Carnival will be on next Tuesday 23rd July at Onslow Oval. Please ensure that your child’s permission note and money are returned no later than Friday 19th July. Cost per student is $4.00.

Please ensure your child wears warm clothing (house colours or sports uniform), brings a blanket or towel to sit on, sufficient food and drink for the day along with hat and sunscreen.

Please note students are to arrive at school NO LATER THAN 8:45AM.

Book Week Parade

To celebrate Book Week this term, we will be holding a Book Week character parade on Thursday 22 August. Everyone is invited to dress up as their favourite book character or you could dress up as part of the Book Week theme: Read Across the Universe. A separate note will be sent home in the coming weeks with more details.

Uniform Shop

With the Athletics Carnival next Wednesday you can show your team spirit with our Schoolies Pony Bows in your house colour. Only $5 each, or free when you buy four other Schoolies hair products.

Available while stocks last. Remember all money raised helps to keep uniform prices low, and profits are returned to the school for the benefit of all students.

School Safety Program

Camden Council in conjunction with Camden Local Area Command runs a School Safety Program to address road safety issues around schools.

The program is committed to providing an ongoing program which will endeavour to ensure:

- Child safety around schools is a priority to road users.
- Suitable traffic facilities are provided around schools.
- The school community is educated and aware of traffic restrictions and conditions around schools and good practice methodology.

The program consists of six stages. Stage 1 has been completed and stages 2 and 3 will commence the week beginning Monday 29th July and continue on a regular basis. These stages consist of both education and enforcement of road rules.

Debating

The Currans Hill debating team participated in their second debate at the end of last term. The team put in a fantastic effort and learnt even more new skills that they can put into practice in their two upcoming debates against Harrington Park and St Andrews next week. Congratulations to the girls once again and thank you to all the members of the audience who came to support the team.

Miss Clarke

Included with today’s newsletter:

- Grasshopper Soccer Flyer
- Vision Screen Note Year 1 only