Term 3, Week 2
Tuesday 23 July, 2013

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

The school is absolutely buzzing as staff and students participate in learning experiences that vary the usual quality teaching programs that occur in our classrooms every day. It has been a very busy start to the school term for our debating team and recorder groups in addition to the Athletics Carnival and Make Up Gala Day all in the first 2 weeks! The willingness of our amazing teachers in providing these exceptional experiences for our children certainly enhances their enjoyment and success in learning.

Next week is Education Week. The theme for 2013 is ‘Sharing Our Stories’. We have a wonderful week of activities planned at Currans Hill as detailed on the note included with today’s Newsletter. We look forward to seeing all of you as we celebrate the successful achievements of our school.

Currans Hill is a Health Promoting School implementing the DEC Healthy Canteen Nutrition Policy. Foods are classified as Green – everyday, Orange – in moderation and Red – occasionally as ‘treats’. The canteen menu meets the requirements of this policy with Green and Orange foods available for purchase for our children. The Policy allows schools to have a limited numbers of Red food days. As part of our Year 6 fundraising efforts there will be ‘treats’ available for children and families during lunch on Tuesday 30 July, referred to on the Education Week plan as ‘Red Day’.

Congratulations to Mr Weir, who was very surprised last week at the 3-6 Assembly, when he was presented with a framed Greater Western Sydney Giants jersey as an ‘AFL Gold Award Ambassador.’ The award from the AFL acknowledged Mr Weir’s organisation of PSSA Razorback North Gala Days, Razorback Zone Teams, School Auskick programs and the Currans Hill Paul Kelly Cup team who finished as the best team in South Western Sydney.

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, I would advise you to check the lost property, where there are currently lots of unclaimed, unlabelled items.

Personalised Learning and Support Tool (PLASST) 2013 Trial

During the next few weeks our school, along with other public schools in the area, will be participating in the trial of a new tool (PLASST) being developed by the Department of Education and Communities for teachers to identify the learning and support needs of their students. This trial is focussed on the development of a sound and reliable online tool that, when finalised, can be used by teachers in collaboration with parents and carers to identify the strengths and educational needs of students with additional learning and support needs. This information will assist schools in planning and personalising learning and support for individual students who require adjustments in their day to day learning. The trial will involve teachers completing an online questionnaire about the educational needs of some of their students. Students themselves will not be required to complete any additional work or be formally assessed as part of the trial. This trial will not impact on students’ education provisions. If you have any questions or would like further information about the PLASST trial please contact the school and make an appointment to speak to Mrs Wilson or Mrs Flegg.

Mrs Flegg
Principal
PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

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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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Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 30th July (Week 3). Thank you to all of the families who have already returned their interview slips. A reminder that tomorrow is the last day to return the slips to the teachers.

School’s Tree Day

On Monday 29 July from 2.00pm – 3.00pm, all classes will be participating in planting their own class tree. This is to celebrate National Tree Day on Sunday 28th July. Trees will be supplied by Camden Council. Gloves and shovels will be supplied to each class. Mrs. Ward – Organising Teacher

Opera House Recorder

A reminder to the Opera House Recorder Ensemble to be at Campbelltown Railway Station tomorrow (Wednesday) between 7.20 and 7.30am on the Blaxland Road side. Remember to bring your recorder, music, lunch, recess and a drink in a sturdy plastic bag. Bring a raincoat if it’s raining! We will return to Campbelltown Station at approximately 2.30pm.

OPERA HOUSE RECORDER TICKET SALES

A reminder that the ticket sales for the Jacaranda Concert open Wednesday 31st July at 9am at the box office, Sydney Opera House.
Ph: 02 9250 7777 or online at: www.sydneyoperahouse.com
Tickets sell out very quickly!

Library News

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.

Premier's Reading Challenge
Less than five weeks to go! Please hand your completed reading record to Ms Formica, if you are unable to enter your own books online, by Thursday 23 August (the day after our Book Week parade).
Reminder – Kindergarten
Notes have gone home to all Kindergarten children requesting permission and payment to attend Calmsley Hill City Farm.
When: Thursday 1 August
Cost: $25 per child
Payment and permission slips must be returned to the office by Tuesday 30th July.

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.

Do you have an hour a week to spare?
Become a volunteer in your community and help a child to improve their literacy skills
• No experience necessary
• Full training provided by St John
• Training held locally
• Liverpool course: Wed 24 July, Thurs 25 July, Tues 30 July or Wed 31 July
• 9.30am – 2.30pm
• Cost $25.00
• To enquire or enrol call (02) 9745 8738

School Photos
All school photo orders were distributed to students yesterday. If you have any enquiries regarding your order please call Advanced Life Photography on (02) 9905 6688.

PSSA Gala Days
Our last Gala Day from Term 2 will be held this Friday 26 July due to a wash out.
Please ensure your child has all the protective equipment required, a hat, lunch and a drink.
Venues are as follows:
Soccer A’s – Onslow Oval, Camden
Soccer B’s – Onslow Oval, Camden
Soccer Girls – Belgenny Reserve, Camden
Hockey – Narellan Hockey Complex, Narellan
Netball – Kirkham Park, Elderslie
AFL – Kirkham Oval, Elderslie

Year 1 Vision Screening
Last week, all students in Year 1 received a note regarding free vision screening. If you would like your child to participate in the vision screening program please return the permission slip to the school office NO LATER than Friday 2 August. Please note, this is for students in YEAR 1 ONLY.

Family Information Updates
Have you changed address or telephone number? If so, please notify the school office as soon as possible so that the most up to date information is available. Children can become quite distressed if we are unable to reach you in cases of illness or injury.

Australia’s First Coloured Commemorative Coin
Australian’s first commemorative $2 coin in colour has been unveiled by the RSL and the Royal Australian Mint. For a $10 donation the $2 Poppy Coin will come with a Certificate of Donation. The coin depicts the red Flanders Poppy, which is synonymous with Remembrance Day and the sacrifices made by Australians in conflict. All funds raised go to support RSL programs helping thousands of Veterans and serving Defence personnel and their families. Available by contacting the RSL National Office on (02) 6248 7199 or visit www.rsl.org.au for further information.

Included with today’s newsletter:
• Education Week 2013 Flyer
• MS Read-a-thon Flyer