Term 3, Week 6
Tuesday 20 August, 2013

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Thank you to the high number of families who have already completed and returned their ERN Medical Forms to the school. The competition for the first classes to return ALL of their forms is yet to be decided, however many classes are very close to winning! Please return this important information as soon as you can.

Following the publishing of Parent Teacher Interview information in the Newsletter last week I had a number of conversations with families concerned that the information was not clearly explained. My intention was to demonstrate the strong partnerships between our staff and parents in working together for the success of our children. It was not intended to compare the number of interviews conducted by individual classes or teachers and I certainly acknowledge that regular, open communication on a daily basis is a strength in our school community. I apologise for any misunderstanding of this information.

CARPET CLEANING
The school carpets were cleaned by professional cleaners over the weekend. This service is provided to the school annually by the company contracted to provide our cleaning service. I would like to take this opportunity again express my thanks to our cleaners, Jenny and Veronica 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!

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
Did you know that if your child misses as few as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a whole year of education? By law, you are required to send your child to school every day. If your child’s teacher or send a signed note explaining the reason for the absence, as soon as possible. If your child arrives at school late, or needs to leave early, you must come to the office to sign your child in or out. If you’re having problems getting your child to attend school regularly and on time, please talk to your child’s teacher.

For your obligations under the school attendance guidelines, please go to: www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student_admin/attendance/sch_polproc/PD20050259.shtml

ASTHMA AWARENESS
Does your child suffer from asthma? Asthma affects about 1 in 9 school-aged children. The Asthma Foundation has great information for parents of children who suffer from asthma. For more information on how you can support a child with asthma, go to http://www.asthmafoundation.org.au/.

KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE!

Following an incident at the school last week, parents are reminded of the importance of reporting to the School Office and signing in when they are at the school outside of usual ‘drop off’ and ‘pick up’ times or special events. This enables staff to know who is ‘on-site’ and that visitors to our school have appropriate permission to access our children. Parents are NOT permitted to go directly to classrooms without signing in at the Office.

IT’S A GIRL!
It gives me great pleasure to inform the school community that Ms Ryan has delivered a healthy baby girl, Matilda Jean, on 13 August. I am sure that you all join with me in offering our congratulations to her and her family.

Mrs Flegg
Principal
PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS


Special mention to Justin Lavender – 2/3G, Ryley Hales – 5D, Chad Irvine – 5D who have reached the level of Principal’s Medallion. Congratulations!

CALENDAR TERM 3 - 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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Mrs Riley has recently completed a full day of training in Anti-Racism procedures. She will have the responsibility of Anti-Racism Complaints Officer at Currans Hill. We thank her for undertaking this important role.

Athletics Presentation

The ribbons from the Athletics Carnival will be presented at the next Primary Assembly which will be held on Friday 30 August at 12 noon.

We look forward to as many parents and carers attending this special assembly.

Swimming News

Congratulations to Zach Taiba for outstanding results in swimming. Zach has been crowned the Junior Zone Champion for swimming in 2013. His consistent performances allowed him to outstrip his competitors in achieving this wonderful result. Zach will receive his trophy on Presentation Day. Well Done!

Julie-Ann Wear Zone Swimming Coordinator

P&C Election BBQ and Cake Stall

Our P&C will be running a BBQ and Cake stall at the school on Election day Saturday 7th September. We are seeking assistance from our school community in two ways.

1. We require parents to give an hour to help on the stall during the day. If you have some time to help please fill in your name on the sign on sheet in the front office.

2. We need cakes, slices etc to sell at the cake stall. All donations can be dropped off at the uniform shop on Friday afternoon or first thing Saturday morning.

The P&C thank you for your support.

Milo Cup

Last Friday the school entered four teams into the Milo Cup Tournament. Each team played 3 games and a final. All children played extremely well considering it was the first time for many of them.

The girls team won 2 games and lost 2
Team 9 (boys) won 2 games lost 2
Team 6 (boys) won 3 and lost 1
Team 7 (boys) won 1 and lost 3

Thank you to all the parents who drove students to and from the venue and for their support on the day.

Mrs Garney
Cricket Co-ordinator
New School Website!
The new school website is live! Calendar, photos, newsletters, notes and even a mobile device version.
Check it out and save it to your favourites! http://www.curranshil-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
The new website will be updated regularly, feedback welcome.

Lost Property
We have a large number of lost property items, in particular jumpers. If your child has lost an article of clothing please check the bin located outside the office. As a reminder, please ensure that all your children's items are labelled so if they are lost they can be returned to their rightful owner.

Are you a Whizz Kid?
Are you intelligent, creative, inquisitive?

Then you may like to be part of the Whizz Kid workshops being held at the University of Technology Sydney on October 19 and 20. For more information call 1300 677 336, www.Inspirationeducation.com.au or collect a flyer from the office.

IGA COMMUNITY CHEST PROGRAM
The IGA Community Chest Program has been running for the past 7 years and raised over $42 million nationally for worthwhile causes. Currans Hill PS is now a beneficiary of this program. One way funds can be raised for our school is by customers purchasing products that carry the IGA Community Chest logo (above). A percentage of the purchase price is donated to the chest. The funds raised through the chest will be paid to Currans Hill PS annually.

Library News
Only 2 sleeps to go!!

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD READY TO START KINDERGARTEN IN 2014?
WE HAVE KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT PACKAGES NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.
IF YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOUR WHOSE CHILD WILL START SCHOOL NEXT YEAR, PLEASE LET THEM KNOW THAT THEY CAN COLLECT THEIR ENROLMENT PACKAGE NOW.
IF YOU HAVE A CHILD READY TO BEGIN KINDERGARTEN NEXT YEAR AND HAS A SIBLING ALREADY AT SCHOOL, PLEASE COMPLETE THE TEAR OFF SLIP AT THE BOTTOM OF THE NEWSLETTER AND WE WILL FORWARD A 'GHOSTED' ENROLMENT FORM TO YOU.
PROOF OF BIRTH DATE, ADDRESS AND IMMUNISATION STATUS ARE REQUIRED TO BE LODGED WITH ENROLMENT FORMS.

Included with today's newsletter:
• No inclusions this week

Kindergarten 2014
Please forward a 'ghosted' enrolment form for my child who is to begin Kindergarten at Currans Hill Public School in 2014.

Child's Name: ___________________________ D.O.B. ___________________________
Name of most recently enrolled Sibling: ___________________________
Sibling’s Class: ________________ Sibling’s D.O.B ___________________________
Signature of Parent / Carer: ___________________________

Book Week 2013
Read Across the Universe
Book Week Parade
Currans Hill Public School
Thursday, 22 August