Term 3, Week 10
Tuesday 17 September, 2013

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

I am delighted to announce that we have a K-2 winner for the first class to return all of their Medical forms. Well done to KH! There is as yet no 3-6 class winner, however a number of classes are very close. I also congratulate 1-4M for returning all of their forms! If you have not yet returned your Medical Information forms it is important that you do so as a matter of urgency.

Congratulations to all members of the school community for their success in completing our School Lock Down Drill last Tuesday. The plans we developed to ensure safety in an emergency were proven to be effective with some recommended improvements being addressed. A wonderful effort, Currans Hill. Well done!

NAPLAN

The following advice has been provided following the delay to distribution of Student Reports to parents for 2013 NAPLAN. It is anticipated that NAPLAN Reports will be provided to students in the week beginning 14 October. Currans Hill has access to the NAPLAN Summary Report and SMART data after release last Friday. Staff are currently analysing the data as part of our school evaluation and planning process and are very excited by our achievements.

‘On Thursday 5 September ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on the Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports for Language conventions. Importantly the NAPLAN student data is correct.

ACARA made the immediate decision to halt any further packaging and distribution of NAPLAN reports while options regarding the distribution of correct NAPLAN Student Reports were considered.

ACARA is working closely with the Test Administration Authorities in every state and territory to ensure correct reports are distributed.

This may result in the delay of the distribution of students reports, possibly to the week of 13 October, however ACARA will seek to minimise the delay.’

SAFETY ALERT

Parents are reminded of the importance of adequate supervision of their children to and from school. There have been some issues reported to the school concerning inappropriate behaviour from youths at the local shops which have been very concerning for both the children and their families. I would encourage you to report any incidents to the Police Assistance Line 131 444 or ring 000 in an emergency.

Visitors to the school are reminded that the student toilets are not to be used as a Public Toilet. Adults are not allowed to use the children’s toilets. There are Child Protection issues to consider and we must always be diligent in ensuring the safety of our children. Simply by coming to the office you can assist in keeping our school a safe and happy place for our children to learn.

Could I please ask parents and visitors to our school to ensure that if they choose to smoke, they are smoking well away from the school gates so that our children do not have to walk through cigarette smoke to get into or leave the school grounds. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

As this is the last Newsletter for the Term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff and families for their wonderful efforts in term 3 and wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday!
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 also reminded that they are not permitted to enter when the school is closed for the holiday.

GET YOUR CHILD’S EYES CHECKED
Along with allergies and asthma, eye disorders are the most common long-term health problems experienced by children. Good vision is important for your child’s educational, physical and social development. Optometrists Association Australia recommends that children have a full eye examination with an optometrist regularly as they progress through primary and secondary school. Examinations at the optometrist, which take about 30 minutes, are free and covered by Medicare.

Mrs Flegg
Principal

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who have reached the level of Principal’s Award: Luke Joliffe – KH, Montana Gordon – KH, Jordan Smith – KH, Caitlin Russell – 2A Well done to these students! Your awards will be presented at your next scheduled assembly.

Mrs Flegg
Principal

CALENDAR TERM  3 - 2013
19 Sept Gala Day
20 Sept 3-6 Assembly
20 Sept Last day Term 3

CALENDAR TERM  4 - 2013
7 Oct Public Holiday
8 Oct Student and staff return
10 Oct School Spec Rehearsal
11 Oct Swim Scheme starts

School Spectacular
If your child has received a note to attend School Spectacular and you would like them to see this wonderful event please return the permission note and payment before the end of the term. Any remaining seats still available at the beginning of next term will be opened up to the whole school.

PSSA Gala Days
Our last Gala Day for Term 3 will be held this THURSDAY 19 September. Please ensure your child has all the protective equipment required, a hat, lunch and plenty to drink.

Venues are as follows:
Oz - Tag – Onslow Oval, Camden
Cricket – Kirkham Oval, Elderslie
T ball/Softball – Cowpasture Reserve, Camden

Mr Weir - Sports Coordinator

Spelling Bee
On Tuesday 10 September Erin Alexander, Sophie Gottle, Liam Fear and Aaron Godwin represented Currans Hill PS at the Regional Spelling Bee Competition. Well done to all of you for making it to this level.

Mrs Down - Spelling Bee Co-ordinator

Special Treat Day!
On Friday 20 September Year 6 will be selling special treats at lunch time to raise money for the Year 6 Farewell.
Soft Drink $2  Juice Poppers $1
Ice blocks 50c  Chips 50c
Thank you
Year 6

K-2 Athletics Carnival
Thank you so much to the many teachers and parents who assisted on the day. The children showed great sportsmanship cheering for their house team. Thank you also to the House Captains for their great leadership. Students who finished 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the cross country and the age finals will receive their ribbons at this Fridays Assembly

Mrs Wilson

Softball/T-ball Gala Day Report
Well done to the softball and Junior T-Ball teams who played hard and courageously on the day. They all played fantastically and showed outstanding sportsmanship.

Thank you to all the wonderful supporters who came along to lend a hand and cheer the teams on. We look forward to seeing you there again on Thursday.

Mrs Burke

OzTag Gala Day Report
Congratulations to both the Junior and Senior OzTag teams for another amazing effort at our second Gala Day. You all showed great sportsmanship and some very impressive skills. The Seniors were undefeated at this Gala day and the Juniors won 5 of their 6 games. Fantastic work everyone! Thank you also to our wonderful
supporters who cheered us on all day. Looking forward to our last Gala day next Thursday!
Miss Clarke
OzTag Coach

**Cricket Gala Day Report**

Congratulations to both the Senior and Junior Cricket teams who played extremely well on the second of our gala days. The results are as follows;

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I look forward to competing in the last of our Gala Days on Thursday 19 September.
Mrs Garney
Cricket Coach

**Chicken Pox**

Please be aware we have received notification of two cases of Chicken pox within the school. If for any reason your child becomes unwell please contact your local Doctor.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to the following students for their impressive achievements.

- Jenny Green represented Currans Hill in the 2013 Camden High InterSchool Equestrian Carnival on her horse Nikita. She participated in Show Jumping, Hacking and Sporting Events finishing 4th overall. Well done, Jenny!
- Kane Harrington at the Novice Gymnastics Competition was overall winner of 8-10 year old boys and with results of 1st in Parallel Bars and Uneven Bars, 2nd in Floor Routine and 3rd in Vault also awarded Champion Boy over all ages. Fantastic!

**Kindergarten Enrolments 2014**

Kindergarten Orientation is fast approaching, invitations to attend will be sent out in the near future. For your child to receive their invitation you must have returned your completed enrolment forms and documentation to the office. If you have any questions please contact the office.

If you have already collected an enrolment pack or ghosted enrolment please ensure that it is completed and returned as soon as possible.

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**Bathurst Recount**

On the way to Bathurst we stopped at Jenolan caves. As we waited for our tour guide our eyes gazed on the roof. It had an unusual pattern. When the tour guide came, we started our tour. We were walking into the Lucas Temple. He led us up about one hundred stairs but when we got to the top it was worth it. The temple was amazing with its rocks and minerals surrounding us. As we walked further on, Jonathon (the guide) told us more about the rocks and minerals. Next he showed us the cathedral with a light show. The light started at the left side of the cathedral shining on the organ (made out of rocks and minerals) and made its way to the church windows, which reminded me of candles. It was breathtaking. When we walked out of the room he showed us more rocks and minerals, until we came to the home of the tooth fairies. It was in a small cave towards the roof. Then he told us to look at them. They looked like tiny spikes coming from the roof and the ground of the little cave. He also showed us a shape of a goose's neck as well as an elephant's trunk made naturally. Towards the end of the tour, Jonathon showed us a freshly dried mineral which sparkled brightly. At the very end of the tour Jonathon put on a multi coloured light show. It consisted of the colours blue, red and green which shone clearly on the walls. It was a marvellous show. Soon we walked out of the cave and saw a long blue river and our guide also told us that if we were quiet, we might see a few platypuses. Sadly we didn't see any but we did see a clear blue waterfall. We saw a sign that said 'NO STANDING ON THE WEIR'. So Mr Weir went to the sign and children took photos of him. In the distance we could see a bridge, we walked across it and met the other group. As we walked away, a smile rose upon my face. It was a feeling that would last forever.
By Lydia Oreshkin 5HR

**Swimming Scheme**

There is one place left in next term's Swim Scheme Program in Primary. Please remember FULL payment is required by the end of this week. If you have paid the deposit the balance outstanding is $40. Your prompt payment is appreciated.

No inclusions with today’s newsletter