Term 3, Week 8
Tuesday 3 September, 2013

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

What an absolute pleasure it was to attend the Festival of Instrumental Music last week at the Sydney Opera House with our magnificent Recorder Group and teachers Mrs Thomson, Mrs Budd, Mr Radford and Mrs Thompson. This is an extraordinary event and I am sure you all join with me in congratulating the teachers and students for their efforts in making this such a memorable experience for everybody involved! I felt very proud of you all!

On Monday 2 September and today, 3 September Mrs Garney and I had the pleasure of attending the Zone Athletics carnival with our school Athletics Team. The children proudly represented our school and tried very hard in every event. They showed outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship throughout the two days. A full report will be provided in the future.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLAG DAY

The school commemorated Australian National Flag Day on Tuesday 2 September with a simple ceremony coordinated by members of our School Parliament and Mrs Miller. Australian National Flag day marks the occasion in 1901 when the flag selected as the Australian National Flag was first flown. This is an event celebrated as part of our Civics and Citizenship programs.

Students in Stage 3 will participate in their overnight Camp to Bathurst this week. I wish them all the very best and am confident they will represent our school proudly and make the most of this memorable experience. The students will be accompanied on the excursion by Mrs Miller, Mrs Down, Mrs Garney and Mr Weir. 3W will work with Mrs Pearce for 2 days and a visiting teacher for 1 day. We thank the staff for taking time from their own families to support this valuable learning experience.

The school will host a visit from Mr Paul Nunnari on Friday afternoon as part of the ‘Relay for Life’ raising awareness and funds for cancer research. While we are not participating directly, any donations you wish to make will be accepted at the school. This is especially exciting when one of our school House Teams is named in recognition of Mr Nunnari’s achievements.

The Department of Education and Communities has strict policies in relation to providing a safe learning environment at every school. The policy defines schools as ‘inclosed lands’ and Departmental guidelines are enforced to ensure the welfare and safety of staff and children. The Inclosed Lands Act specifically states ‘people who usually have a legitimate reason to use the premises may have their entry restricted by the Principal or person in charge because the person has threatened or used violence towards staff or students or acted offensively, dangerously or otherwise inappropriately on the premises.’

It is my responsibility to ensure a safe working environment for my staff and students. Teachers willingly support families in addressing issues and concerns, when they are brought to their attention in a calm and considered manner, however it is important that the entire school community remain focused on ensuring that we maintain a high level of respect in resolving conflict and avoid inappropriate behaviour.

Families are reminded of the importance of signing in at the School Office at times outside of usual dropping off or picking up of children.
If you have not yet returned your Medical Information forms it is important that you do so as a matter of urgency to allow our school to meet the requirements of the DEC.

**NO HAT- PLAY IN THE SHADE**

Does your child remember to bring their hat to school every day? As the weather is becoming warmer the school will focus on implementation of this policy for the well-being and health of our children. Families are reminded that children need to have a hat to play in the playground with their friends. Children who do not have a hat are required to play in the shade.

*Mrs Flegg*

**Principal**

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS**


Special mention to Tahlia Huygens – 5/6G who has reached the level of Principal’s Medallion. Congratulations!

**Talent Quest**

Due to other events in Week 10, Term 3 the Talent Quest has now been postponed to Week 2, Term 4. Further details will be advised next term. Please note registrations have now closed.

**Teacher Professional Learning**

At Curran’s Hill PS the staff has an ongoing commitment to professional learning. The staff benefits from attending in-services, 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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**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.

**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. Any items that are remaining at the end of the term with no name will be donated to a local charity.

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.

**CALENDAR TERM 3 - 2013**

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Show your team spirit!! At the K-2 Athletics carnival.

For your convenience the Uniform Store now stocks crew neck t-shirts in red, green and royal blue. Only $7 each.

And don’t forget the Pony Bows in House Colours for $5 a pair, or FREE when you purchase four other Schoolies range hair products.

Remember every time you purchase these items you are supporting the school and helping to keep prices low for standard uniform items.

Opening Hours:
Mon & Wed 8:45-9:15
Fri 2:45-3:00

EFTPOS available $20 minimum purchase. $1 fee for credit cards

The Infants Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday 16 September at Jack Nash Oval from 9:15 – 2:30 approx. All children are expected to attend. Parents and carers are also welcome to attend. A canteen will be operating on the day for drinks, ice blocks and snacks however no hot food will be available. A note will be sent home soon with further details.

Did you know…?
8 to 12 hot chips (100 g) have around 3 teaspoons of fat and 1000 kJ. Compare this to a small baked potato (100 g) with a light spray of oil that has less than ¼ teaspoon of fat and 400 kJ. The main difference is added fat, hence the added energy or kilojoules. Here is a quick, easy and delicious way to make healthy, hot chips:

Ingredients
- 2 large potatoes cut into chips or wedges
- 1 teaspoons canola oil
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce

Method
1. Place a large tray or baking dish into the oven and preheat oven to 200°C.
2. Place all ingredients into a small plastic bag and shake.
3. Take hot tray or baking dish from oven using an oven mitt, and empty bag of potato lightly coated with oil and soy sauce onto the hot tray. Discard the plastic bag. You can cover the tray with a piece of oven paper (optional). Return to the oven to cook for about 12 minutes or until the potato is golden brown and cooked, then serve.

Included with today's newsletter:
- Student Hand-Made Products Flyer
- Swimming Scheme Note Yrs 1 – 6
- Waratah Landscape Supplies Flyer

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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. __________________ M/F (please circle)

Name of most recently enrolled Sibling: ______________________________

Sibling’s Class: ________________ Sibling’s D.O.B ________________

Signature of Parent / Carer: ______________________________