Term 4, Week 2
Tuesday 14 October, 2014

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Welcome back to school for Term 4! I hope you all enjoyed a safe and relaxing holiday break. The children have settled back into school routines and it is a pleasure to visit our happy, productive classrooms. All students are encouraged to try their best throughout Term 4 and enjoy the wonderful experiences planned. We certainly have a very ‘busy’ term ahead!

STAFFING UPDATE
Miss Eagar will continue to work with 3/4G as Mrs Gawthorne remains on Leave as she continues to recover from her injury.

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that Mrs Garney has been appointed as a permanent teacher at Currans Hill. She has been a highly valued member of our school community over a number of years in a Temporary capacity and following DEC staffing policy has accepted the offer for the commencement of 2015.

Congratulations to Mrs Selakovic who has accepted a Permanent position at Oran Park PS. She has been a highly valued temporary member of our school community for a number of years and following DEC staffing policy has accepted the offer for the commencement of 2015.

HELPERS NEEDED
Currans Hill has accepted the chance to run the canteen at the Cricket GALA DAY at Kirkham Oval this Friday 17 October. This will be a great fundraising opportunity for our school. If you are able to assist on the day please speak to Mrs Flegg.

I would like to express my thanks to Kane Harrington in 5/6T for his generous $50 donation following his recent successful entry in the Aboriginal Artwork competition. The money will be used to support the mural currently planned by our Aboriginal students.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
I would like to encourage all families to work with the school to ensure the wearing of full school uniform at all times. I have noticed a range of coloured socks, tights, shoes, jumpers and other items of clothing that are not part of our school uniform. We want our students to develop a sense of pride in our school and the quality of our learning environment by showing they belong and value being part of our school community. Any family experiencing difficulties with school uniforms are asked to make an appointment and discuss possible solutions with Mrs Flegg.

2014 YEAR BOOK
Staff are currently compiling class and special event pages for the production of our 2014 Year Book. The school will produce a professionally, colour printed Year Book similar to the 2013 version. (Copies are currently available in the Office Foyer for viewing). It is anticipated that all students will make a contribution to the content of the Year Book. Further details, including exact cost, will be provided later in the term.

HEAD LICE
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.

**CRUNCH N SIP**

Children are encouraged to bring a bottle of water to school each day to keep on their desk throughout the day. This is particularly important as the weather is becoming warmer.

The Fruit Break program is a highly successful initiative to encourage the children to improve their daily intake of fresh fruit and vegetables. You can support this initiative by making sure that your child has their Fruit Break snack every day.

**NO HAT- PLAY IN THE SHADE**

Does your child remember to bring their hat to School every day? 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 quietly in the shade.

**CHILD PROTECTION**

During Term 4 children are participating in Child Protection lessons as part of the Department of Education and Communities PDHPE Syllabus. It is not necessary for parents to provide written permission for children to participate in these invaluable mandatory lessons, however, we as a school community believe it is important for families to be informed.

The Protective Behaviours program ensures that all students are learning and practicing the skills necessary to keep themselves safe in all situations. Students will be identifying and discussing concepts about feelings, self-talk, safe and unsafe situations, personal networks, recognising personal rights and identifying warning signals.

You may find that your child has information they would like to discuss with you or questions to clarify their understanding that they would prefer to ask at home. Your child’s teacher will be pleased to discuss any questions that you may have about the Child Protection program.

**Mrs Flegg**

**Principal**

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**PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who have reached the level of Principal’s Award: Emily Lund – 2CJ, Tahlia McDonald – 2A, Cooper Eveson – KP, Paige Riley – 1/2BK, Bronte Riley - 1/2BK, Chase Maybon – 1F, Dakota Brauer – KO, Natalia Soto – KP, Mary Trampevski – 1/2BK Well done!

Special mention to Paige Riley – 1/2BK, Bronte Riley – 1/2BK who has reached the level of Principal’s Medallion. Congratulations.

Your award will be presented at your next scheduled assembly.

**Selective High School Placement**

Selective high schools are one strategy used by the Department of Education and Communities to cater for the learning needs of gifted and talented students. If you would like your child to go to a selective high school in Year 7 in 2016, you will need to apply soon.

All applications should be made online through an Internet connection. A limited number of application packages will be provided through the school for those parents who do not have Internet access. The website where you will find all the necessary information, including the list of selective high schools and the application portal is: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Parents will be able to apply online between 14 October to the 17 November. All students applying for Year 7 Selective High School entry will be required to take the Selective
High School Placement Test on the morning of Thursday 12 March 2015. The test will be held in a test centre to be advised individually to all applicants. Parents will be responsible for transporting their own children to and from the test centres. If you would like to discuss the appropriateness of making an application for your child for Selective High School placement please contact Mr Weir and arrange an appointment.

AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

Do you have a child at school or starting school next year with Autism? Currans Hill P.S are starting a parent support program. Our first meeting will start Wednesday 22nd October from 2 – 3pm in the school hall. We are hoping to have a meeting each month and have visiting guest speakers, share information about support services and strategies to support students at school. If you are unable to attend but would like further information, please contact Mrs Wilson at school.

Whole School & Yr 6 Graduation Photo

A reminder that the whole school photo and Year 6 Graduation photo will be held on Wednesday 22 October. Please ensure you arrive at school on time so you don’t miss out!

ASSEMBLIES

There has been a change to the Primary Assemblies due to the late return of our swim scheme students. Primary will hold their Assemblies in week 3, 5 & 7 commencing at the NEW time of 12:30.

Infants will continue to hold their Assemblies each Friday commencing at 2pm

Sponsorship For PRESENTATION DAY

The end of the school year is fast approaching and planning is now well underway for our Annual Presentation Ceremony. On this day we celebrate our students’ achievements during 2014.

In accord with our Student Welfare Policy and to encourage community support for promoting excellence in our school, we would like to acknowledge outstanding students through the presentation of book awards. We are therefore seeking community and business sponsorship for these awards.

If you, or someone you know may be interested in sponsoring one of our annual awards through their business, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Wilson through the school office.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

In celebration of the amazing contributions made to family life by the many Grandparents in our school community we will be hosting an Open Day and Picnic Lunch. Classrooms will be open for visits from 10-11am. The Scholastic Book Fair will also be running during this time in the library, and visitors will have an opportunity to take their children and/or grandchildren to purchase a book or just take the opportunity to read one together. There will be an opportunity to share a picnic lunch with family members from 11am-11.45am and as such families may wish to pack a picnic. Year 6 students will also be hosting Ice Cream Day during lunch time. Ice cream cones and ice cream spiders will be available for purchase.

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.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON KIDS CLUB

Presbyterian Church (opposite Campbelltown Public school)
Lithgow Street, Campbelltown.
4:00pm to 5:30pm every Sunday afternoon except for school holidays.
Fun games, story, music, craft
All K-6 children welcome!
Tom and Margo Radford  0421317249

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