Term 4, Week 4  
Tuesday 28 October, 2014

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Thank you to the families who have completed and returned the School Culture survey. Surveys are due to be returned by Friday 31 October. I encourage you all to take the opportunity to contribute to the Annual Evaluation of the school.

IT’S ACADEMIC

Congratulations to the students who have so proudly represented our school as part of our ‘It’s Academic’ teams. Currans Hill students are featured on the program this week as indicated by Mrs Burke in last week’s Newsletter. The programs are screened daily on 7TWO at 7.30am. For those of you who are unable to watch there will be a DVD of the episodes available at the end of the week. I have been very proud of the performances of our teams however cannot disclose the outcome until the end of the week.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

I am very much looking forward to sharing Grandparents Day this week and celebrating the amazing contributions made to family life by the many Grandparents in our school community. I hope you all enjoy the opportunity to visit our fabulous school and learn about what your grandchildren experience. I am confident you will see a very different ‘school day’ to what you remember from your own school days, but am sure you will be impressed. Please remember to visit the Book Fair and enjoy the portraits and competitions the children have completed to thank you for coming along.

STAFF NEWS

Mrs Crompton has taken Long Service Leave and will be replaced by Mrs Harris in 2A until her return in Week 6.

You may see a less familiar face greeting you in the school Office for the next few weeks as Mrs Martin has taken Long Service Leave and will be replaced by Mrs Kerry New.

MUSIC STARS

Due to ongoing organisational concerns the school will not be offering the Music Stars program in 2015. Families who have registered for lessons are encouraged to consider continuing by using another external service/tutor.

Please Note Term 4 sessions of Music Stars will continue as planned.

CURRANS HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL WEBSITE

The school website is continually updated and is a great place to visit online. You can visit the website at: http://www.curranshil-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Teachers are currently completing Semester 2 Reports to provide parents with written information about their child’s learning achievements and needs. Reports will be sent home with students on 5 December.

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
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! Children CAN NOT be excluded from school with Head Lice and Head Lice treatment is NOT an acceptable reason for NOT attending under the Policies of the NSW Department of Education and Communities.

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

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!
Year 6 students, there is only 3 more Primary assemblies to go before the end of the year and for you to be able to collect your Principal Awards at Currans Hill Public School. Please collect your appropriate awards and submit to the office. Assemblies will be held Weeks 5, 7 & 9.

LIBRARY NEWS
Scholastic Book Fair Starts Tomorrow!
The Scholastic Book Fair starts tomorrow and finishes on Wednesday 5th November. A wide range of books will be sold in the library during this time. The library will be open each day between 8:45-9am, at second half lunch and between 3-3:30pm. There will be additional open times on Grandparents Day. Don’t forget that all purchases made will benefit our school! Miss Johnson

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 on Wednesday 29th October. 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.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who have reached the level of Principal’s Award: Chas Thebridge (x2) – 6P, Elizabeth Thebridge (x2) – 3D, Charli Horne – 1T, Bailey Horne – 3D, Paige Gelder – KO, Max Gorgens - KR Well done!

Special mention to: Elizabeth Thebridge – 3D, Lucie Mitchell – 3R, Chas Thebridge – 6P who have reached the level of Principal’s Medallion. Congratulations.

Your award will be presented at your next scheduled assembly.

Pay attention to:

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Please refer to our school website http://www.curranshill-p.schools.nsw.edu.au, and our Facebook page for all future events.

PAYMENT REMINDERS

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Year 4 Teen Ranch Camp
Our exciting camp to Teen Ranch on Dec 10-12 is fast approaching and I am very pleased with the number of students attending. A friendly reminder to keep up to date with installments, with a payment of $50 due this Friday.
Mrs Selakovic
Camp Organiser
ICE CREAM DAY
Year 6 will be holding an Ice Cream Fundraiser.

Ice Cream Day
When: Wednesday 29th October
Sold during Lunch and Recess for $2.00 each
Where: Under the Quad

Variety of Magnum and Paddle Pop-Vanilla.

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. 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.

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.

P&C Christmas Hamper Mufti Day
P&C will be organising a Christmas hamper mufti day on Tuesday 18th November. Further details will be provided in the next newsletter.

LOST PROPERTY
We have a large number of lost property items, in particular jumpers and drink bottles. If your child has lost an article of clothing or belongings 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.

Cool Kids Crunch&Slp*!
Don’t forget the bottle of water and fruit or vegetables for Crunch&Slp* everyday!

On the move?
Are you leaving Currans Hill Public School at the end of the 2014 school year?
If so, we need to know!
Please advise the school office as soon as possible to assist with our planning for 2015.

Challenging Behaviours Workshop
The workshop is aimed at parents only with children diagnosed with ADHD, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, Conduct Disorder or challenging behaviour.
Where: Buzy Bee Kindy 102 Merlin St, The Oaks
When: Thursday 5 Feb 2015 and each Thursday until 26 March
Time: 6:30 – 8:30pm
Cost: Gold coin donation
To register
Unfortunately there is no child care available.

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