Term 4, Week 6
Tuesday 11 November, 2014

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Thank you to the families who have completed and returned School Evaluation Surveys. All families are asked to complete the surveys and return them to the office. Surveys are anonymous and give you the chance to contribute to our school evaluation and future planning.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day was observed by the school this morning with a minute silence at 11.00am. Remembrance Day marks the anniversary of the armistice which ended the First World War (1914-18) and commemorates the loss of Australian lives in all wars, conflicts and peace keeping operations.

Thank you to Mrs Thompson for coordinating this important commemoration for our school.

I am very much looking forward to hearing the delivery of speeches by students nominating as 2015 School Leaders on Wednesday. You will notice posters around the school from the nominated students. I wish you all the best in your efforts and am confident we will elect outstanding school leaders for 2015.

I would like to remind families of the importance of maintaining our expectation of children proudly wearing full school uniform as we approach the end of the year. I am particularly concerned about the high number of children who are wearing fluoro coloured shoes and socks. It is expected that children wear black shoes, with joggers permitted for sport days. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

ATTENDANCE

The Education Act (1990) requires parents to ensure that children attend school on each day that the school is open for instruction. If children are absent from school, or arrive late, parents are required to provide the school with an acceptable explanation within seven days of the absence. I remind all families of the importance of regular, on time attendance to ensure that our children do not miss vital teaching and learning experiences.

HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAY

Public High Schools in South West Sydney will hold Orientation sessions for students beginning Year 7 in 2015 on Wednesday 3 December. Families are responsible for the participation of their children in these programs and will need to ensure that suitable arrangements have been made. Mount Annan High School have confirmed that a letter will be sent home next week with all the relevant information. Families who require any additional information are encouraged to make direct contact with the appropriate high school.

2014 YEAR BOOK

Please indicate your interest in ordering a professionally printed, colour 2014 Currans Hill Public School Year Book by completing the slip at the bottom of the newsletter and returning it to the office by 14 November. The cost of the Year Book will remain at $20 which will be paid when you collect your Year Book from the school office after printing. The Year Book is nearing completion and it is anticipated that the printing will be negotiated later this week. The return of your interest in ordering by the end of this week will greatly assist in this process.

The safety and welfare of our students is of utmost importance. Section 14 of the Companion Animals Act (1998) states that ‘Dogs are prohibited in schools (whether or not they are leashed or otherwise controlled). In ensuring the safety of our children we ask that no dog be brought on to school property at any time.

Mrs Flegg
Principal
**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who have reached the level of Principal’s Award:
- Brydie Meredith – 1/2BK
- Zaklina Milutinovic – 1/2BK
- Shannen Hele – 5T, Benjamin

Special mention to: Beth Walker – 6G who has reached the level of Principal’s Medallion. Congratulations. Your award will be presented at your next scheduled assembly.

**TIME IS RUNNING OUT!**

Year 6 students, there is only 2 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 7 & 9.

**P&C Christmas Hamper Mufti Day**

Reminder P&C are running a Christmas Hamper Raffle. There will be a Mufti Day on Tuesday 18 November, the cost for wearing mufti will be a grocery item to fill Christmas Hampers. Thank you for your support.

Suggested items: Canned goods, lunch box snacks, confectionary, beverages, Christmas fare, condiments…………

**Learning and Support Update**

The Autism Parent Support group will meet on Wednesday the 19th November at 2pm, in the school hall. If you have a child with Autism and you would like to join our online forum please contact Mrs Wilson for further information. Our school speech pathologist is available each Monday, to support staff and screen students for speech, language and communication difficulties. If you have concerns regarding your child please speak to your class teacher who will make a referral to the Learning Support Team. Just a reminder that the survey regarding the Learning and Support Team is due this Friday. The opinion of parents is valued, and you are encouraged to take this opportunity to contribute to the Evaluation of school programs.

**UOW Science Fair 2014**

Last Wednesday, 15 budding scientists from CHPS attended the 2014 University of Wollongong Science Fair. From 9:30 to 12:30 the students were judged on their science projects. After a hesitant start, as students were unsure of what the judges were expecting, they were soon in the swing of it as they found they were able to answer the judges’ questions with the confidence of knowing that they had worked hard not only creating their experiments but also because their research was solid.

The group participated in the interactive presentation by ANSTO on ‘Sci-Fi – Fact or Fiction’ which was not only entertaining but also contained many of the latest scientific research currently happening. On the way back to school many of the students were plotting and planning what scientific adventures they were going to investigate for the 2015 Science Fair.

Well done to all our remarkable UOW Science Fair 2014 participants for all of your hard work to get to the Fair and on the wonderful way you conducted yourselves on the day. Mrs Burke and Mrs Narayan.

**2015 Student Leader Elections**

Student Leader elections for 2015 will be on tomorrow at 12pm. Parents are most welcome.

**Library News**

**Book Fair** - Thank you to everyone who made our Book Fair a huge success! We sold over $8200 worth of books. Scholastic gives us some money from this to buy new books and resources for our school.

**Book Bonus** - As part of the NSW Premier’s Challenge in 2013, Azaliah from 3D and Tyler W from 1/2BK took part in an additional read-a-thon called Book Bonus. They raised $57 through this fundraiser and 50% of the money raised goes towards buying a book for our school library. Congratulations to Azaliah and Tyler on this achievement! Miss Johnson
**MULTICULTURAL DAY**

Multicultural Day is a day to celebrate the nation, its people and our multicultural values. It is a celebration of multiculturalism which highlights the appreciation and acceptance of different cultures within our community. Multicultural Day will be celebrated at CHPS in week 7, Wednesday 19th November. On this day, students can wear their own cultural costume, a costume from another culture or wear colours that represent a country of their choice. Students must remember to wear appropriate closed-in footwear for safety reasons. In the lead up to Multicultural Day, students will be learning about a country in their class.

Some classes may be open at an allocated time for families to visit and explore the country that their child's class is learning about. Your child's classroom teacher will confirm details if they are having an open classroom on the day.

Mrs Narayan
5N – Open Classroom
5N is exploring India and learning about its culture, customs and traditions. Parents are welcome to visit 5N's classroom between 2-2:30pm. Mrs Narayan

5T – Open Classroom
1T classroom will be open for parents and families to visit between 2:30-3:00pm. Mrs J Thompson

**TALENT QUEST**

Registrations will be taken this week at lunchtimes in the Quad for the annual school Talent Quest. Entry will be $1 and each student may only enter one item. Heats will take place during lunchtimes next week (Week 7 and Week 8 if necessary). Admission will be $1 for those wishing to watch during lunchtimes. Due to an increase in numbers this year, we may have to cut off the number of entrants so get in quick. The date for the Final is still to be advised.

Mrs Grenfell

**WORLD VISION WEDNESDAY**

Year 6 students will be collecting money before school and at Recess each Wednesday for our World Vision Sponsor Child. If you have any spare change to contribute it is a very worthy cause. Each classroom will also collect change throughout the week which will be added to the collection each Wednesday.

Year 6 World Vision Committee

**Splash Out Pool Party**

Celebrating International Day of People with Disability

**When:** Wednesday 3 December 1pm – 6pm

**Where:** Camden Memorial Pool, Mitchell St, Camden

**Cost:** Free for people with a disability and their carers

Lots of fun activities including Aqua Zumba, Giant Lego, Jenga and Chess, sausage sizzle and more.

Bookings essential, phone 4645 5009. Limited tickets available on the day.

**Inclusions with today’s newsletter:**

- YMCA Flyer
- Fun Day Notes K - 6

**INTEREST IN ORDERING 2014 YEAR BOOK**

- Name: __________________________
- Number of Copies: ______________
- Child’s Name: ____________________
- Child’s Class: ___________________