Term 4, Week 8
Tuesday 25 November, 2014

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I would like to inform you that Mr Wray will be returning as Principal of Currans Hill Public School in 2015. I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to work with you all and am extremely grateful to Mr Wray for sharing his wonderful school community with me for this short time. It has been an amazing experience and I will certainly take with me many memorable and inspiring stories from remarkable children, colleagues and members of the community as I continue my professional journey as an educator and school leader.

Congratulations to Mrs Wilson following her recent Merit Selection appointment as Deputy Principal at Currans Hill Public School. Mrs Wilson has been fulfilling the role of Deputy Principal in a relieving capacity throughout 2014 and will continue to contribute significantly to all aspects of school leadership at Currans Hill in 2015 and into the future.

Well done to Zac Pauley in 4B for his recent efforts in the OC Placement Test. Zac has been placed on a reserve list for placement in an Opportunity Class and should be extremely proud of this wonderful academic achievement.

TREE SAFETY

Visitors to the school this week will be more than aware of the contractors completing work to remove and trim tress in the school playground. The work is being completed to address safety concerns and will be an ongoing process following the completion of works this week. Please avoid the areas of the school where the contractors are working wherever possible. I thank you in anticipation of your consideration.

PARENT CONSULTATION FORUMS

Parent Forums will be held in the Library this week. The school is currently developing our school plan to guide our directions for 2015-2017 and would value the opinions and views of the community in our consultation. I would strongly encourage all families to be actively involved and thank you in anticipation of your attendance and support in this important consultation.

The forums will ask families to discuss the following 6 questions that I include for your consideration:

1. What do you want our school to be like for your children?
2. What makes Currans Hill the best school for your child/ren?
3. What do you tell other people about our school?
4. What are the best things about Currans Hill Public School?
5. What would you change about our school?
6. How can the school improve parent partnerships in learning?

FORUM DATES and TIMES

- Wednesday 26 November 6.30pm-7.00pm
- Friday 28 November 9.15am-9.45am
- Friday 28 November 1.20pm-1.50pm

If you are unable to attend the forums I would welcome any written comments/opinions.

SCHOOL EVALUATION

The process of planning for the 2015 school year has commenced. The opinions of parents are valued and you are encouraged to take this opportunity to contribute to our Evaluation. All families are asked to complete the School Satisfaction Survey and return it to the office by Friday 28 November. Surveys are anonymous and give you the chance to contribute to our school evaluation and planning.

TERM DATES

Parents are reminded that the last day of the 2014 school year for students will be
Wednesday 17 December. Staff Development Day will be held on the last day of Term 4 2014 (Thursday 18 December).

Wednesday 28 January is the first day back in 2015 for students in Years 1 – 6 with Kindergarten beginning on Monday 2 February, following the completion of the Best Start Assessments.

To assist the school in planning please notify the office as soon as possible if you will not be returning to Currans Hill in 2015.

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. Families who require any additional information are encouraged to make direct contact with the appropriate high school.

2014 YEAR BOOK
The Year Book is currently ‘at the printer’. It is anticipated that families who expressed interest will be able to purchase their copy from the Office before the end of the term. I will inform you when the books are available from the Office. The cost of the Year Book is $20 for families who completed an Expression of Interest. A small number of additional copies may be available for purchase.

CYBER-SAFETY
All families are strongly encouraged to monitor your child / children’s online activity and insist on knowing who they are communicating with at all times by talking to them about the appropriateness of social media applications they are using. Teaching the children about cyber-safety and the importance of keeping their passwords secure will ensure social media is used appropriately and keep our children safe from harm.

More tips at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click

Mrs Flegg
Principal

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3/12 Year 6 Orientation Day at H.S Yr 6
4/12 Bunnings Xmas Performance Yr 6
9/12 Year 6 Farewell Yr 6
10/12 K-2 Christmas Assembly K - 2
10/12 Year 4 Teen Ranch Camp Yr 4
11/12 Stage 1 End of Year Fun Day Yr 1,2
15/12 Kindergarten End of Year Fun Day K
17/12 Stage 2 & Stage 3 End of Year Fun Day Yr 3, 4,5,6
17/12 Students Last Day

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

PAYMENT REMINDERS
5/12 Teen Ranch Yr 4
5/12 Stage 1 End of Year Fun Day Yr 1, 2
10/12 Stage 2 End of Year Fun Day Yr 3 & 4
10/12 Early Stage 1 End of Year Fun Day Kindy
10/12 Stage 3 End of Year Fun Day Yr 5, 6

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Congratuations to the following students who have reached the level of Principal’s Award: Olivia McClelland – KH, Cate McCarthy – KR, Kynan Herbert – 1/2BK, Kahrurangi West – 3R, Tyler Goddard – 1/2BK, and Rebekah Lord – 6RW. Well done!

Special mention to: Rebekah Lord – 6RW who has reached the level of Principal's Medallion. Congratulations. Your award will be presented at your next scheduled assembly.

Year 6 Fun Day
Preparations are well under way for our Year 6 Fun Fair which is on Thursday this week. All children are allowed to wear Mutti clothes but please remember to wear appropriate closed – in footwear for safety reasons.

Some of the planned activities include Soccer Shooting, Footy Passing, Guess the Teachers Baby Photo, Pluck a Duck and Karaoke. You can get your face painted or have coloured hairspray, hair chalk, hair beading or hair extensions. There will also be small toys, balloons, ice creams, ice cream spiders, lollies, drinks and snacks for sale. Prices start from 50 cents, with some food and toys up to $3.

Make sure you save some money to bring along on the day! It will be great fun!
TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

Year 6 students, there is only 1 more Primary assembly 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. The final assembly will be held in Week 9.

P&C Christmas Hamper Raffle

Thank you all for the amazing response to our Christmas Hamper Mufti Day. We have enough goodies for many great prizes. Major prizes will be washing baskets packed full of goodies. Tickets have been sent home today, please return them by 9th of December. More tickets available from the office if you would like to sell more.

Campbelltown Performing Arts High School

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Auditions for Year 7, 2016 will be held on 16th, 17th and 18th March 2015 in the areas of dance, drama, music (vocal and instrumental) and circus art. Application forms are available on the CPAHS website www.cpahs.nsw.edu.au or from their front office. Parents and prospective students are also welcome to attend an information evening on 18th February 2015 at 6pm that will provide an opportunity to meet key personnel, develop an understanding of the school’s programs and subjects, tour the school’s state-of-the-art facilities, and gain information about the enrolment and audition process. Audition applications close 27th February 2015. For more information please call the Performing Arts Faculty on 4625 1403.

K-2 Christmas Assembly

The K-2 Christmas Assembly will be held on Wednesday 10th December commencing at 2pm in the school hall. Children are invited to wear a Christmas t’shirt, accessory eg. Santa hat, reindeer antlers, ribbons etc. Parents are welcome to join us for this festive celebration.

Scripture Service For Christmas

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Currians Hills Got Talent-Final

Talent Quest Final will be held on Monday 1st December at 12.00pm. All students will be in attendance and parents are most welcome to come along and watch.

Are you going on a long holiday over the Christmas School Holidays?

Are you going on an extended holiday over the Christmas School break and NOT returning to school on Day 1 2015 (Wednesday 28 January 2015)? We need to know as it is important that we submit the number of students at CHPS for 2015 very early in Term 1 and need to know all of those that will be returning but are not be here on the 1st day back. If this is the case please advise the office.

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Cobbitty Village Markets

Cobbitty Village Markets is a vibrant well-known country-style craft market that has been run by local community volunteers since May 1982. It provides quality unique crafts and produce, drawing large crowds of visitors from local and wider Sydney/NSW areas. As a non-profit organization, the market also functions as an important local fundraiser, typically raising $40,000 each year that is distributed to local community groups, charities, and the disadvantaged.

The markets are held on Cobbitty Public School grounds on the first Saturday of each month except for January and February, and are open to the public from 8am – 1pm. There are a large variety of stalls providing predominantly homemade art and craft, delicious foods and beverages to take home or eat at the market; some of which are provided by local groups including Lion’s Club, School P&C’s, and Scouts, for their own fund-raising. There is also entertainment, including local bands and groups. There is parking for 1,000 cars behind the school/along Cobbitty Road. We warmly welcome all visitors to our market, and encourage anyone interested in joining our volunteer market committee to contact us.

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School Holiday Markets

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Open Day this Sunday 30th November

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10am – 3pm
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Walk through the station, have a look inside a police car, and visit the criminal cells.

The Department of Education and Communities and Currans Hill Public School in no way endorse any of the products or services mentioned in the following advertisements. Their distribution with our Newsletter is a community service.

Inclusions with today’s newsletter:

- P&C Hamper Raffle Tickets
- Play Music Flyer
- Songbirds Vocal Tuition Flyer