Term 4, Week 9
Tuesday 2 December, 2014

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

The Presentation Day was a wonderful celebration of achievement today and I extend my congratulations to all award winners. It was great to see so many parents and friends there to show their support for their children and our wonderful school. Presentation Day is a formal end of the year acknowledgement of our achievements. 2014 has been another very successful year for Currans Hill with many individual achievements and some great successes for our school as a whole. I thank all of our teaching and office staff, for their continued efforts and the outstanding work they do for the children in our school. Thank you also to the many parents who contribute by supporting the classroom teachers throughout the year and of course thank you to the children who make our school such a vibrant and exciting learning environment.

Congratulations to Grace Burchell, Isabella Hunt, Patricia Leung and Emily Sharwood for their excellent performance last week at the “Carry On Concert’ at Mount Annan High School. A group of girls from years 5 and 6 have been participating in a middle school music program called FROCK on Monday afternoons and 4 of our students were invited to perform with the high school. It was a wonderful community event and raised funds for Beyond Blue. You were amazing girls! I would also like to express my best wishes to our Year 6 students and wish them continued success in the future. I am very much looking forward to attending the Year 6 Farewell function next week and celebrating the completion of primary school for this fabulous group of students. I am sure you join with me in wishing them continued success as they move into High School.

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.

It is anticipated enrolments will remain consistent for the start of the 2015 school year, with 562 children expected to be enrolled at Currans Hill Public School. Staff will complete placement of children into 23 classes. The school will continue to provide additional placements for students in our Multi-Categorical class (MC), Autism class (AU) and class for students with a Mild Intellectual Disability (IM).

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.

LOST PROPERTY
Items will be cleared out of the Lost Property before the end of the school year. Items that are clearly marked with children’s names will be returned to them. I encourage you to take the time to collect any items that may belong to your child. The lost property is located in the Office.
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.

CLEANING DAY
We are very lucky to have 2 wonderful cleaners doing a great job at Currans Hill. To show Jenny and Veronica how much we appreciate their hard work, all children are invited to participate in Cleaning Day on Monday 15 December. The children will clean their chairs/tote trays, etc in preparation for the 2015 school year and are asked to bring a cloth or scrubbing brush to help with this job. Additional information will be provided closer to the date. Our General Assistant, Robert Herrmann, will assist with the gurney where needed. All cleaning will be completed on grass areas to minimise water waste.

Mrs Flegg - Principal

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PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have reached the level of Principal’s Award Lydia Oreshkin – 5/6T, Jake Hadley – 5/6T, Mele Strahan – 6RW, Ryan Oreshkin – 3/4G, George Hondrolidis – 6P Well done!

Special mention to: Jake Hadley – 5/6T, Mele Strahan – 6RW, Ryan Oreshkin – 3/4G who have reached the level of Principal’s Medallion. Congratulations. Your award will be presented at your next scheduled assembly.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to everyone who performed in yesterday’s Talent Quest Final. What an incredibly talented group of students we have at CHPS! You certainly made it extremely difficult for our Judges. Special congratulations go to our place winners:
1st place- Shannen-Year 5
2nd place-Elyce- Year 2
3rd place- Cruz, Jesse, Jack, Eli- Year 4
Highly Commended/Encouragement Award - Lilyana- Kindergarten

Fantastic work everyone!

THANK YOU!

Year 6 Fun Fair and Fundraising Committee would like to thank everyone for their fantastic support of our Fun Fair on Thursday. A great day was had by all and it was a great success.

P&C Christmas Hamper Raffle

Thanks to the ongoing support of Mr & Mrs Burland of Chain Towing, our Christmas Hamper Raffle has been given a bit of extra WOW!!

• 1st Prize will now include: A Hyper 50cm Dragon BMX Bike donated by Chain Towing & A Christmas Hamper
• 2nd Prize: Tridon remote control racing buggy* & A Christmas Hamper
• 3rd Prize: Tridon remote control helicopter* & A Christmas Hamper
• 4th Prize: Team Vodaphone radio control drift car* & A Christmas Hamper
*Kindly donated by Autopro Campbelltown.

PLUS over a dozen more hampers containing many tasty treats!!!

Please have your tickets in by 9th of December, raffle will be drawn on the 10th of December prior to the K-2 Christmas Assembly, and the winners will be announced at the assembly. If you would like to sell more tickets, for more chances to win, extra tickets are available at the office.

WORLD VISION WEDNESDAY

Please meet our sponsor child, Nickson Minguedom.

Nickson is 4 years old and was born on 10th June 2010. He lives in Pende Project in Chad, Central Africa. This region is among the poorest in Chad, one of the poorest countries in the world. Safe drinking water is scarce, made worse by frequent flooding in the area. Preventable diseases such as diarrhoea and
cholera are common. Farmers cannot grow enough food for their families and many children are malnourished. HIV and AIDS related illnesses are common in the community. Health centres are inadequate and poorly equipped. There is a severe shortage of schools and qualified teachers. Many children cannot afford their education and leave school before it is completed. Your donations will help Nickson and his community access safe water, medical care and education.

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 6 Parliament

Bunnings Narellan Family Night

Don’t forget about the Bunnings Family Fun Night this Thursday 4 Dec 6pm till 8pm. Our Senior Choir will be performing along with lots of other activities including
- Carnival rides
- Free kids Christmas craft
- Sausage sizzle
- Meet Scooby-Doo and Frozen Princess

School Banking

As part of the Maths program next year, we will be teaching a unit called ‘Money Matters’ across all classes. In conjunction with this, we are hoping to initiate a student banking system with the Commonwealth Bank. In order for this initiative to go ahead, parents are needed to give up some of their time on a weekly or fortnightly basis to receipt student deposits, enter the deposits online and bank the money at the Commonwealth Bank or Australia Post. This process is expected to take approximately 1 ½ hours each week. If we are able to get enough parents interested in helping, a roster could be created so parents are not committed every week. However, if we are unable to get enough parent volunteers to assist with this initiative, student banking will not be able to go ahead in 2015. Please complete the expression of interest below if you are able to assist with student banking on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis.

Mrs Heath

TOYS 'N' TUCKER HAMPER COLLECTION

Christmas is a special time – a time filled with joy and thanksgiving. Toys 'n' Tucker is an initiative of Anglicare Sydney, which aims to share the joy of Christmas by providing food and gifts for those who would otherwise go without. At Curran's Hill Public School we believe that Christmas is also a time to remember those who are less fortunate and we will be collecting grocery hamper items and new toys for those in our community who need them most.

All donations go straight to the Anglicare Warehouse where they will be sorted and packed, ready to be distributed. The sorting and packing process is to be carried out by teams of dedicated volunteers from churches, schools and businesses. The food hampers and gift parcels will then be distributed through Anglicare’s Emergency Relief and Family Support programs which assist thousands in our community who would otherwise go without.

We will be collecting items in the Front Office (there will be a box to place items in) until the 12th December, when representatives from Anglicare will come to pick them up. If you are able to add an additional item to your next grocery shop which could be donated to a family in need this Christmas it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Merry Christmas

http://toysntucker.org.au/

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.

Teen Ranch Camp

The Year 4 camp is next week from Wednesday to Friday. Those attending please have all payments finalised by the end of this week as final numbers need to be submitted. A note is going home today with reminders of what to pack. Please read and return the required slip as soon as possible.

Mrs Selakovic - Camp organiser

Inclusions with today’s newsletter:
- Teen Ranch What to Bring Note
- 2015 Primary Swimming Carnival

Student Banking Expression of Interest

I am prepared to volunteer on a weekly / fortnightly / monthly (please circle) basis to assist with the processing of student banking in 2015.

Parent's Name ___________________________ Contact Telephone ___________________________