Term 1, Week 6
Tuesday 4 March, 2014

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

A new demountable building is in the process of being installed in the school playground. Currently our Autism and IM classes are working together in a ‘shared learning space’ until the demountable installation is finalised. It is anticipated Mrs Thompson and the IM class will move into this classroom early next week.

Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning and our school in particular. Children copy many of their parents’ views so your positive attitude to school and learning is vital to success. Positive parent participation in school and learning is a proven criterion for student success. One practical way to assist your child as a learner is to become actively involved in his or her school-life.

Here are some more ideas to help you participate in your child’s education in positive ways:

• Make sure your kids start each day well. That means they should get a good night’s sleep, have a healthy breakfast and arrive at school on time with all their learning requirements as well as a healthy lunch.

• Attend school activities such as open days, concerts, parent evenings, sports events and celebrations. Read the school newsletter and other forms of communication so you can stay in the loop with what’s happening at your child’s school.

• Consult with your child’s teacher about homework expectations and practical ways that you can assist both at home and at school.

• Support a broad, balanced curriculum that offers children a variety of educational experiences rather than a program that focuses narrowly on the traditional 3 R’s.

• School discipline is always more effective when it’s supported by parents so be supportive of their attempts to promote good behaviour in your child.

• Direct any problems or constructive criticism through the correct channels such as your child’s teacher, the Stage Leader or the Principal

• Become an advocate for your child’s school and promote its positive features throughout the wider community. Encourage your child to take pride in their school through your example.

For more ideas, support and advice for all your parenting challenges visit: www.parentingideas.com.au

IT’S ACADEMIC

Congratulations to the 17 Year 6 students who represented the school at ‘Its Academic’ last week. ‘Its Academic’ is a quiz show for Year 6 students that challenge their knowledge of a variety of subjects including: Maths; HSIE; Spelling; Science; as well as pop culture.

The school is unable to promote the results achieved by the students until after the Broadcast dates late in October. Confidentiality is critical to the success of the program and secrecy with respect to the contents of the program, including the results is to be maintained.

WORLD READ ALOUD DAY

Currans Hill Public School has registered to participate in ‘World Read Aloud Day’ on Wednesday 5 March. The day is designed to raise awareness about the importance of developing a love of literature and sharing this pleasurable activity with family and friends. Teachers will certainly
take the opportunity to enjoy their favourite literature with their classes.

SCHOOLS’ CLEAN UP DAY
Schools’ Clean Up Day was postponed on Friday due to the weather. Children completed this activity successfully on Monday.

CURRANS HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL WEBSITE
The school website is continually updated and is a great place to visit online. We are currently trying to rectify a technical difficulty and upload photos from numerous school activities and events. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this difficulty and will inform you when the problem has been resolved. There are a variety of links you may find useful including the canteen menu, information on cyber bullying, newsletters and notes home. You can visit the website at: http://www.curranshil-pschools.nsw.edu.au/

The Razorback Zone Swimming Carnival at Picton Pool last Thursday and Friday was very successful with all competitors proudly representing our school. We would like to thank our staff and parents for their efforts to provide this opportunity for the children.

NO HAT- PLAY IN THE SHADE
Does your child remember to bring their hat to School everyday? 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.

CRUNCH N SIP
The Crunch N Sip program is a highly successful initiative to encourage the children to improve their daily intake of fresh fruit and vegetables and to drink plenty of water. You can support this initiative by making sure that your child has their “Fruit Break” snack every day and an extra bottle of water to have available in the classroom.

Mrs Flegg
Principal

It’s Academic Behind The Scenes
At 6:30am last Wednesday, 17 very excited Year 6 students set off to take part in the popular game show for kids “Its Academic”!

The bus trip was long and tiring but when we got to Foxtel Studios it was ALL worth it. As we entered the building, Foxtel security told us what would be happening during the day and what rules we had to follow. We sat in the foyer which was amazing. It had a glass wall on one side so we could see into the studio where they were filming Fox News.

Then we were off to the Green Room where we would spend the day watching each team go through their heats on a television screen that had a direct link to the studio where Its Academic was being filmed. Team 1 was first up to go into the recording room. We watched each team’s session, still practicing our answers, as if it was our turn, and cheering for them at the same time. It was soon our turn to go into the studio, but first we had to go through make-up where our hair was sprayed with hairspray and our faces dusted with powder. We had to wear head phones with a microphone so the recording crew could hear us. It was very exciting and so much fun! We got a chance to meet Simon and his crew!

“I liked the Greenroom the best, it was like a fancy hotel room” ~ Eli
“I think the recording studio was the best, because of the experience” ~ Liam
“I liked meeting Simon because he has an awesome personality” ~ Ally

The results of the show cannot be published, as this would take away the excitement of watching the television show later in the year. At present ‘Its Academic’ is programmed to be ‘aired’ on 7TWO in October 2014 at 7:30am. We can’t wait to watch it when it comes on and relive this exciting day all over again!

By Liam Harris and Alyssia Thompson
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PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS


Special mention to Lachlan Turnbull – 3/4G who has reached the level of Principal’s Medallion. Congratulations.

Zone Swimming Carnival

Mr Weir, Mrs Gawthorne and I had the great pleasure of accompanying our school team to the Zone Swimming Carnival held at Picton Pool last week. Although the weather was not great our students proudly represented our school, supported by a large group of parents. Thank you to all who attended. I will publish our official results as soon as I receive them from the convenors.

Ms Ryan - Sport Co-ordinator

P&C Meeting AGM

Our next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting where all executive positions will be open for re-election. It will be held on Wednesday, 12th March at 7:00pm in the staffroom.

Congratulations

Well done to Nicholas H in 5/6T on successfully gaining a place in the Razorback Zone Soccer Team. Good luck in all your games Nicholas.

McGrath Place

A reminder to parents who utilise the back gate to collect their children in the afternoon to ensure you park legally in McGrath place. We have had several complaints from residents in this area particularly in the afternoon as access to their homes has been restricted. This is due to the number of cars in McGrath place in some instances people are parking across resident’s driveways. Please be mindful when using this access point to the school grounds. I thank you all for your anticipated cooperation!

Drop Off Zone Safety

Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle

Penalty = $147 + 2 Demerit Points

This zone is operational from 8:00am – 9:30am and 2:30pm – 4:00pm each school day directly outside the school gates. Please adhere to these parking restrictions to ensure a smooth flow of traffic at peak times.

Thank you

Inclusions with today’s newsletter

- All sports flyer
- I Can Read flyer