Term 1, Week 7
Tuesday 11 March, 2014

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Term 1 is certainly passing quickly with amazing opportunities being provided for our students. Quality teaching and learning happens in our school every day and it is a pleasure to visit our classrooms and see such enthusiasm from our students and teachers.

Staff at Currans Hill Public School ensure all students are given the best possible opportunities to be successful learners. This is significantly enhanced when families develop and maintain positive partnerships with the school and support their child’s learning at home. Maintaining positive partnerships with parents is a high priority for our school. Your involvement and support is highly valued and shows the children that we are partners who work together to ensure they achieve their best.

I would like all families to work with the school to improve the independence of our children and avoid following class groups to their classrooms at the start of the school day. It is not necessary for you to accompany your child/ren once they are in the care of their teacher. We would appreciate your assistance in reducing the ‘congestion’ as we move into our classes at the start of the school day.

All visitors to the school are required to report to the School Office. Parents are asked NOT to go directly to classrooms and interrupt teaching and learning programs. By simply coming to the office you can assist in keeping our school a safe and happy place for our children to learn.

**DEVELOPING RESILIENCE**

You often hear complaints of "That's not fair!" from our kids when things don't go their way. Teachers talk about how you can help your child develop the skills to bounce back from everyday disappointments.


**EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILL**

A very successful Emergency Evacuation Drill was completed at the school last Wednesday. The plans we developed to ensure safe evacuation in an emergency were proven to be very effective with everybody safely assembled in the Emergency Evacuation Assembly Area within 6 minutes. There is a sign indicating this area near the double gates on Tramway Drive. Well done!

It is important for the school to ensure that our safety procedures are well known by the community and practiced by our children. The school is required to have an ‘Off Site’ Evacuation Plan. Families are reminded that in the case of a situation where the school is directed to evacuate, we will assemble at the Jack Nash Reserve.

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

An alarming number of families are arriving late to Currans Hill Public School on a regular basis. The DEC is very understanding of the occasional late day due to unforeseen circumstances, however, if your child is regularly late I would ask you to look closely at your morning routine. The school is open, with supervision, from
8.30am until the bell rings at 9.00am. Aiming to arrive at school before bell time allows for any unexpected delays. Punctuality is a quality that future employers value highly. It is very beneficial to start these good habits early and help your child understand its importance. I would appreciate your cooperation in helping to address this issue.

It is disappointing to report that the school bins are again being used to ‘dump rubbish’. The school pays for this service and additional rubbish being placed in the bins by the community is proving difficult to manage. Please do not use these bins for your personal disposal of rubbish and report any unauthorised use you become aware of directly to Mrs Flegg.

ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CORRECT?
All families are asked to make sure that they have provided the school with current contact details. It is extremely important that any change of address, telephone contact number or emergency contact information is given to the school immediately. It is very distressing for your children and school staff when we are unable to contact families in an emergency.

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.

Could I please remind parents and visitors to our school to ensure that if you choose to smoke, you are smoking well away from the school gates so that our children do not have to walk through cigarette smoke to get into or leave the school grounds. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs Flegg
Principal

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PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have reached the level of Principal's Award: Blake Hanley – 1/2BK, Joshua Bigeni – 2CJ, Patrick Bigeni – 1F, Tobias Gorman – 2A, Hannah Clarke – 1/2BK, Tyler Goddard – 1/2BK. Well done to these students! Your award will be presented at your next scheduled assembly.

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 tomorrow, Wednesday, 12th March at 7:00pm in the staffroom.

EASTER EGG DONATION MUFTI DAY

Donations should be taken to classrooms.
Please ensure children wear modest, sensible clothing and covered footwear.

HEAD LICE

We have had several reports of head lice. Please be vigilant and check your child regularly. If your child becomes infected please treat promptly to inhibit the spread of lice.
Is your child going to High School in 2015?

An information guide and expression of interest form for parents and carers have been sent home with all children in Year 6 on Monday 10th March. If you have moved address recently, please advise the office as soon as possible.

Forms must be returned to the office by Friday 21st March.

FREE fun program to help kids become fitter, healthier and happier!

Do you have children 7 to 13 years old? Are you worried about their weight?

To find out more contact 1800 780 900 or Leah Choi Tel: (02) 97802811 or visit http://www.sswahs.nsw.gov.au/populationhealth/Go4Fun.html where you can also register.

IGA COMMUNITY CHEST PROGRAM

The IGA Community Chest Program has been running for the past 7 years and raised over $42 million nationally for worthwhile causes. Currans Hill PS is now a beneficiary of this program. One way funds can be raised for our school is by customers purchasing products that carry the IGA Community Chest logo (above). A percentage of the purchase price is donated to the chest. The funds raised through the chest will be paid to Currans Hill PS annually.

School Contribution and Book Packs

As for previous years, we have made the contribution on a sliding scale depending on the number of children you have at school. One child - $40, two children - $70 and three or more children - $100. These contributions cover the students’ books and many items required for your child during the year. The teachers will inform everyone what stationery is required in terms of pencils, pens, scissors, textas and rulers etc….. Hopefully your child still has these and many can be used from last year. Kindergarten children will have their stationery needs supplied.

Please complete the tear off slip at the end of the newsletter and return to the office with payment as soon as possible please.

Inclusions with today’s newsletter
• Dance Fitness Flyer

School Contribution and Book Packs 2014

1st Child’s Full Name:____________________________________________________

2nd Child’s Full Name: ______________________________________________________

3rd, 4th, 5th Children’s Names: _______________________________________________

Please find enclosed $ __________ ($40/$70/$100) being payment for school contributions/book packs for the above family.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian                     Date