Term 1, Week 8
Tuesday 18 March, 2014

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Attendance at the P & C Annual General Meeting last week was pleasing with many families coming along to show their support for our school. Thank you to the members of the 2013 P&C committee who stepped down at the meeting after offering invaluable support to our school. Your efforts have been amazing and greatly appreciated! All positions on the P&C committee for 2014 were filled.

President: Mr Ian Marsh
Vice - President: Mr Daryl Kiss
Secretary: Ms Jay Lund
Treasurer: Ms Sarah Ditton
Fund Raising Co-Ordinator: Mrs Joanne Thompson

I congratulate you all and am looking forward to working with you for the children at our school.

The school currently has a surplus of classroom furniture that it is proving difficult to store. After consideration, it has been decided that we will hold a ‘furniture sale’ to dispose of furniture no longer needed. A selection of school tables and chairs will be available for purchase at reasonable prices on Thursday 27 March from 2.30pm. Sales are for personal use only to families from the school.

I am concerned for the safety of our students as a result of parents continuing to disregard Road Rules and Parking Signs when dropping off and picking up their children from the school. You are all reminded of the importance of acting responsibly to ensure that you are not violating these rules. Parking Rangers from Camden Council have been monitoring these areas to support the safety of our children.

Parents are asked to consider the importance of showing courtesy and avoid parking in driveways causing inconvenience to people who live near the school. I also ask you to consider our ‘school neighbours’ and avoid meeting and waiting in areas on private property. This is particularly problematic if/when people are speaking loudly or smoking in these areas. Thank you for your anticipated assistance.

HARMONY DAY FRIDAY 21 MARCH

Harmony Day celebrates the cohesive and inclusive nature of Australia and promotes the benefits of cultural diversity. This day is about bringing people together to promote Australian values and to celebrate the Australian way of life. It’s a day to understand and commit to the benefit of living in a country that embraces common values of respect, fairness, participation, acceptance and a ‘fair go for all’. The school will celebrate Harmony Day with classroom activities and during the 3-6 and K-2 Assemblies on Friday. Children are allowed to wear something orange with their school uniform (such as socks, shoelaces or ribbons, etc) to acknowledge their participation and support of Harmony Day.

NATIONAL DAY AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE – FRIDAY 21 MARCH

Our school actively prevents bullying by having programs to encourage appropriate behaviour and build self-esteem and respect for others. We also have plans in place to deal with bullying or harassment and staff are trained to deal with these situations. If you think your child is being bullied, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher, the principal or the school office.

At the end of each assembly this Friday
there will be a short presentation from GMK Karate promoting the Anti-Bullying message.

**SCHOOL LEADERS VISIT TO PARLIAMENT HOUSE**

I am very much looking forward to accompanying our 8 elected school leaders to Parliament House in Sydney at the invitation of Mr Chris Patterson, MP, Member for Camden. The students will have the opportunity to tour Parliament House, participating in a range of planned activities and speaking with community leaders to extend their leadership skills and understandings.

**NAPLAN**

Students in Year 3 and 5 will complete the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) tests in Week 3, Term 2. This test will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students in all Australian schools. The test will be conducted over three days and students are encouraged to avoid absences or late arrivals on these days. Students have been provided with opportunities during class time to practice various questions so that they gain an understanding of what will be expected of them in the test. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to Mrs Wilson.

**MUSIC STARS**

Music Stars has approached the school to provide after school Keyboard and Guitar Tuition for children at Currans Hill. You will receive an Expression of Interest and additional information in the next few weeks. Please note that this is not a school activity and families will deal directly with Music Stars should they continue with their proposal to provide this service.

_Mrs Flegg_
Principal

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**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who have reached the level of Principal's Award: Bethany Ellis – 5T, Danielle Hart – K-5M, Mili Dakshin – 6G, Jasmine Ayoub-Everingham – 5/6T, Riley Fleming – 5T, Brandon Repinec – 5T, Jonah Baker – 6G. Angus Magin – 1/2BK. Well done to these students! Your award will be presented at your next scheduled assembly.

Special mention to Brandon Repinec – 5T and Stefan Milutinovic – 5T who have reached the level of Principal's Medallion. Congratulations.

**EASTER EGG DONATION MUFTI DAY WEDNESDAY 19th MARCH**

_Donations should be taken to classrooms._

Please ensure children wear modest, sensible clothing and covered footwear.

**HEAD LICE**

Parents of all students are asked to regularly check their child's head and ensure that the treatment described as the “Comb and condition method” be used regularly. ALL families need to be active in helping the school and our children to overcome this problem! NSW Health advises that head lice resistance has increased. If head lice are not present, NSW Health advise not to treat a person’s hair as this may contribute to the problem of resistance.

NSW Health recommends the “comb and conditioner method” for treatment of head lice where hair is combed with hair conditioner. This method may be more acceptable than some advocated in the past and does not require the purchase of chemical treatment products. NSW Health also suggests that it is not necessary to purchase expensive hair conditioner and that cheap white hair conditioner is sufficient when using the “comb and conditioner method”. Information about the “comb and conditioner method” is available on the NSW Health website at http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/headlice/treatment/index.htm#comb
High School Forms

Expression of interest forms and an information guide were sent home last week. A reminder to parents the forms MUST be returned to the office by this Friday.

Lazy Town

The ABC4kids TV show ‘Lazy Town’ is coming to CHPS to do an in school performance in Term 2.

When: Friday 23rd May
Cost: $6
Grade: K – 2 only
A note with further details and permission form will be sent home early next term.

Have you paid for your child’s book pack?

What does this pay for? This fee contributes towards the books your child uses in class along with many other items provided during the year.

It’s not too late to still pay for your child’s book pack. If you have not yet paid for your child’s book pack for the year please make payment to the office as soon as possible using the tear off slip below.

The cost this year is for one child - $40, two children - $70 and three or more children - $100. If you are unsure if you have paid or not please contact the office and we can check your account.

EASTER HAT PARADE

WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL

All children from K - 6 are invited to participate in the Easter Hat Parade by creating their own hat, head band or mask in a simple Easter Theme.

Random prizes will be awarded throughout. This is not a competition for the best hat, but rather, an activity based on participation.

IGA COMMUNITY CHEST PROGRAM

Currans Hill PS is a beneficiary of the IGA Community Chest Program. This means that when customers purchase products with the logo shown here at Currans Hill IGA a percentage of the purchase price is donated to the chest. The funds will be collected and paid to our school annually. Please help support this program.

Visitor Badges

The school office’s supply of visitor badges is seriously depleted at present due to badges not being returned. If you have a CHPS badge at home please drop it in to the office ASAP.

Thank you.

The Department of Education and Communities and Currans Hill Public School in no way endorses 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

- Commotion Flyer
- Young Academics Early Learning Centre 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