Term 1, Week 9
Tuesday 25 March, 2014

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

I would like to welcome Mrs Helen Kelly to our school community. Mrs Kelly has replaced Mrs A. Thompson as 5T class teacher.

Parents are reminded of the importance of returning permission notes and payments to the school by the final day for payment. For the safety of our children and to enable successful planning final payment dates MUST be enforced. The school will not accept late payments and all families need to meet these deadlines to avoid disappointment for our children. I encourage any families experiencing difficulty in this area to approach me before the date for final payment and attempt to negotiate a solution to your issues. I thank you all for your anticipated cooperation!

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.

Congratulations to Adam McCarthy in 5/6T for his success in the Razorback Zone Swimming Carnival. As a result of his outstanding achievement, Adam has been selected to represent Sydney South West Schools in the State Swimming Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre in April. What a wonderful experience! Good Luck, Adam!

I would like to remind families that expensive toys are best kept at home. Children need to accept responsibility for their own belongings and be encouraged to make suitable choices to avoid loss or damage to valued toys at school! Electronic Games are not permitted at school.

SCHOOL LEADERS VISIT TO PARLIAMENT HOUSE

It was an absolute pleasure to accompany our school leaders on their visit to Parliament House last Friday. They were outstanding representatives of our school and I congratulate them for their enthusiasm and participation in the day’s activities. A very memorable and exciting day!

TERM DATES

The last day of Term 1 will be Friday 11 April. Staff return to school on Monday 28 April for Staff Development Day. Staff Development Days at the start of the term allow teachers to undergo further professional learning.

Tuesday 29 April is the first day back in Term 2 for students K-6.

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.

Thank you to everyone for their generous support of the P&C Easter Egg Mufti Day. Donations will be used to make baskets as Prizes for the Easter Raffle.

*Mrs Flegg*

**Principal**

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**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who have reached the level of Principal’s Award: Ryan Twist – 6P, Amelia Visser – 1F, Ethan Nicholls – 2A. Well done to these students! Your award will be presented at your next scheduled assembly.

Special mention to Ryan Twist – 6P who has reached the level of Principal’s Medallion. Congratulations.

**Kids of Macarthur Fundraiser**

CHPS will be holding an odd sock day on Thursday 3 April to raise funds for Kids of Macarthur. Children may wear odd socks with their school uniform and bring a gold coin to donate towards this worthwhile organisation that supports our local community.

**Library News**

**Book Expo Australia**

Everything book related and things to aid and add to your reading enjoyment can be found at Book Expo Australia. In celebration of this inaugural event and in support of the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, an attempt to challenge the World Record for the Longest Paper Doll Chain will be made. Included with this newsletter is a template. If you would like to be part of this event, design one or more of the paper dolls and send it with $1 donation per person (not per entry) to the office in an envelope marked: “Paper Doll Chain” by Friday, 2 May which is the first Friday of Week One, Term Two. Please clearly print your name and school on the back of each doll. Anyone can enter as long as the $1 donation per person is included.

Book Expo Australia will be held on the weekend of 30 and 31 August at Exhibition Hall 5, Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park, NSW 2127. Tickets will go On Sale on 30 June, 2014 and prices are as follows:

- $7.50 - Adult
- $5.00 – Children(YA) over 12 to 18
- $5.00 – Teachers and Librarians
- Free – Children 12 and under
- $20 – Family ticket (2 adults and 2 YA)

I will put another reminder in the newsletter closer to the event.

Looking forward to seeing some beautiful paper dolls – mine will be book characters, what will yours be?

For more information, visit [http://www.bookexpoaustralia.com/](http://www.bookexpoaustralia.com/)

*Ms Formica*
ICAS Competitions
Just a reminder that entries for the above competitions are due Wednesday, 9 April (last week of term). No late entries will be accepted after this date. If you have lost your ICAS note, please see the office or Ms Formica in the library.

Parliament House Visit
On the 21st of March the school leaders and Mrs Flegg went to Campbelltown Station. We got on the train and ended up in Sydney. As we entered Parliament House we admired the statues and photographs and sat down on a very comfy seat. All the schools got to meet Mr Barry O’Farrell and got a photo with him and Mr Chris Patterson. In the Green Room we started a debate about having one more day at school. Our school was on the Governments side so we had to agree. Lex was the Clerk and it was very funny. In the Red Room we did the same but we got to do a bit more because it was the Upper House and they get the final decision. The funniest part was when the four boys nearly got stuck on the train. Thank you Mrs Flegg for the fun experience.

Montanna Freeman – 6RW
School Captain

Gymnastics Program Stage 3
The Gymnastics program for Stage 3 students will commence in the last week of this term. Notes will be sent home with next week’s newsletter. Permission is required for students to participate in the first 2 sessions which are free of charge (Week 11, Term 1 & Week 1, Term 2) however payment is required prior to the 3rd session which will be Thursday of Week 2, Term 2.

Chicken Pox
We have had a few reported cases of chicken pox within our school community. Please be vigilant of any signs that may indicate your child is unwell. Symptoms are slight fever, runny nose and a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab. If you believe your child is unwell please seek medical attention.

RECORDERS
We apologise for the delay in having recorders available for purchase. We have contacted the supplier and they are anticipating receiving the goods into their warehouse this week and we should have them available for purchase early next week.

Sorry for the inconvenience.

P&C EASTER RAFFLE
Raffle tickets have been distributed to each family today. Please return all tickets to school, whether sold or unsold, by Monday 7th April. We appreciate your support of our fundraising efforts.

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.

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
- Easter Raffle Tickets
- Music Star