Term 2, Week 1
Tuesday 29 April, 2014

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to school for Term 2! I hope that you all enjoyed a safe and happy holiday break.

Term 1 finished with our school community thoroughly enjoying our magnificent Easter Hat Parade and a highly successful STAR launch and Fun Day. It was an absolute pleasure to attend both of these events! The Easter Hat Parade was a huge success with the children enjoying the opportunity to participate. The children had wonderfully creative hats to parade and obviously had a lot of fun making their hats at home with their families. Special thanks to Mrs Heath and her committee for their amazing organisation, the Easter Bunny (sponsored by COLES) and our magnificent P&C for their wonderful support of the event.

Our official STAR launch was celebrated with cake, balloons, extra play and a fabulous ‘wrist band’ gift for every student. The school introduced our Fair Discipline Code in Term 1 and is currently reviewing the effectiveness of the policy under the leadership of our Student Welfare Committee.

The aim of our Fair Discipline Code is to ensure a safe and happy school for both students and staff, and promote a positive school image for the community.

The welfare and behaviour of students at our school is regularly commented on positively in conversations. A positive school community demonstrating mutual respect is certainly enhancing the opportunities we create for our children. Our core values for all students are represented by STAR, which stands for: BE Safe Team players A learner Respectful

I welcome any new families to our school and also welcome Miss Daly as a new teacher to Currans Hill PS. Miss Daly will be teaching class 1C after Miss Clarke was appointed as a Permanent Teacher to Narellan Vale Public School on the last day of Term 1. Miss Clarke was a highly valued and respected member of our school community and I am sure you all join with me in wishing her continued happiness in her new school. There will be an opportunity for all members of the community to officially farewell Miss Clarke later in the term. Details for this event will be provided when they are finalised.

You may notice a number of new faces around the school. Currans Hill has welcomed a number of ‘Pre-Service Teachers’ completing their practicums with individual staff. We welcome them warmly and know that the experience of spending time in our quality school will greatly enhance their teacher training.

NAPLAN
Students in Year 3 and 5 will complete the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) test 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 Heath (Year 3) or Mr Weir or Mrs Ryan (Year 6).

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
We would like all families to work with us to encourage the wearing of full school uniform at all times. Children need to develop and maintain a sense of pride in our school and the quality of our learning environment by showing they belong and value being part of our school community.

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.

CURRANS HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL WEBSITE
The school website is continually updated and is a great place to visit online. We have finally rectified our technical difficulty and photos from recent school activities and events have been uploaded. 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-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

Mrs Flegg
Principal

OC Class – Year 5 in 2015
Opportunity classes operate for gifted and talented students in a number of schools within our area. Students currently in Year 4 can elect to sit for a test to be considered for one of these classes for 2015. Application forms will be available online from 28 April at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement
Parents will be able to apply online between 28 April and 16 May 2014. If you are intending to apply or need any further information please make an appointment to speak to your child’s teacher.

BULLYING PREVENTION TIP
Given that bullying is about relationships, work on the relationship with your child. Keep the lines of communication open and allow discussion about feelings and relationships as normal conversation. Know who your child's friends are and be watchful for any changes in your child’s behaviour, such as if they are upset, withdrawn or anxious. Model the type of relationships you would like your child to have with others. This involves developing your own moral code for being a good friend, such as not gossiping, keeping information confidential and understanding what can hurt others feelings.

CALENDAR TERM 2 - 2014

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PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Congratulations to the following student who has reached the level of Principal’s Award: Tahleiya Barker – 2A Well done! Your award will be presented at your next scheduled assembly.

ANZAC Day Commemoration
Students will commemorate ANZAC Day with a service to be held at the school on Wednesday 30 April (tomorrow) at 10.30am. This ceremony will allow our children to extend understandings of the importance of this day within Australian culture and to recognise the significance of ANZAC Day. Children may wish to bring flowers for a small floral tribute. Families and members of the wider community are very welcome to attend.
Captain Underpants Author Visit

I have been able to secure seats for 48 lucky students to see one of our favourite authors. Dav Pilkey, author of the Captain Underpants series will be at Burwood RSL on Monday, 26th May. The first 48 students from Years 3-6 to return the note (found in today's newsletter) and payment to the office will be able to see him. More details are in the note. Be quick!!

P & C Mother’s Day Stall

The Mothers Day stall will be held on Thursday 8th May. Please bring your money. Gifts are $5.00 each. Any remaining gifts can be purchased on Friday morning before the 9am bell.

ANZAC Day

This year 18 students and four members of staff proudly represented our school at the Camden RSL ANZAC Day March. Lex and Montana gratefully and respectfully laid a wreath in honour of the fallen soldiers. Thank you to all those parents who allowed their children to participate and to those staff and students who so willingly gave up their time during the school holidays for this important occasion.

School Photos

School photos will be held on Wednesday 28 May. More information with regards to individual photos and family photos packages will be available in the next few weeks.

Stage 3 Gymnastics

A reminder that payment and permission for students to continue to attend the Gymnastics program is required by Tuesday 6th May. Many students have returned their permission note which has allowed them to participate in the two free sessions however full payment of $20 is required to allow them to continue in the program.

If you are unsure if you have paid please contact the office.

AFL Kelly Cup News

Congratulations to the boys’ AFL Kelly Cup team who have qualified for the 2014 Sydney South West AFL Paul Kelly Cup Regional Final for being runner-up at the Zone Gala Day last term. The Regional Final will be held on Wednesday May 28th, 2014 at Blacktown International Sportspark.

The girls’ AFL team performed admirably and came 2nd in their pool but didn’t qualify for the zone final. All students displayed excellent sportsmanship.

Gala Days

The dates for Gala day have changed due to Council closing some venues as a result of them being damaged. Gala days will now be held:

June 6 – Week 6
June 27 – Week 9
July 25 – Week 2 / Term 3

Please note that the second Gala day is being held on the last day of Term 2.

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Inclusions with today’s newsletter:

- Stewart House Donation Drive 2014
- Dav Pilkey Author visit 3 – 6 only