Term 2, Week 2
Tuesday 6 May, 2014

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

We have certainly started Term 2 at ‘a hundred miles an hour’ and looking at the Calendar of Events I am not expecting anything to change in the coming weeks. The children are very settled and it is an absolute pleasure to visit classrooms and share in quality learning experiences.

I am aware of the issues relating to ‘clashes’ of opportunities for our children (and the disappointing negative comments published on social media). There are a number of solutions currently being negotiated and I thank the families who have come to the school and expressed their concerns directly to staff. I want to assure all members of the school community, especially those who are currently affected eg Cross Country and Mother’s Day stall, that we certainly do our best. We use our problem solving skills to find solutions. Both the Cross Country and Mother’s Day stall are this Thursday. Thank you to the P&C for agreeing to a change of time. If this is not possible then there is the opportunity for individual children and their families to make a choice.

For the safety of our students I would like to remind parents to observe 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 continue to monitor these areas to support the safety of our children. I am also extremely concerned by the high number of children who are waiting outside the school fence to be picked up by their families in the afternoon. I realise that in most situations there are siblings in other schools and parents are doing their best, however for the safety of the children I ask that you arrive on time. If this is unavoidable children should remain inside the school.

FOOD ALLERGY WEEK 12-18 May

Allergy and Anaphylaxis Australia will run Food Allergy Week to increase awareness and understanding of food allergies, their importance and to ensure best practice allergy management plans are in place in our schools. The theme for this year is ‘BE AWARE – SHOW YOU CARE’. Information from their website states ‘Australia has one of the highest incidences of food allergy in the world, which is growing at alarming rates. In fact 1 in 10 babies born in Australia today will develop a food allergy.’ Further information is available at www.foodallergyaware.com.au

At Currans Hill we have a number of students with allergies and Anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is a severe, potentially life threatening allergic reaction to certain foods. Peanuts, nut products and eggs are the main hazards. Eating or touching these foods can cause lips, eyes and airways to swell which may result in significant difficulties in breathing. We ask for the community's support in caring for our children's needs. Therefore we ask that NO peanut butter, peanut biscuits, cakes with peanuts, peanut cracker dips, Nutella or eggs be brought to school.

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 you in an emergency.

NAPLAN

Students in Year 3 and 5 will complete the
NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) tests next week. These tests will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students in all Australian schools. The test will be conducted over three days, Tuesday 13 May, Wednesday 14 May and Thursday 15 May. 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.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
Did you know that if your child misses as few as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a whole year of education? By law, you are required to send your child to school every day. If your child has to be away from school for any reason, please either tell your child’s teacher or send a signed note explaining the reason for the absence, as soon as possible. If your child arrives at school late, or needs to leave early, you must come to the office to sign your child in or out.

If you’re having problems getting your child to attend school regularly and on time, please talk to your child’s teacher or make an appointment to speak with Mrs Flegg.

CURRANS HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL WEBSITE
The school website is continually updated and is a great place to visit online.

You can visit the website at: http://www.curranshil-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

Mrs Flegg
Principal

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PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

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.

Paper Doll World Record Attempt
Thank you to Nicholas Barrington-Marsh from 1/2BK and Imogen Stierli from 1T for your wonderful paper dolls – but a massive thank you must go to Kane Harrington from 5/6T who submitted a whopping 57 paper dolls! I can’t wait to see them all at the Book Expo at Darling Harbour in August.

Ms Formica

3-6 Cross Country
Our Cross Country will be held on Thursday at 9.30am. Students are to wear sports uniform or a house coloured t-shirt. They will need a water bottle and hat. Ages 8, 9, 10 run 2km. Ages 11, 12, 13 run 3km.

House Captains need to meet me at 8.15am on the courts on Thursday morning to assist with setting up.

Parents are most welcome to attend.

Ms Ryan – Sport Co-ordinator
**P & C Mother’s Day Stall**

The Mother’s Day Stall will be held this **Thursday 8th May**. Please bring your money. Gifts are $5.00 each. The Stall will open after lunch. To avoid younger children having difficulty being responsible for their money I would encourage parents to place the money in an envelope with your child’s name in their school bag, making sure they know where to find it later in the day. Any remaining gifts can be purchased on Friday morning before the 9am bell.

**Book Club**

Orders Due Friday 9 May

All book club orders are due in no later than this Friday 9 May. All orders and payments are to be given directly to your child’s class room teacher.

**School Photos**

School photos will be held on Wednesday 28 May. More information with regards to individual photos and family photo packages will be sent home next week. If you would like to view the packages and prices before then please check our school website under the notes tab for more information.

**Gala Day Socks**

Gala Day socks are now available for purchase from either the Uniform Shop or the office at a cost of $12.

Uniform shop hours are;
- Mon and Wed 8:45 – 9:15am
- Fri 2:45 – 3:15pm

**Gala Day Dates**

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.

**Positive Partnerships Free Workshop**

This is a free two day workshop for parents/carers of school age students on the autism spectrum.

Where: Campbelltown Catholic Club
When: 3rd and 4th June 2014
  - Day 1: 9am – 4:30pm
    - (Registration from 8:15am)
  - Day 2: 9am – 3:30pm

For more information or to register visit [www.positiviepartnerships.com.au](http://www.positiviepartnerships.com.au) or you can call the Positive Partnerships Info Line on 1300 881 971.

**HEAD LICE UPDATE**

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](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/headlice/treatment/index.htm#comb).

**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.

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**Inclusions with today’s newsletter:**
- Lazy Town Note – Years K – 2 only