Term 2, Week 3
Tuesday 13 May, 2014

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
I am delighted to inform the school community, staff currently employed at Currans Hill Public School should remain unchanged for the 2014 school year. Following consultation with Staffing Services it is anticipated that any changes to staff will be held until the commencement of the 2015 school year. This information will be explained further at the P&C Meeting this Wednesday.

FAREWELL MISS CLARKE
Thank you to the families who joined staff and students on Monday afternoon for a special farewell assembly for Miss Clarke.

Miss Clarke held a Temporary Teacher position at Currans Hill and accepted the opportunity to be appointed as a Permanent Teacher to Narellan Vale Public School. This occurred within the 2014 staffing period (last day of Term 1) and Miss Clarke commenced her new position this term. I am sure you all join with me in wishing her all the very best!

LOST PROPERTY
Children need to be dressed appropriately for the colder weather and MUST wear school jumpers or jackets. Wearing our school uniform shows pride in being part of the Currans Hill School Community.

Please encourage your child/children to develop independence and be responsible for the care of their own belongings.

By writing your child’s name on any items bought to school, you can avoid losing them. I have been very concerned by the large number of unclaimed items in Lost Property. The Lost Property bins in the school foyer will be cleared out and unclaimed/unlabelled items disposed of in the next few weeks.

MUSIC STARS PROGRAM
Families who have already registered their children to participate in the Music Stars Program will be aware of some confusion regarding the commencement of the program. Lease of School Facilities documents were not completed and we were unable to permit the program to begin until all requirements of the guidelines were met. You will receive a flyer with today’s Newsletter, however the dates for registration have been extended by 1 week.

Music Stars will offer guitar and keyboard tuition to students at Currans Hill Public School starting on Monday 19 May 2014 in the Library. The program run by Music Stars provides:

- Group guitar and keyboard tuition
- Caters for all grades & music levels
- Weekly 30 minute sessions
- Convenient! Lessons at school!
- Very Affordable!
- End of year reports and certificates
- Guitars and keyboards supplied for use during lessons

If you require more information or would like to discuss the program in more detail please contact Music Stars directly using the information below.

Phone: 1300 889 179  
Email: info@musicstars.com.au  
Web: www.musicstars.com.au
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
The Education Act (1990) requires parents to ensure that children attend school on each day that the school is open for instruction. If children are absent from school, parents are required to provide the school with an acceptable explanation within seven days of the absence. School absences are recorded on the Semester 1 reports. I remind all families of the importance of regular, on time attendance to ensure that children do not miss vital teaching and learning experiences. Please make an appointment and speak to your child’s teacher if you are experiencing any difficulties in regular, on time attendance for your child.

REPORTING TO PARENTS
Teachers have commenced Semester 1 Reports to provide parents with information about their child’s learning achievements and needs. Currans Hill Public School has well developed Assessment and Reporting procedures to support our belief that effective partnerships with families give our children the best possible chance for success at school. Reports will be sent home with students in Week 9.
Parent Teacher Interviews will be held early in Term 3. A separate note providing times that teachers are available will be sent home. All families are encouraged to take the opportunity to make an appointment and be fully informed about their child’s progress and areas for improvement.

Could I please ask parents and visitors to our school to ensure that if they choose to smoke, they are smoking well away from the school. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

I would also like to remind all families of the importance of using the pedestrian gates to enter and exit the school grounds. For the safety of our children the Staff Carpark is out of bounds. I thank you all for your anticipated cooperation!

Mrs Flegg
Principal

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<td>Congratulations to the following student who has reached the level of Principal’s Award: Imogen Stierli – 1T Well done! Your award will be presented at your next scheduled assembly.</td>
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<td>A reminder that payment for the Year 1 Excursion (1T, 1JB, 1C, 1F) to the Aquarium and IMAX Theatre next Tuesday 20 May needs to be finalised by this Thursday 15 May as both venues and buses have asked for payment in advance.</td>
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<th>Time Is Running Out To Register For OC Class – Year 5 in 2015</th>
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<td>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 <a href="http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement">www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement</a> 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.</td>
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<td>Recorders have arrived in stock. If your child would like one to practice at home these can be purchased from the office for $10.</td>
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Stewart House Day

Starting from Tuesday 13 of May the Fundraising Committee will be selling High Bounce Handballs to raise money for Stewart House before school.

The popular handballs are lightweight and perfect for fun in the playground while supporting Stewart House at the same time. Games you can play with a handball are Silent ball, Handball, tennis, scoop and ball or you can make up your own game.

So come along and see us.
The Fundraising Committee

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

2014 School Photos

Dear Parents,
School photos will be held on

WEDNESDAY 28 MAY 2014

Each child will receive an envelope. Please ensure that each student returns their own envelope even if payment is made in another siblings envelope.

Please return order envelopes before photo day or on the day.

NO CHANGE CAN BE GIVEN
Please enclose exact money as we are not able to give change.

Please contact us if you have any queries. We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces!

Your Team from Advanced Life Photography.

FAMILY PHOTO ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE (siblings from school can be photographed together)

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.

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.positivelpartnerships.com.au or you can call the Positive Partnerships Info Line on 1300 881 971.

Managing Challenging Behaviours Collaboratively

This is an 8 session Parent Workshop for parents who may have children diagnosed with ADHD, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, Conduct Disorder or disruptive behaviour.

Where:
Business Development Centre
Macarthur
70 Topham Rd, Smeaton Grange

When:
10:00am – 12 noon for 8 weeks
17/7/14 – 4/9/14

Cost:
Gold coin donation

Contact Wollondilly Community Links on 4683 2776 for registration

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Inclusions with today’s newsletter:
• School Photo Envelopes
• Stage 3 Camp Note
• Music Stars Information Flyer