PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

This week is ‘Share the Skills’ across schools in the Macarthur. This is an innovative teacher professional learning initiative where schools are showcasing successful programs and ‘sharing their skills’ with colleagues in neighbouring schools. Currans Hill will present 4 sessions highlighting the success of innovative programs and teachers will be visiting other schools throughout the week to learn from our colleagues.

NAPLAN
Children in Years 3 and 5 have done a great job in completing the NAPLAN tests. Individual results from these tests in Language Conventions, Reading, Writing and Numeracy will be sent to families later in the year and the school will receive valuable information to assist staff in evaluating our teaching and learning programs. I congratulate the staff at Currans Hill for their amazing professionalism and willingness to support our children in the completion of these tests.

LATE ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL
On numerous occasions I have written about the importance of student attendance and punctuality for school. A child arriving a few minutes late has a negative impact on their learning and can often mean the difference between having a settled or unsettled start to the day. The Department of Education and Communities, Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) has asked me to remind all families that formal notification must be given with an approved reason for all late arrivals to school. Simply stating “we are late” or “we slept in” cannot be recorded as a satisfactory notification. The parent is responsible for providing the reason in writing or in person at the Office. The HSLO will be monitoring this in the future. Thank you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
The school uniform shop is providing a wonderful service to all families and I thank the P&C for maintaining this service for our school. As the days get colder we obviously need some warmer clothes. Please continue to support the school by ensuring the children stay in uniform with school jumpers and jackets. Multi-coloured or “logo” tops are not uniform and I ask everyone to support us in this. Many students also wear track shoes for regular PE and sport activities. Again I ask that these be limited to standard colours, preferably black or white shoes, as multi-coloured shoes (and laces) also detract from our school uniform. Wearing of the school uniform endorses the many values of public education, in particular, respect, responsibility, cooperation and participation. I believe it engenders a sense of belonging in our school and adds to the overall pride. Thank you for supporting our school with this and for the many families who are supporting our P&C uniform shop.

REFORMS TO P & C FEDERATION
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.
Please note that these changes will not affect the usual running of the Currans Hill Public School P&C who will continue their amazing work to support the school and our children.

MUSIC STARS
The Music Stars program commenced in the Library after school on Monday afternoon following the completion of a Lease of School Facilities agreement. Children who are participating in the program are reminded that this is NOT a school program and any enquiries should be made directly to Music Stars.

I would again like to remind all parents 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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PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Congratulations to the following student who has reached the level of Principal’s Award: Ali Safatli – 4B, Holli Harrington – 6RW, Alex Shoesmith – 1/2BK, Charlotte Nifo – 1JB Well done! Your award will be presented at your next scheduled assembly.

Story Time

Story time is on this Friday. If your child is aged 4 or 5 and would like to have an afternoon of stories and fun on a Friday from 2:00 – 2:30pm feel free to bring them along.

Story time will be held each Friday. Mrs Fleming, will meet the children up at the hall during the K - 2 Assembly near the canteen.

IMAX & Aquarium Excursion Year 2
A reminder that payment for the Year 2 Excursion (1/2BK, 2A, 2CJ, 2G, ) to the Aquarium and IMAX Theatre next Friday 30 May needs to be finalised by this Thursday 22 May as both venues and buses have asked for payment in advance.

Minamurra Excursion Stage 3
A reminder that payment for the Stage 3 Excursion to Minnamurra Falls on 10 June needs to be finalised by Wednesday 4 June. No late payments can be accepted.

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)

Advanced Photographers
PO Box 1056 Brookvale NSW 2100
Ph: 02 9905 6688      Fax: 02 9905 6554

Scooters / Bikes

A number of students are regularly riding bikes and scooters to school, many without wearing helmets. It is important that helmets are worn to ensure students remain safe. Upon arrival at school it is expected that students lock their bikes/ scooters up at the bike racks.

At no time are students permitted to ride bikes/scooters in the school grounds.
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.

Uniform Store

We would like to offer further apologies to anyone still waiting for items. We have been seriously let down by our supplier but will continue to chase them. Our ordering policy has been adjusted to prevent future problems.

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 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
60 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

Free Online Tutoring

Just a reminder that Camden Libraries offers a free online tutoring service for Years 3+ called Yourtutor. Subjects covered include Maths, Science, English, Economics, Business Studies and Commerce as well as support on Essay writing, Assignment Research and Study Skills. All you need is our library card to access! Check our website for more information www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au

ANAPHYLAXIS – Severe Allergic Reaction

Some children in our school have an allergic condition that makes them especially sensitive to certain foods. 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. In many cases an EpiPen is required. We also ask the community's support in caring for all 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. Our canteen supports this request and we ask all parents to help us keep all children safe at our school.

Turn off the TV or computer and get active

✓ Set a limit on the amount of time children watch television or spend on the computer. Two hours a day is the maximum. Too much screen time limits physical activity.
✓ On the weekend, live life instead of watching it on TV. Find a new place to hike, bike or run. When you hear “I’m bored” – think of something active to do.
✓ During the winter months, avoid allowing children to watch too much TV or play video games. Encourage active play, which builds social, mental and physical motor skills.

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Inclusions with today’s newsletter:
• Stage 3 Camp Note – Teen Ranch