Term 2, Week 5
Tuesday 27 May, 2014

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Congratulations to all children who have continued to represent our school proudly over the last few weeks in a wide range of sporting, cultural and academic activities. The chance to participate in such a wide range of activities is very impressive and certainly supports the excellent commitment of staff and families to provide these opportunities for our children.

STAFF CAR PARK
The staff car park continues to be used by some parents to walk their children through before and after school. We have clearly signposted the car park and ask that you do not risk your children’s lives or risk a serious injury by walking children through the car park. All families are expected to enter and exit the school through the pedestrian gates.

BULLYING – NO WAY!
At Currans Hill Public School every person has a right to feel safe. Any person who bullies is denying them of that right.

Currans Hill Public School defines bullying as any act that causes hurt or fear in another person. Bullying is different from ordinary teasing, rough or schoolyard play. What makes it different is that the incidents are ongoing, and there is usually an imbalance of size, strength and power between those involved. The bully might have power not only due to their size and strength, but due to the support of peers and acceptance of such behaviour within the context of the school. It is important to empower students in these understandings to develop skills in protective and supportive behaviours.

Bullying is repeated with ongoing incidents that may involve the following:

- Imbalance of power and or strength of either a bigger, stronger or more powerful person towards a smaller/ weaker person, as well as-
- Peer collaboration as support and or acceptance for individual reasons.
- **Verbal** – name-calling, teasing, ‘put downs’ and threats.
- **Physical** – hitting, kicking, tripping or any form of dangerous/ hurtful touch as well as destruction, damage and or theft of property.
- **Social** – when a person is left out, ignored, or if rumours are spread. Any behaviour that endangers the popularity and accreditation of others in a deliberately orchestrated way.
- **Psychological** – when a person is stalked or given dirty looks. Any behaviours that directly identifies and persistently targets another person.
- **Cyber** – includes teasing, spreading online rumours and sending unwanted or threatening messages of a defamatory material.

Parents are encouraged to:

- Watch and listen for signs that their children are being bullied or bullying others.
- Contact the school and speak to the relevant personnel.
- Work as a partner with the school to formulate solutions.
- Listen sympathetically, provide support and encourage appropriate decision making choices.
- Discourage children from ‘fighting back’ and encourage more appropriate responses to issues relating to bullying.

Mrs Down is currently on Long Service Leave. Ms Skye Vella will work with 3D until her return at the end of next week.
National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week 2014
Theme – “Let’s Walk the Talk”
National Sorry Day is held on 26 May to remember and express regret over the past mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It is not just about saying sorry, but a way to listen to each other and work together with respect.

It is also the start of National Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June), which is a time to come together and celebrate the rich history of the first Australians, who are the oldest continuing culture for over 70,000 years.

The theme for Reconciliation Week is “Let’s Walk the Talk” with a focus on how Australians can better recognise each other. When you are recognised you feel proud and this is good for your self-esteem and encourages you to recognise the best in others. Recognition is an important part of reconciliation and improving relationships for all Australians.

As the weather has become cooler many of the students and staff are coming down with colds and flu. Please remind your children and yourselves to follow these simple precautions to prevent catching or spreading your cold:
- Covering your mouth and nose if you cough or sneeze.
- Washing your hands after contact with soiled tissues or any contact with nose or throat discharge.
- Students who are sick should remain at home and seek medical advice.

Students 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 Public School Community.

I would ask for your assistance in remembering children’s toilets at the school are for the use of our students and should be avoided by visitors, particularly adults, due to Child Protection concerns. Your support in this matter would be greatly appreciated!

Mrs Flegg
Principal

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.

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REMINDER
School Photos are on tomorrow
Wednesday 28 May
Please ensure that each student returns their own envelope even if payment is made in another siblings envelope.
NO CHANGE CAN BE GIVEN
Please enclose exact money as we are not able to give change.

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

Kindergarten Sports Day Wednesday
Due to school photos being held tomorrow Kindergarten students are asked to wear full school uniform NOT their sport uniform for tomorrow only.

Opera House Recorder Group
A reminder that tickets for the Festival of Instrumental Music – Jacaranda Concert at the Sydney Opera House will be available for purchase from TOMORROW Wednesday 28 May at 9:00am.

All tickets must be purchased by individual families as no tickets will be available through the school. It is important to book as early as possible in order to obtain tickets as the concert sold out last year.

Tickets can be purchased from the box office at the Sydney Opera House or online. If booking online it’s suggested to register before purchasing tickets as it will make the process faster.

Bookings can be made by calling 9250 7777 or online at http://www.sydneyoperahouse.com
Infants Assembly This Friday

An infant’s assembly will be held this Friday even though the Year 2 students will be on an excursion. Assembly will commence at the usual time of 2:00pm.

Lazy Town

The Stage 1 students had the opportunity of attending the Lazy Town performance at school last Friday. The students thoroughly enjoyed the performance which reinforced physical activity and even got the kids up and moving!

Rugby League

A big congratulations to our Senior Rugby League team who have made it through to the Group 6 Finals Day after moving through the Gala Day undefeated. The final will be played on Thursday at 12.00pm at Campbelltown Stadium. If they are lucky enough to win this game there will be a grand final at 2.00pm. If your son needs transport to this game please send me a note or contact the school office tomorrow.

A huge thanks to the Mount Annan / Currans Hill Knights, Mrs Gleza, Mrs McClelland, Mr Fordham, Mr Flemming, Mr Gill, Mr Wardle, Zac and Wade from Mount Annan High School for their help on the day.

Ms Ryan

Transition to School

Transition to school visits will commence this term. They will be held on the following Tuesdays at 12:45 – 1:20pm
10 June (Week 7)
17 June (Week 8)

If you have a school aged child intending on starting school in 2015 you are welcome to attend with them at this time. Please meet Mrs Pearce under the COLA area outside the school hall/canteen.

Mrs Pearce

Gala Days

It is most unfortunate that due to a variety of ground closures and calendar clashes, the PSSA have had to change the dates of the winter Gala Days to next term. There will be only 2 held on the 18/7 and 1/8.

School Cross Country

On Thursday 8th of May we held our school cross country for 2014. Conditions were hot and tiring with some fantastic performances from our students. Congratulations to the winning house Emerton.

Students represented Currans Hill Public School at the Razorback Zone Carnival on Friday 23rd May on another hot day.

Congratulations to Jackson Rye from 6RW who made it through to the regional carnival after placing 5th.

Thankyou to all the parents who came to support us and especially to Mrs Ellis who assisted with transport.

Ribbons and medals will be presented at the 3-6 assembly in Week 5 on the 30th May.

Ms Ryan

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