Term 2, Week 6
Tuesday 3 June, 2014

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Parents are welcome partners in our school community. It is, however, becoming increasingly challenging to maintain school routines with the high number of families arriving early to pick up their children in the afternoon or remaining in the school playground well after the morning bell. Playground supervision is provided by teachers from 8.30am. Families are encouraged to develop their child’s independence and resist the temptation to remain in the school playground until after the bell. When parents assemble outside classrooms or accompany children to their rooms it can be extremely distracting for students. Parents are required to wait under the COLA until after the 3.00 bell and avoid the areas between the classrooms until the children have been dismissed by their teacher.

If there is a need for any parent or visitor to come to the school during school hours it is first necessary to speak to the office staff and sign in. This is to ensure the safety of all children along with your safety in the event of an emergency. All authorised visitors are then easily identified by the display of a school visitor’s badge.

Please do not at any time go directly to a classroom to speak with a teacher or child before speaking with office staff. We thank you in anticipation of this procedure to ensure a safe and happy school community.

2013 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

The 2013 Annual School Report is available for families on the Currans Hill Public School website. Under the procedures of the Department of Education and Communities the Annual School Report is provided to families electronically. A hard copy of the report is available in the school office if you are unable to access the electronic version. This is a mandatory requirement for all Public Schools in New South Wales.

Currans Hill Public School is proud of the achievements of our students, staff and our wider community. The information in the report reflects the results of a self-evaluation process and is a genuine account of not only our achievements, but areas for further improvement. Please do not hesitate to contact the school and make an appointment, if you would like to discuss any aspects of the report with me.

Wearing our school uniform shows pride in being part of the Currans Hill School Community. I have been made aware of questions regarding the ‘colour of school socks’ and would like to confirm that either navy blue or white socks are acceptable. Our Year 6 students have recently had their graduation T-shirts delivered and are permitted to wear these as their uniform for the remainder of the school year. They look fabulous!

School Photos were successfully completed last week. Our Whole School and Year 6 group photographs will be taken later in the year and you will be provided with details when they are finalised.

ABSENCE NOTES

If your child has missed school, you are required by law to write a note with the following information:
- include your child’s name and class
- include the date/s and number of days your child was away
- explain why your child was away
- include other information as needed.

If your child is going to be away for more than three days please let the school office know. You will still need to write a note when your child returns.
Staff at the school office are more than happy to assist you if required.

**Mrs Flegg**
Principal

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following student who has reached the level of Principal’s Award:
Well done! Your award will be presented at your next scheduled assembly.

**CALENDAR TERM 2 - 2014**

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**AFL Kelly Cup Regional Final @ Blacktown International Sports Park**

The boy's team qualified for the regional final along with 16 other teams from South West Sydney. They won their games against the Blue Mountains and Bathurst champions and lost by one point to the Campbelltown champions - Campbelltown North. That was enough for us to not make the semi-finals. The improvement from all the boys since Year 3 was amazing! Thanks to all the boys for their efforts and the support from the parents.

**CURRANS HILL ONLINE**

Have you got the school website bookmarked or saved as a favourite? Great photos, upcoming events, all newsletters (including this one) and permission notes are all available on the website. A mobile device version is available so you can be kept up to date. Check it out!

**Mathletics and Reading Eggs reminder**

Looking for extra hassle free homework for your child? Log on to these sites. Our school has subscribed to both of these online programs and they are easily accessed at home. Teachers can set the appropriate tasks for your child to reinforce the learning at home. All students have a username and password. If they're not sure, ask their teacher for one for home. Another one to bookmark or save!

**Minnamurra Excursion Stage 3**

A reminder that payment for the Stage 3 Excursion to Minnamurra Falls on 10 June needs to be finalised by **THIS Wednesday** 4 June. No late payments can be accepted. Students please come prepared, it is a rainforest after all!

**2nd Stage 3 Camp to Teen Ranch**

The second camp to Teen Ranch is going ahead after reaching the required numbers. Please follow the payment advice dates to ensure your child is up to date.

**High School Taster Days**

To assist our Year 6's make a smooth transition into secondary school ALL Year 6 students will be attending a 'High School Taster Day' on Thursday 19th June at Mount Annan High School. This is great opportunity for our 6s to best prepare for the big move next year. We publically thank Mount Annan High School for this opportunity. Notes have gone out with this newsletter.

**NEW HALL PROJECTOR**

The new hall projector was on show in all its glory at the Primary assembly last Friday. A great example of the way technology can be used effectively in learning. Please keep an eye out for P & C's fundraising initiatives in this area, coming soon!

**Uniform Store**

We would like to offer continued apologies for any delay in supplying orders. We have a firm commitment from our supplier that jackets should arrive next week and unfortunately a further 3 week delay for sports polos due to a fabric dye problem.
**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

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**Science Items for 1C, 1T & 1F**

In Science this term we have been learning about the weather. We hope to make rain sticks in Week 9, therefore children from 1C, 1T and 1F need to bring in a cardboard tube from inside paper towel or foil / cling wrap. Empty toilet rolls are too small. Thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Ward

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**Snuggle Pot and Cuddle Pie, A Circus Adventure**

Unfortunately places for the Snuggle Pot and Cuddle Pie performance at Campbelltown Performing Arts High School are now full.

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**Heart Beat**

On the 2nd of June, a group of lucky Aboriginal students including myself had the fortunate opportunity to visit the University of Western Sydney for “Heart Beat”.

It was quite a chilly start to the day as we waited for the guides to assemble the program. The University supplied yummy healthy fruits and drinks to quench our thirst. Finally we gathered in the lecture room to be told what groups we were allocated in and where we would be going first. Our first activity was oral hygiene. Here we brushed toy animal’s teeth making sure they were sparkling. We were informed, beneficially, to brush 2 minutes, twice daily. At the end we gratefully received a dentist mask, mirror, toothpaste, a tooth brush and a 2 minute timer.

Our next activity was “Food For Thought”, where a different range of diverse food characteristics benefits different parts of the human body.

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Our third activity and most astonishing activity was about the incredible life powering heart. The most sensational bit in this exercise was listening to our partner’s heart! The whirling thought provoking matters settled to a gentle pace as we were treated graciously, again, with lunch provided by the University. There were mouth watering sandwiches, with a variety of delicious healthy fillings, for us hungry students. After a satisfying lunch we went to our fourth activity, “Human Skeleton”. This project helped to identify the different types of bones, what they protect and the special type of purpose they are used for. Last, but not least, was the best activity of all, “Physical Fitness”.

Our mini bus took us to this thrilling activity where we tested our balance, strength and vertical jumps.

The waiting mini bus outside, ready to take us home, was a blessing to see as our worn out group trundled up the path to its comforting seats.

Altogether, we had a marvellous day. We enjoyed every second of it. What a great opportunity!

By Kane Harrington 5/6T

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**No time for breakfast?**

Try some of these quick breakfasts children can enjoy “on the go”.

- reduced-fat yoghurt, or a yoghurt drink.
- reduced-fat milkshake
- healthy cereal in small plastic bag (a small carton of milk can add a calcium boost)
- slice of banana loaf or other low fat fruit loaf.

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**Kids love rewards**

Praise healthy habits. This may be snacking on fruit, drinking water and being active. Use treats like stickers, special games and outings, hugs and praise. Avoid using food as a reward.

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Inclusions with today’s newsletter:
- Piano Tuition Flyer
- MAHS Taster Day – Yr 6 only