Term 2, Week 7
Tuesday 10 June, 2014

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I hope that you all enjoyed the long weekend. It was certainly a welcomed extra day to rest and relax for staff and I’m sure for students and families as well. It has been an interesting term with many more fabulous activities planned for our children over the next few weeks.

TECHN-O-THON

The sponsorship forms for the P&C ‘TECHN-O-THON’ were sent home with children last week. Children will participate in 1 hour of physical activities on Friday 13 June to raise money for the purchase of technology – PHYSICAL MOVEMENT for TECHNOLOGY! Recently the school purchased 34 iPads, 12 computers, 6 Laptops and document cameras to be used to enhance learning in our classrooms. Our children are using these devices NOW and we greatly need your assistance in meeting these costs. Please support the school by asking your family and friends to provide sponsorship and successfully raise the funds we need for these fabulous resources.

REGULAR ‘ON TIME’ ATTENDANCE

Regular, ‘on time’ attendance is crucial to successful learning. Regular attendance at school enables students to develop a sense of belonging to a peer group and build important coping and friendship skills. All children have a right to an education and through regular ‘on time’ attendance at school can make the most of educational opportunities leading to greater social and economic outcomes. It is, however, important to remember that there are circumstances that prevent children from attending school that are justified.

TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

GET YOUR CHILD’S EYES CHECKED

Good vision is important for your child’s educational, physical and social development. Optometrists Association Australia recommends that children have a full eye examination with an optometrist before starting school and regularly as they progress through primary and secondary school. Examinations at the optometrist, which take about 30 minutes, are free and covered by Medicare. It would be very helpful to bring a copy of any report from an Optometrist or any other Health Care Professional to the school.

ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

Families will be well aware of coverage in the media highlighting the need for everyone to take extra care in School Zones recently. Currans Hill Public School is widely recognised for the level of care provided by our community and certainly by remembering these simple Road Safety tips we can work together to protect our children.

I would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks as a school community to our wonderful School Crossing Supervisors (Lollipop Ladies), Lyn and Simone. They certainly do a
magnificent job at our Crossings making sure we all enter and exit the school safely at our busiest times. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Tips to improve children’s safety around schools:

- School-aged children should always travel in the back seat of your vehicle. Each child must be firmly buckled into an appropriate seatbelt or child restraint. NEVER share a seatbelt.
- Children should always get in and out of the car through the rear kerb side or ‘safety door’
- Always drop your children on the school side of the road.
- Meet your children on the school side of the road, preferably at the school gate. This is particularly important in wet weather.
- NEVER call to your children from across the road. Teach them to wait until you come to them. Talk with them about what they should do if you are not there on time.
- Children up to at least eight years old should hold an adult’s hand in car parks, on the footpath and when crossing the road.
- Children between eight and at least ten years old should be closely supervised by an adult in the traffic environment and should hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.

Talk your child through the ‘STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!’ routine every time you cross the road together:

- STOP! One step back from the kerb
- LOOK! For traffic to your right, left and right
- LISTEN! For the sounds of approaching traffic
- THINK! Whether it’s safe to cross.

NEVER leave a child of any age in a vehicle without adult supervision. A small child may rapidly suffer dehydration, heat exhaustion and consequent organ failure. Older children could play games that may lead to tragedy.

DEVELOPING RESILIENCE

We often hear complaints of "That's not fair!" from our kids when things don't go their way. As parents we ‘step in’ to solve conflicts and problems missing the opportunity for our children to develop their own skills with our support and guidance. Teachers talk about how you can help your child develop the skills to bounce back from everyday disappointments. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/developing-resilience-in-your-child

Mrs Flegg
Principal

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Congratulations to the following student who has reached the level of Principal’s Award: Tyler Godfrey – 6G, Jessica Kerr – 1C, Benjamin Licina – 1F and Max Cachia – K/5M Well done! Your award will be presented at your next scheduled assembly.

CALENDAR TERM 2 - 2014

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Transition to School

Transition to school visits will commence this week. 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
**Technothon**

All students will be involved in movement and fitness activities on Friday 13th June as part of our Technothon. Sponsor forms were sent home last week and I am sure you are all busy collecting sponsors to support the purchase of the great Technology being used in the classrooms of our school. Students are asked to bring a bottle of water and hat on the day.

If you require another sponsor form these are available from the office.  
Thank you  
P&C Committee

**LOST PROPERTY**

Children need to be dressed appropriately for the colder weather and MUST wear school jumpers or jackets.  
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 items that end up unclaimed in Lost Property.

**Payments**

All student payments should be forwarded to school in a sealed envelope marked clearly with your child’s name, class and what the payment is for. This can be ‘posted’ in the secure payment box located in the school office. Change is not available over the counter. If change is needed, payments will be processed throughout the day and change and receipt forwarded via your child’s class. Alternatively, change can be held for collection upon request.

**School Notice Board**

Don’t forget to regularly check our school noticeboard on the outside wall of the administration building. The newsletter is placed in there each week along with community events such as TAFE courses and other activities that may be of interest to you or someone in the community.

**Primary Assembly**

5N’s item will be presented at Assembly this week on Friday. Parents are welcome to attend and enjoy 5N’s talent.  
Mrs Narayan

**STUDENT MEDICATION**

If your child requires prescribed medication while at school, please ensure the medication is delivered to the office prior to class commencing and that a Prescribed Medication form has been completed. We are not able to administer prescribed medication without this form. Only medication that carries written authority from a Doctor can be administered at school.

**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.*

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Inclusions with today’s newsletter:  
- No inclusions today