Term 2, Week 8
Tuesday 17 June, 2014

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Last week our Director, Mr Roger Berry visited Currans Hill and was suitably impressed by our amazing staff and students. He provided very positive feedback and explicitly commented on our friendly, welcoming school community. It was an absolute pleasure to visit our classrooms and see our students ‘growing and learning together’. Well done, Currans Hill. I was very proud of you all!

Visitors to the school are reminded that the student toilets are not to be used as a Public Toilet. Adults are not allowed to use the children’s toilets. There are Child Protection issues to consider and we must always be diligent in ensuring the safety of our children. Simply by coming to the office you can assist in keeping our school a safe and happy place for our children to learn.

MUSIC STARS PROGRAM
Families who have previously registered their children to participate in the Music Stars Program will be aware of some confusion in commencing the program in Term 2. You will receive a flyer with today’s Newsletter extending the program into Term 3. While this is not a school program we certainly want to ensure the quality of the service and will willingly address any issues or questions for our families. If you have any feedback please speak to Mrs Flegg.

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

- Very Affordable!
- End of year reports and certificates
- Guitars and keyboards supplied for use during lessons

CURRANS HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL WEBSITE
The school website is continually updated and is a great place to visit online.
You can visit the website at: http://www.curranshil-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

TECHNOTHON
Children successfully completed their 1 hour of movement and fitness last Friday and are now encouraged to collect and return their sponsorship. Pizza Party class prize closes on Wednesday June 25, however we will continue to accept any outstanding donations after that date. Your support of our fundraising efforts to meet the cost of technologies currently being used by our children is greatly appreciated.

I would like to extend my congratulations to our successful Netball and Debating teams. You can read about their achievements later in this Newsletter.

Mrs Flegg
Principal

Reminder Pyjama/Movie Day

Children are reminded to dress sensibly for our upcoming “Pyjama/Movie Day” tomorrow. Please bring a gold coin donation as “payment” for being out of school uniform, Year 6 students will collect your donation during class time.

Please remember to wear sensible shoes (no slippers are to be worn due to safety issues). Children who dress up in Onesies or pyjamas will be able to watch a movie during lunchtime in the hall. Children may bring either a pillow pet or cushion.
Pop-corn and a small popper will also be available for purchase at 50c a cup for popcorn and $1 for a small popper. Year 6 Fundraising Committee

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have reached the level of Principal’s Award: Amelie Marsh – KO, Patrick Fosse – 3D, Nicholas Marsh – 1/2BK, Mikayla Stevens – 1F, Tyler Wyld – 1/2BK Well done! Your award will be presented at your next scheduled assembly.

CALENDAR TERM 2 - 2014

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Netball Success

Our Senior A netball team competed in the Liverpool zone of Netball NSW “Sydney Schools Cup” on Tuesday 11th June. We had a hugely successful carnival, finishing undefeated after five tough and tiring games of netball. We had a very impressive goal average, scoring 87 goals in total, with only 9 being scored against us. The team played skilfully, and with each game they developed better court strategies and stronger team play. We have now qualified for the Sydney regional final at Netball NSW headquarters at Lidcombe.

I am looking forward to this day, to see this outstanding team further develop their netball skills. The girls in the team are also looking forward to more amazing games of netball. Well done girls.

Congratulations to Tia Tuerlings (6RW) on her selection in the Sydney South West Netball team. A huge achievement and thoroughly deserved.

Mrs Gawthorne
CHPS Senior A netball team with April Letton from the Sydney Swifts

Minnamurra Rainforest Excursion

Congratulations to Stage 3 children who attended the excursion last week to Minnamurra Rainforest. Despite the weather, teachers and children thoroughly enjoyed a great day of learning 'beyond their classroom'. The following excerpts are taken from recounts of their experiences created (written) by students in 5/6T.

Kane Harrington
On Tuesday 10 June 2014 Stage 3 had an early start to take the long bus trip to the amazing, temperate Minnamurra Rainforest. The bus trip took approximately an hour and a half. Finally when we arrived, us students eagerly bounded off the bus and lined up to be allocated in groups. Before our delicious morning tea we settled down in an information room to be informed about what we would find in the rainforest.

Sophie Gottle
When the tour began, everyone took lots of photos of everything they saw. We saw some lyrebirds foraging in the undergrowth. We saw huge trees with enormous buttress roots snaking around the forest floor. One gigantic tree even had a baby strangler fig curling around the tree. Arthur said if we came back in 500 years the strangler fig would have strangled the tree and it would be hollow in the centre.
Dean Webster
Later on the guide showed us that a massive tree had been ruined and basically chopped in half by lightning when there was a storm. It opened up a big gap of light, allowing all of the other small plants to race to the top and earn their place in the other tall canopy trees. After a long walk we arrived at the best part of it all … the waterfall. It was beautiful with water gushing from the top. It was so massive that it made me feel like an ant.

Nicholas Napier-Bass
Our guide informed us most of the way until she left us to take the exhausting path to the waterfall. By the time we got up there everyone was panting and panting but then everyone was dumbfounded by the magnificent waterfall. We snapped our cameras in amazement. As we made our way back down we ate our lunch and then hobbling back to the bus, it was the hour and a half drive home after an exhausting 5.4km walking track.

Debating and Public Speaking
Congratulations to our Debating Teams for winning Round 1 and Round 2 of the Premiers Debating Competition.
Round 3 will be held at Currans Hill Public School on Tuesday 24th June at 12.00 pm. Wish you all the best for Round 3. Also congratulations to the stage finalists of the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. Best of luck at regional finals which will be held at Mawarra Public School on Friday 20th June.
Mrs Prakesh

Our Excursion by Year One – 1/2BK
On Friday 31 May we went on an excursion. We were at the COLA waiting for the bus. On the way, I was sitting next to Olivia my travel buddy. I could hear the cars and the songs that the children were singing. At last we arrived at Darling Harbour. As we sat down on the stairs to eat our recess I was excited. I could smell the salted sea water. The seagulls were fighting for the last chip. It was funny watching them fighting over each little piece.

When we finished eating we went into Imax, it was dark and a little scary. We waited for a long time, but soon the Under the Sea in 3D came on. It was really bright. I felt proud of the class because they didn’t talk! Looking along the seats I saw everyone waving their hands, trying to touch the animals but the animals went backwards and backwards and backwards!

As we walked I saw all those tall buildings. Then we went into the aquarium. It was all so glorious. It made me have some butterflies in my stomach it felt so funny. Inside I saw a great white shark moving dangerously looking for some prey. Also I saw a swordfish shark lying down on the ground. There were a colossal lot of fish in the tropical tank.

On the bus back to school we excitedly talked to each other. The excursion was really exciting. I had enjoyed looking at the sting rays the most. The children on the bus were singing loudly. It was really, really sad that the excursion was over but we had a good time!
By Christian, Zaklina, Hannah, Alex and Mikayla

End of Term Reward Day
Our end of term Reward Day for STAR will be held on Friday 27 June from 11:50 – 1:20pm. All students who have not been in the Reflection Room three times this term will be eligible to participate. This term students are allowed to bring electronic devices such as a DS, ipod etc or a board game to play during reward time. Class teachers will also have electronic games available such as Wii on the whiteboard for students to use along with Karoke and Wii which will also be set up in the Hall. Well done Currans Hill. You are all STARS!!!!

Inclusions with today’s newsletter:
• Music Stars Flyer
• South West Pools and Spas Flyer
• Be Skilled Be Fit Flyer
• Commonwealth Games Note K – 6