Term 3, Week 5
Tuesday 12th August, 2014

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

The school is absolutely buzzing as staff and students participate in learning experiences that vary the usual quality teaching programs that occur in our classrooms every day. The Festival of Choral Music last week was absolutely magnificent! Our senior choir performed at the Opera House as part of the combined choir. I congratulate the children, Mrs Miller, Mrs Grenfell and all of the parents who made this experience so memorable for the children! I was extremely proud to be part of this amazing experience!

This was followed by a very successful 3-6 Athletics Carnival on Friday and great anticipation for our Wakakirri performance this Wednesday. The willingness of our amazing teachers and parents to provide these exceptional experiences for our children certainly enhances their enjoyment and success in learning.

It gives me great pleasure to announce to the school community that Mrs Romeo and her husband Morris are expecting their first baby in December. I am sure you join with me in congratulating them at this exciting time!

CARPET CLEANING

The school carpets were cleaned by professional cleaners over the weekend. This service is provided to the school annually by the company contracted to provide our cleaning service. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to our cleaners, Jenny and Veronica who work very hard to make our school environment as pleasant and clean as possible for our staff and students. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS

I am delighted to inform you that Currans Hill online payment system for families is now active through the school website. Parents are able to make online payments for excursions and events using Debit and Credit Cards. It is important that families making online payments complete and return Permission Notes. This is a Legal requirement and students will only participate in events and activities where Permission Notes have been provided. Details of this important part of the process are included in the note provided with today’s Newsletter.

I speak regularly to parents who express a range of opinions and concerns relating to homework. I would like to remind you www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au has lots of information and fact sheets to help. For students polishing their spelling skills, the free Spelling Bee mobile app allows you to record a list of your own words and then test yourselves. You might even want to challenge your child with a list you create. Here’s where you’ll find the free app to download: http://bit.ly/Q9ez0G

Mrs Flegg
Principal

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PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have reached the level of Principal’s Award: Chloe Watson – 2G and Maddison Riley – 6P Well done!

Your award will be presented at your next scheduled assembly.

Stage 2 Excursion - Belgenny Farm

Last week Stage 2 took a step back in time when they visited Belgenny Farm for their HSIE excursion. The children were immersed in Camden’s rich history. They crafted their own iron tent pegs before pitching a tent, made butter using a butter churner, rounded up sheep, took a bumpy and dusty tractor ride, painted and threw boomerangs and lastly, visited John and Elizabeth Macarthur’s final resting place. The weather was splendid and the children had a blast! They experienced and learned so much. Thank you to the staff at Belgenny Farm for your incredible hospitality and knowledge.

Stage 2 teachers

Father’s Day Mufti

Thursday 21 August

At this year’s Father’s Day stall we will be selling “Dads Bags”. For this Mufti Day we are asking for items to include in the bags, please choose items from the following list and send them with your child to be collected at their classroom.

Toiletries
Shaving Cream
Loofah
Aftershave
Stubby Holder
Car Care
Sponge
Chamois
Carwash
Car Deodoriser
Current Issue Magazine (Child Suitable eg Mens Health, Sports, Car)

Snacks and Treats
Microwave
Popcorn
Bag of Lollies

Other
Bottle Opener
Good quality pen
Key Ring

We would also love to hear from anyone with a business connection who might like to donate a bulk lot of items suitable for inclusion, please leave a message with the office.

Kindifarm Visited Kindergarten

Kindifarm came to visit Currans Hill Public School on Monday 4th September. After our fun day of farm activities we wrote about our day.

Jacob wrote:
Yesterday I patted a rabbit and a chick. I made butter and did art. I wanted to take the chicks home.

Tobie wrote:
In the classroom we read a book then outside we patted a bunny.

Lily wrote:
Yesterday I made butter. I had a fun day. I fed the cow. It was slimy.

Maddison wrote:
Yesterday I held the rabbit and got to feed the cow. I made butter and pictures. It was fun.

Coby wrote:
I fed the cows and made butter. We drew animals with Mrs Hyde.

We even pretended that the animals got out of their cages and used lots of ‘where’ words to describe what happened.

Natalia wrote:
On Monday the farm came and I saw a piglet come out of its cage. Then I saw a goat escape with the piglet. They ran around the school. They ran through the grass.

Zac wrote:
On Monday the goat ran around the school. He ran past the canteen. He ran past the classrooms until he was so so tired, he walked to his cage.

Cooper wrote:
On Monday the rabbit went around our school and the rabbit went up to Mrs Flegg’s office. Then he went under a car. Next the rabbit went to Mrs O’s room and to our classroom. Last the rabbit got tired and went back to his cage. Very last, the rabbit thought he did the wrong thing.

Visit the school website to see more photos of Kindergarten with the farm.
Transition to School

Transition to school visits will start again this term. They will be held on the following days at 11:10 – 11:40am
4 September (Week 8)
10 September (Week 9)

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

Summer Gala Days

If your child has been selected for a Summer Gala Day team they will receive a note tomorrow. The dates and venues for these gala days are as follows:
22nd Aug, 12th Sep and 19th Sep at Onslow Oval for Oz Tag, Kirkham Fields for Cricket and Cowpasture Reserve for t-ball / softball.

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD READY TO START KINDERGARTEN IN 2015?

If you have a friend or neighbour that has a child ready to start Kindergarten in 2015 please let them know enrolment packs are now available from the office for all new families to CHPS.

If you currently have a child at CHPS please complete the tear off slip at the bottom of the newsletter and we will forward a ‘ghosted’ enrolment form to you.

Proof of birth date, address and immunisation status are required to be lodged with the enrolment forms.

Choral Festival

A fantastic time was had by all when the Senior Choir performed at the Sydney Opera House last Thursday. All students represented Currans Hill P.S. proudly amongst the 700 students singing on the Opera House stage. What an experience it was to perform in this wonderful Australian icon. Thank you to all the parents and teachers who supported us.

T20 Blast Cricket Venue Change

Please be aware there has been a change in venue for this event on Friday 15 August. T20 Blast Cricket will now be held at Onslow Reserve, Camden.

Working Bee

A working bee will be held on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 September from 8pm – 3pm. Please refer to the note sent home with the school newsletter and complete and return if you are able to offer any assistance, donate any items or loan any equipment we would love to hear from you. Please complete the tear off slip on the note enclosed and return to the office.

Kindergarten 2015

Please forward a ‘ghosted’ enrolment form for my child who is to begin Kindergarten at Currans Hill Public School in 2015.

Child’s Name: _________________________________________ D.O.B.________________

Name of most recently enrolled Sibling: ______________________________

Sibling’s Class: ________________ Sibling’s D.O.B ______________________

Signature of Parent / Carer: ______________________________

Inclusions with today’s newsletter:
• Online payments note
• Working Bee note

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