PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

National Excellence in Teaching Award
The NEiTA Foundation has congratulated Currans Hill Public School on having a teacher nominated for an Inspirational Teaching Award. Mrs O’Loughlan has been nominated by members of our school community. The purpose of these prestigious awards is to honour and recognise inspirational teachers, and highlight the work, not only of individual teachers throughout Australia and New Zealand, but also the team contribution of all teachers in every school. Congratulations, Mrs O, thank you to the nominators, and ‘well done’ to all of our teachers for doing a great job!

SHORT TERM STAFF CHANGES
- Mrs Johnson is on Long Service Leave and will be replaced by Mrs Bui Viet in 1JB.
- Mrs J. Thompson is on Long Service Leave and Mrs Harris will replace her in 1T.

This week the school is celebrating School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) Recognition Week. SASS staff have vital roles in the success of our school community including our amazing ladies in the Office, Mrs Bowie, Mrs Warren, Mrs Martin and Mrs Flaherty; our magnificent School Learning Support Officers, Mrs Ford, Mrs Annikan, Mrs Kontos, Miss Bray, Mrs Stanley, Mrs Freeman, Mrs Bruce and our wonderful General Assistant, Mr Herrmann. Thank you to all of you for everything you do to support students, staff and families at Currans Hill.

Congratulations to Kane Harrington after his successful entry in The Indigenous Artwork Competition. Kane was presented with his award and a gift certificate at last week’s Assembly. His amazing artwork will now be featured as the Logo for the Aboriginal Achievement Awards. An outstanding achievement!

PARLIAMENT AND CIVICS EDUCATION REBATE (PACER)
Stage 3 students from our school will be undertaking an educational tour of the national capital. The overnight excursion to Canberra is an amazing opportunity for the students! While on this tour the children will participate in a variety of educational programs focused on Australian history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER). The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this wonderful learning experience.

KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE!
All families are strongly encouraged to monitor your child / children’s online activity and insist on knowing who they are communicating with at all times by talking to them about the appropriateness of social media applications they are using. Remind your children to be wary opening emails from strangers. They could contain spam (online junk mail), a virus (which will harm your computer), or be from a stranger looking for trouble. Teaching the children about cyber-safety and the importance of keeping their passwords secure will ensure social media is used appropriately and keep our children safe from harm.

More tips at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click
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/

The Currans Hill Public School Facebook page is also regularly updated to enhance our communication of events and disseminate information and positively promote the school within the community. All families are encouraged to read the terms of use prior to using this page.

Mrs Flegg
Principal

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PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have reached the level of Principal's Award: Noah Irvine – KR, Blake Buttel – IC, Lachlan Black – IC, Jake Bailey – IJB, Mikayla Cugola – 1/2BK, Ella Hayday – 2CJ. Talia Tierney-Beram – 5N. Well done!

Your award will be presented at your next scheduled assembly.

Year 4 Camp 2014

A note will be going home with all Year 4 students today with information regarding a camp to Teen Ranch at Cobbitty. The camp will be held over 3 days from December 10 - 12 (Week 10, Term 4). The cost will be $210 with a payment plan available.

Mrs Selakovic
Camp organiser

Limited stock available for coloured shirts for sports carnival, Red, Blue, Green, NO YELLOW shirts.

K – 2 Athletics Carnival

The Infants Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday 8 September at Jack Nash Oval from 9:15 – 2:30 approx. All children are expected to attend, parent and carers are welcome to come along and show your support.

Infants Athletics Carnival Canteen

The Jack Nash canteen will be running on the day of the K-2 Athletics Carnival with a selection of drinks, snacks and hot food.

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

End of Term Disco

On Thursday 18th September an end of term disco will be held to help raise funds for the Year 6 Farwell and their gift to the school on their departure. There will be three sessions;
K-2 from 3:30 - 4:30
3-4 from 4:30 - 5:30
5-6 from 5:30 - 6:30

Snacks and glow sticks will be available for purchase. All sessions will have teacher supervision.

Swim Scheme

We will be offering the Swim Scheme again in Term 4 and it will be open for students in Years 1 – 6. Notes will go home next week and there will be limited spaces available. If you would like your child to participate you will need to return their permission note with either full payment or a deposit as soon as possible. Remember you now have the option to pay online. Keep an eye out in next week’s newsletter.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be CLOSED this Wednesday 3rd September. Sorry for any inconvenience. Normal hours will resume Friday.

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Stage One Scarecrows
Thank you to everyone for bringing in their donations for the scarecrows. Stage one have planted herbs, strawberries, spinach and tomato plants and our scarecrows are almost completed.

Thanks also to Mr Herrmann for helping me stand them up in the ground.

Mrs Ward

Father’s Day Stall – Thursday 4th September
Students will have the opportunity to purchase a ‘Dad bag’ this Thursday for their dad or a significant male figure in their life. There are various themed bags for sale $5.00 each.

Teen Ranch
All students and staff have returned safely from the Stage 3 Teen Ranch Camp. The favourites seemed to be the giant swing, climbing wall/climbing logs and chatting to our mates ‘all night’. The rain held off for the most part and a great time was had by all. A big thank you to the team from Teen Ranch and a special thanks to Mrs Kelly for organising. Photos from Teen Ranch can be viewed on the school website or our new official Currans Hill Public School Facebook page.

Tomorrow 90 students head off to Canberra. Have a great time! Keep an eye out for updates on our Facebook page.

Working Bee
Don’t forget that our working bee will be held on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 September from 8pm – 3pm. A free BBQ will be provided both days. If you are able to assist even for a short period of time or have any items you wish to donate please contact the office or Miss Muldoon.

Don’t forget about the Bunnings Father’s Day Family Night this Thursday 4th September from 6 – 8 pm. Lots of fun activities and remember to bring your flyer along which was given out with last week’s newsletter to help us try and win a $300 voucher to go towards our working bee.

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 2014 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.

IGA COMMUNITY CHEST PROGRAM
The IGA Community Chest Program has been running for the past 7 years and raised over $42 million nationally for worthwhile causes. Currans Hill PS is now a beneficiary of this program. One way funds can be raised for our school is by customers purchasing products that carry the IGA Community Chest logo (above). A percentage of the purchase price is donated to the chest. The funds raised through the chest will be paid to Currans Hill PS annually.

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: ________________________________