Term 4, Week 11
Tuesday 16 December, 2014

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

It was wonderful to welcome Mr Wray back yesterday and talk to him about the directions of the school over the past 7 terms. He is very much looking forward to working with you all in 2015 and was warmly welcomed by the children who were very excited to see him. Anticipated enrolments at Currans Hill will remain consistent for the start of the 2015 school year, with 562 children anticipated to be enrolled. Teachers have completed the process of placing children into ‘tentative’ classes for the start of 2015 and having professional discussions to effectively meet the needs of our students. Families are reminded that the classes can only be confirmed when actual numbers are submitted and there may need to be changes to our current plan.

ALL children are asked to assemble in the Quad on the first day back, Wednesday 28 January, and they will be directed by staff. 2015 Kindergarten children coming for Best Start Assessments are asked to go directly to the classroom at the allocated time.

I would like to express my best wishes to our Year 6 students and wish them continued success in the future. Our 2014 School Captains, Montana Freeman and Lex Martin have been amazing school leaders and Year 6 have been outstanding in the contribution they have made to our school. You will be missed!

It was with great pleasure that I announced that the 2015 School Captains are Tykan Gill and Grace Burchell. I know that you will both do an awesome job! Congratulations also to:

Vice Captains: Adam McCarthy and Rachael Brumfield
Student Leaders: Zahra Pope, Zac Taiba, Riley Fleming, Sophie Gottlie.

There are a number of staff members who will not be returning to Currans Hill for 2015. I am sure you join with me in wishing them all the best:
- Mrs Selakovic has accepted a transfer to Oran Park PS.
- Mrs Hyde is re-locating with her family interstate.
- Mrs Harris, Miss Eagar and Mrs Moore will continue to be available for casual teaching.
- Mrs Flegg is taking extended leave.

TERM DATES

Parents are reminded that the last day of the 2014 school year for students is Wednesday 17 December. Staff Development Day will be held on the last day of Term 4 2014 (Thursday 18 December). Wednesday 28 January is the first day back in 2015 for students in Years 1 – 6 with Kindergarten beginning on Monday 2 February, following the completion of the Best Start Assessments.

CURRANS HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL ONLINE

The school website and Face Book pages are continually updated and a great place to visit online.

Check out the Department of Education and Communities A-Z of DEC for additional back to school information:

Semester 2 Reports were provided to parents on 5 December with information about your child’s learning achievements and needs. Please speak to your child’s class teacher if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child’s report.

Families who have not yet received their child’s report MUST collect them from the Office before the end of the term. Reports not collected will be posted.
MUSIC STARS
The Music Stars program will NOT continue at Curran’s Hill in 2015 following ongoing organisational difficulties.

LOST PROPERTY
Items will be cleared out of the Lost Property before the end of the school year. Items that are clearly marked with children’s names will be returned to them. I encourage you to take the time to collect any items that may belong to your child. The lost property is located in the Office.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY SECURITY
Families who live near the school can help in protecting our school during the holiday break, by ringing School Security on 1300 880 021 and reporting anything suspicious. Children are reminded that they are not permitted to enter the school in the holiday as they are not safe.

The year has passed so quickly and it is amazing to me that this is my final Newsletter. I would like to extend my appreciation to all members of the community who have contributed to make 2014 another highly successful year of learning at Currans Hill. I hope you all enjoy a safe and happy holiday break and return refreshed and ready for the 2015 school year.

Mrs Flegg – Principal

CALENDAR TERM 4 - 2014
17/12 Stage 2 & Stage 3 End of Year Fun Day Yr 3, 4, 5, 6
17/12 Students Last Day

CALENDAR TERM 1 - 2015
27/1 Staff Development Day
28/1 Students Return to School 1 – 6
30/1 Swimming Carnival Yr 6 and competitive swimmers from grades 3 – 5

PAYMENT REMINDERS
17/12 Swimming Carnival 3-6

YEAR 4 TEEN RANCH CAMP
What a fantastic experience! 48 enthusiastic Year 4 students attended their camp last week. The children participated in exciting activities such as canoeing, horse riding, archery, giant swing, bush skills, camp fire, crate climbing and many more! All the children displayed such bravery as they overcame their fears on many of the activities. The teachers were so proud of them! The 3 days flew by with many children not wanting to go home! Thank you to the staff of Teen Ranch for their professionalism and great organisation.

Year 4 teachers

2014 YEAR BOOK
Did you submit an “Expression of Interest” to purchase the Currans Hill PS Year Book 2014?

They are now available for collection from the school office. Cost is $20.

A limited number of additional books are available for anyone else who would also like to purchase.

We are extremely proud of the Year Book. It is a great reflection of another wonderful year of learning at Currans Hill Public School.

Get your copy NOW

2015 PREPARATION
Parents are asked to support the school and your child’s learning by purchasing a book pack for individual use at school. The cost of the book pack is $25 per student and payment will be expected as soon as possible in Term 1. The Voluntary School Contribution is set at $40 for one child, $70 for two children or $100 for three or more children. These contributions will be used to support the purchase of additional resources for all students to use in classrooms with a focus on Science.
TOYS 'N' TUCKER COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Toys ‘n’ Tucker donation drive. Goods have been collected and will be distributed to those in need. Thank you for your support.
Merry Christmas
http://toysntucker.org.au/

Is your child NOT returning day 1 2015?

Are you going on an extended holiday over the Christmas School break and NOT returning to school on Day 1 2015 (Wednesday 28 January 2015)? It is important that we submit the number of students at CHPS for 2015 very early in Term 1 and therefore need to know of any student who will be returning, but is not back for 1st day. If this is you, please advise the office.

P&C Uniform Shop will be open for business on the Staff Development Day
Term 1, 2015
Tuesday 27th January
9.00am – 12.00 midday

Swimming Carnival

Our 2015 Primary Swimming Carnival will be held the first Friday back at school which is 30 January at Camden Pool. Notes went home last week to all students in Years 2 – 5. This event is for all 2015 Year 6 students and students from years 3 – 5 who are competitive swimmers. Any student who will be in year 2 next year but turning 8 and is a competitive swimmer is also able to attend and will need to come to the office to collect a permission note. Children must be able to swim 50m to compete.

Please note that permission notes and payment of $10 per child MUST BE RETURNED BY WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER. No late permission or payments can be accepted after this time.

P&C Christmas Raffle

Congratulations to all our prize winners in the CHPS P&C Christmas Raffle. All winners have been notified and prizes distributed.

Our thanks to all families who made donations towards the hamper prizes and a special “thank you” to Chain Towing & Tilt Tray Pty Ltd for their generous donation of prizes. Your ongoing support is very much appreciated.

Be healthy – be active
Children and adults need physical activity every day. Activity helps build better bones, muscles, joints and helps maintain a healthy weight. Physical activity can also reduce the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes and some cancers. Get active anyway you can – walking, riding, swimming, and playing active games such as Duck, Duck, Goose or Bull Rush.

We would like to wish all our students and families a wonderful school holiday. To those who are travelling, we wish you a safe journey.

We look forward to seeing you all back, rested and ready for another year of learning at Currans Hill Public School on Wednesday 28th January 2015.

Merry Christmas

Inclusions with today's newsletter:
• 2015 Class Supplies Note
• Multi-sport School Holiday Program
• Songbirds Vocal Tuition Flyer
A Newsletter for the School and Wider community of Currans Hill

Lyn Flegg
Relieving Principal

Sandra Wilson
Relieving Deputy Principal

Kim Pearce/ Shane Weir/ Rene Ryan
Assistant Principals

Megan Heath/Chloe Muldoon/ Brooke Riley
Relieving Assistant Principals

Lorraine Bowie
School Administrative Manager