Principal's Report

Public Speaking Success

Congratulations to Grace Burchell (1st in Seniors) and Jarrod Llewellyn (2nd in Juniors) for a fantastic effort at the Zone Public Speaking last week. Both students will now represent our school at the Area competition. We are very proud of you both. A wonderful result for our school!

Teacher Award

Mrs Francine Thomson (5/6T) was presented with a teaching award last night at the Campbelltown, Macarthur and Wollondilly Award night. Mrs Thomson has continued to contribute enormously to our school over many years and this award was recognition of the sustainability of the impact she has had on student learning. Congratulations from all of us, Mrs Thomson!

International Chefs Day

Last Tuesday our year five children had a very different experience when we had a visit from some international chefs. They talked about healthy eating with the students and then demonstrated some cooking for them. The children sampled some tasty food and went away with some healthy recipes for home. I thank one of our parents, Mr Lynch, for organising this event for our school.

Dance Eisteddfod

Good luck to our dance groups this weekend. They are entered in an eisteddfod and we wish them the best of luck. Mrs Balcon and Mrs Heath have arranged for the children to compete in this event against many dance studios from the area.

GONSKI Week

This week is being recognised as GONSKI Week. I am sure many will recall the ongoing campaign for additional and fairer funding of schools. The campaign continues for funding into the fifth and sixth years from the Federal Government. The “GONKSI” funds have provided some excellent support for all schools that previously would not have been possible. At Currans Hill PS we have been able to fund a speech pathologist to assess and work with staff and targeted students, fund additional teachers for programs in technology, reading and mathematics and also support some additional resources for our school. We hope this funding can continue into the future for all schools.

Mr Wray

Principal
Principal's Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have reached the level of Principal's Award:


Well done to all these students whose awards will be presented at their next scheduled Assembly.

Payment Reminders

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Camp Payment Reminders

The camp payment reminders are if you are following the payment plan. Please note that there was an error on the payment schedule for Yr 4 Teen Ranch, the last payment (#5) is $40 NOT $60.

Thank you

Calendar Term 4 2015

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Student Banking

The last day for Student Banking this year will be on Thursday 3rd December, no more deposits can be made after this date at school. If you wish to make deposits between this date and when it recommences in 2016 please go to a Commonwealth Branch.
Homework Help

This week’s focus for “homework help” is on Maths! Many teachers will tell you that it’s about practice, practice, practice. But that can be a bit boring to some kids. If yours complains about having to do the same thing over and over, here are a few ways to mix it up!!

* Find a times tables song on Youtube and have them sing it. (You can also buy CDs that contain times tables songs or rhymes.)

* For younger children have them share out the food for family dinner- slices of meat, carrot rings, or even peas (though this one might take a while). Using tongs can strengthen their hands while practicing basic division skills!!

* Measure various objects in the house- include length, width, surface area and even the volume for older children. Choose five objects and get them to predict which one will be the biggest/smallest and then get out the tape measures.

* For those who thrive on competition log them into Mathletics and have them compete on “Live Mathletics”!!

Live Life Well

Last Tuesday was our first Kindergarten Orientation session which was a great success. All the children enjoyed the activities in the classroom while information sessions were presented in the hall to the parents and care givers. One of these presentations was the Live Life Well presentation which Currans Hill Public School participates in this program. We have attached the presentation for your viewing for existing parents at the school or parents that were unable to make it on this day.

National Bandanna Day

National Bandanna Day is this Friday 30 October 2015. Students can purchase bandanna's each day this week before school from outside the office at a cost of $4.00 and students can wear their bandannas to school on Friday to show their support for young people living with cancer.

International Chefs Day

On behalf of the staff and students a great big thank you to Chefs John Lynch (Jordan's Dad), Karen Doyle and all the chefs for choosing our school for the fantastic (and delicious!) session with our Yr 5 students for International Chefs' Day last Tuesday 20th October.

The students thoroughly enjoyed it!

Mr Weir

Last Tuesday we had an opportunity to try new foods and explore the wonderful secrets of food. We had a blast helping the chefs cook the food.

This experience taught us not to judge food by it's looks. Just because a type of food smells bad or looks disgusting, doesn't mean it isn't delicious.

We would like to thank all the chefs for giving up their time to show us how to prepare (and eat) healthy food in an interesting way.

By Christina Young, Ziggy Magin, Isabella Trampevski

Book Club

Book Club has been handed out. All orders are due back to the classroom teacher by Friday 30th October.
Universal Children's Day

Universal Children's Day will be held at school this Wednesday 28 the quad needs to be clear as students who will be holding the flags will be in that area. A seating area for parents will be allocated with signs. All students are encouraged to dress up in their tradition costume of their country, colours of their flag or a country they would like to represent. Students in traditional costumes can bring a change of clothes for lunch time to help protect their precious outfits. Students are reminded to wear appropriated foot wear (closed in shoes) for safety regulations.

Mrs Quinn and Mrs Narayan

Time Is Running Out!

Year 6 students, there is only 2 more Primary assemblies to go before the end of the year and for you to be able to collect your Principal Awards at Currans Hill Public School. Please collect your appropriate awards and submit to the office. Assemblies will be held Weeks 4, 6 & 9.

Toys 'n' Tucker

Once again, this year we have decided to support 'Toys’n’Tucker' Christmas appeal. Toys ‘n' Tucker is an Anglicare initiative which provides Christmas food and gifts to thousands of families who would otherwise go without.

If you would like to help those in need with a toy or a non perishable food donation, there will be a box situated in the school foyer from next week. Please, place your Christmas foods and toys there before 9th December, when Anglicare will call and collect our gifts. We hope you can help support this worthy cause.

Thank you
Mrs Burke

PSSA Cricket Results Are In!

The PSSA Cricket was a huge event and time was needed to collect and collate the results.

The results are in and our SENIOR MIXED A team came 1st with our SENIOR MIXED B team coming 2nd! The Juniors finished 3rd and 4th. Well done to all teams, ribbons and the trophy will be presented at Friday's Senior assembly.

Congratulations!