Term 1, Week 2
Tuesday 3 February, 2015

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Welcome back to all families for the 2015 school year and special welcome to the new families to our school.

I have returned as Principal after working as relieving Principal at Narellan Vale PS in 2013 and 2014. I had previously been Principal at Eschol Park PS from 2001 to 2006 and here at Currans Hill PS since 2007 before my two years at Narellan Vale PS. It is great to return and see many familiar faces both within the community and the students and staff.

Welcome also to some new staff this year. Mr Craig, Mrs Balcon and Miss Barrett all joined our school this year.

Our Swimming Carnival was held last Friday on what turned out to be a lovely day. A huge thank you to Mr Ryan for organising the day. This is an extra duty for staff and at this time of the year we all appreciate her efforts. Special thanks also to the many parents who assisted on the day. Without their help we would not have been able to hold the day so successfully.

Provisional classes were formed last week as it may be needed to make some adjustments once our enrolments are settled. We hope this is kept to a minimum but we will ensure that all decisions will be for the educational and social needs of the students in the best way we can. We trust that you understand that we, as teachers, have the students’ best needs at the forefront of our mind when decisions are being made. It is a fact that some students take a little longer to settle into the start of the school year with new classes, new teachers and new friendship groups within the class. From my experience as a teacher and Principal, all students will settle in with the positive support from teachers and parents working together. Please discuss any concerns you may have with your child’s teacher.

Our first P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11th February starting at 7:00pm in the staffroom. I look forward to meeting parents at this meeting.

Mr Wray
Principal

CALENDAR TERM 1 - 2015

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PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have reached the level of Principal’s Award: Isabel O’Connor – 1D, Emily Holt – 1O, Trai Cawley – 1D, Cody McHale – 2BK. Well done!

Your award will be presented at your next scheduled assembly.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Please be advised that as of Monday 9th February, the price of school caps will increase to $12 and school bags will be $50. All other prices will remain the same.

KINDERGARTEN

2015 Kindergarten started on Monday. All have settled in well and looking forward to a
great first year of school. Parents please note that Wednesday will be Sports day, so students are to come in their sport uniform and sport shoes.

2014 YEAR BOOK

The school has a number of 2014 Year Books which were ordered by parents but have not been paid for or collected. Would you please finalise Year Book purchases over the next week by calling in or contacting the office. Year Books are $20 each. There is also a limited number of Year Books available to purchase for any families who did not place an expression of interest last year.

2015 PREPARATION/BOOK PACK

Parents are asked to support the school and your child’s learning by purchasing a Book Pack for individual use at school.

We would like to clarify the costs for this school year, due to some information being omitted from the new Kindergarten letters.

The cost of the book pack is $25 per student and payment will be expected as soon as possible in Term 1.

In addition to the Book Pack, 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 in all Key Learning Areas. Our apologies for any confusion.

If making payment online please tick voluntary contribution for contributions and select Other and enter: Book pack, for book pack payments.

2015 CLASS/STAFF OVERVIEW

**Early Stage 1** – Stage Leader Mrs Riley
- KR – Mrs Riley
- KF – Miss Foster
- KH – Mrs Harrington
- KB – Miss Barrett

**Stage 1** – Stage Leader Mrs Wilson
- 1D – Miss Daly
- 1F – Mrs Fleming
- 1O – Mrs O’Loughlin
- 1B – Mrs Balcon
- 2D – Mr Craig
- 2G – Mrs Garney
- 2BK – Mrs Budd and Mrs Kemp
- 2C – Mrs Crompton

**Stage 2** – Stage Leader Ms Ryan
- 3/4JB – Mrs Johnson and Mrs Bui Viet
- 3D – Mrs Down
- 3K – Mrs Kelly
- 4R – Ms Ryan
- 4W – Ms Wear

**Stage 3** – Stage Leader Mr Weir
- 5W – Mr Weir
- 5T – Mrs J Thompson
- 5/6T – Mrs F Thomson
- 6B – Mrs Bourke
- 6G – Mrs Grenfell

**Support Unit** – Stage Leader Miss Muldoon
- 3-6T Mrs. T. Thomson
- 1/3K Mrs Miller
- 1-6M Miss Muldoon

Teacher Librarian: Miss Sawyer
Reading Recovery: Mrs Prakesh and Mrs Heath (Rel Assistant Principal)
Learning and Support Teachers and RFF: Mrs Gawthorne, Mrs Quinn and Mrs Ward, Mrs Collins.
General Assistant: Mr Herrmann.

Staff at the school use professional judgement to place children into classes after careful consideration of their learning achievements and needs. Staff will provide information about classes at the Meet the Teacher afternoon during Week 3. A separate invitation providing information will be provided when details are finalised.

Swimming Carnival

We had a great day at our school Swimming Carnival that was held last Friday at Camden Pool. A big thank you to all the parents who assisted on the day. We all worked together to make the day a huge success. Ribbons and Age Champion medals will be presented at the primary assembly this Friday the 6th February.
**Opera House Choir Auditions**

Students in Yr 3-6 have the opportunity to audition for the Opera House Choral Music Festival which will take place on 30th October. Auditions will be held at lunchtime (1st half) on Wednesday in Mrs Grenfell’s room.

**HOUSE CAPTAINS**

House Captain badges will be presented to the students at our Primary assembly this Friday the 6th February at midday. Parents are invited to attend to pin the badges on the student’s shirts.

**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS**

The school office is open during the following hours:

- **Monday:** 8.30am – 3.15pm
- **Tuesday:** 8.30am – 3.15pm
- **Wednesday:** 8.30am – 3.15pm
- **Thursday:** **9.00am** – 3.15pm
- **Friday:** 8.30am – 3.15pm

Thursday morning an all school staff meeting is held from 8:30am therefore there is a later opening time on this day.

**SCHOOL BELL TIMES**

**8.30am**

Children are provided with teacher supervision in the playground.

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**Book Packs and Voluntary School Contribution 2015**

1st Child’s Full Name: ________________________________

2nd Child’s Full Name: ________________________________

3rd Child’s Full Name: ________________________________

4th Child’s Full Name: ________________________________

I have enclosed $______________ being for Book Pack/s.

I have enclosed $______________ being for Voluntary School Contribution.

□ Payment has been online. Receipt number is: ____________

Signature of Parent/Guardian ____________________________ Date ________________

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- 2015 Canteen Price List