Term 2, Week 1
Tuesday 21st April, 2015

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Welcome back
I trust everyone has had a wonderful, relaxing holiday over the Easter break. A special welcome to Mrs Hogg, one of our Assistant Principals who started at our school this term. Mrs Hogg is teaching Year One with Mrs Fleming. Welcome also to some new families who have joined our school community this term. I am sure you will find your time at Currans Hill rewarding and enjoyable.

A special welcome also to Mrs O’Connor (Miss Muldoon). Miss Muldoon was married over the holidays and we all wish her and her husband a wonderful future together.

Thank you to Mr Herrmann, our General Assistant, who over the holidays arranged to have some specialist work done within our school grounds. We have had buildings treated for pest control and a new interactive touch screen installed in the library.

Anzac Day Ceremony
We will be holding our Anzac Day ceremony this Friday at 12:00 pm. This will be in lieu of the Year 3-6 assembly.

Community members are very welcome to join us as we commemorate the 100th year anniversary.

Students and parents are welcome to lay a wreath/floral tribute during the ceremony.

Thank you to Mrs Joanne Thompson and Mrs O’Loughlan who have organised this assembly.

Mr. Wray – Principal

ANZAC Day Community Event

This year we will again be participating in the community ANZAC Day march. Marchers will assemble in Elizabeth St, Camden between Mitchell and Elizabeth Streets from 10am. If you would like to represent our school you can collect an information note from the front office which will provide all relevant details.

SCHOOL BANKING

Student banking will recommence this Thursday 23rd April. Parents please note, that tokens distributed to students need to be removed from their bank book each week and held at home. This is to ensure that weekly tokens are issued correctly. Please return them when you have collected 10 and wish to redeem a reward.

Just a reminder to complete deposit slips in full – student number, account name, account number, date and amount deposited.

3-6 CROSS COUNTRY

Our Cross Country will be held on Wednesday 29th April at 9.15am. Students are to wear sports uniform or a house coloured t-shirt. They will need a water bottle and hat. Ages 8, 9, 10 run 2km. Ages 11, 12, 13 run 3km.

House Captains need to meet me at 8.30am on the courts on Thursday morning to assist with setting up.

Parents are most welcome to attend.
Ms Ryan – Sport Co-ordinator
ART CLUB
Art Club will commence this Thursday 23rd April at lunch time in Mrs Garney’s Room.

CHESS CLUB
Chess Club will be held each Wednesday at lunch time in Mrs. Garney’s room. Please come along if you would like to participate.

HOME READER BOOKS
Due to the library stocktake, no home readers will be sent home this week.

NAPLAN 2015
In 2015, NAPLAN tests will be held on 12-14 May for Year 3 & 5 students. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. NAPLAN tests provide very valuable information, but there are no consequences for individual students for poor or good performance.

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Further information will be forward to parents next week.

STEWART HOUSE
Stewart House envelopes are included with today’s newsletter for each family. Stewart House is NSW Public Education’s Charity of Choice. This donation drive supports 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT.

Please place a $2 coin or equivalent in the envelope, complete entry details on the back and return to school to be eligible for a chance to win a $4000 holiday to a destination of your choice. Please submit entries by Stewart House Day, Friday 8th May.

HOMEWORK HELP SPOT
As you may be aware we have been reviewing our Homework Practices this year and many classes are no longer completing a mandatory homework sheet but are undertaking homework activities online or doing mini projects. The “Homework Help Spot” has been created to give you some ideas for helping your child practice what they are learning at school and apply it to the “real world”. The ideas are separated into Stages, however you may like to try any of them with your child and see which ones work best for you.

Have fun as you and your child “Grow Together and Learn Together”.

Early Stage 1 - In the car, in the bath or just sitting on the lounge you could sing songs such as “1 2 3 4 5 Once I Caught A Fish Alive.”
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ir_L7qTiZ4
“The Alphabet Song”
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75p-N9YKqNo
“Five Little Ducks”
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOVH0X0BnM

Counting and alphabet songs are great for beginning school students. (And if you can’t remember the songs check out the Youtube links above!)

Stage 1 - Practice reading numbers by asking your child to read out the speed limit signs as you drive and prices on advertising signs in shops. Give your child a one syllable word (eg. cut, wish, man) and have them tell you a word that rhymes as quickly as they can.

Stage 2 - Choose 5 words from your child’s Home Reader and ask them to see if they can find them around the house - they could look in magazines, newspapers, other books or even on the TV. (If they can’t find them you could write them on pieces of paper and hide them in various places in your home).

Have your child recite their times tables to you while you cook dinner or iron the clothes!

Stage 3 - Write your child’s spelling words (or a word from their home reader) on their back and ask them to guess it. Give your child random times tables questions during dinner time and have them answer it as quickly as possible.

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