PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Gala Day Support
Thank you to the many parents who supported our teams at our first Gala Day for 2015. Special thanks to those from the P&C who worked on the canteen and barbeque on Friday at Jack Nash fields for the rugby league. The P&C have secured each of the Gala Days this term at Jack Nash and will be working on the canteen and barbeque two more times this term. This is great fundraiser for the P&C. If you are able to assist in any way for any amount of time let the office know and they will pass your name onto the P&C organisers.

Congratulations to the teams on their effort on the day at the netball, soccer, AFL, hockey and rugby league. The wet weather has hindered training this term but all teams put in a great effort.

School Attendance
The Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) regularly checks student attendance. The majority of our students have very satisfactory school attendance although he reported to me last week he was very concerned at the number of UNEXPLAINED absences. 39% of students who have had absences this year so far have NOT returned a note with a satisfactory explanation. This is continually monitored by the HSLO and school staff. Continued unexplained absences by individual students can result in a formal HSLO referral for investigation. I encourage everyone to provide written advice of absences as is required.

Review of Special Religious Education (SRE)
The NSW Department of Education and Communities has commissioned an independent review of the implementation of Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE) in NSW public schools. The review is being conducted by an independent research company, ARTD Consultants. This company provides services in evaluating public policy. The review will inform ongoing improvement of SRE and SEE for the Department and providers.

How can you participate in the review?
You can complete a survey up until 31 July 2015 via an online portal, located at this link: http://forms.artd.com.au/s3/Online-contribution-for-parents-carers

Zone Cross Country
Good luck to our representatives on Friday at the Zone Carnival. I am sure they will represent our school well.

Mr. Wray – Principal

CALENDAR TERM 2 - 2015

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HEALTH INFORMATION

All families were issued with a letter from NSW Health last Friday regarding cases of whooping cough in our school community. Additional copies of the letter are available from the school office if required.

BIKE SAFETY

Reminder to any students that ride their bike to school you MUST get off your bike at the front gate and walk your bike down to the bike rack to avoid any further accidents.
P&C MOTHER’S DAY STALL
Thank you to those who were able to support our Mother’s Day Stall by purchasing a gift. A big THANK YOU to our parent helpers who manned the stall and sourced the lovely gifts that the children had to choose from.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who have reached the level of Principal’s Award. Well done Allison Kiss – 2BK, Maddison Breuer – 1B, Dylan Breuer – 4R.

Special mention to Dylan Breuer – 4R, who has reached the level of Principals Medallion. Congratulations Dylan.
Awards will be presented at your next scheduled Assembly.

PSSA GALA DAY REPORTS

Soccer A Boys
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Mrs Grenfell
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Hockey
Last Friday 21 students attended Hockey Gala Day at the Narellan Hockey Centre. We played 4 games against Camden South, Narellan Vale and Harrington Park. Students successfully tried several different positions, including suiting up for Goal Keeper. Everyone impressed Ms Wear with their display of ability above and beyond their level of experience.
Ms Wear
Hockey Coach

Rugby League
Four teams had a great day playing Rugby League at Jack Nash Reserve. We started the day by participating in clinics run by the NRL. Then the players had 4 games to play. The children all had fun and played their best. The best part was playing against our own school.
By Peter S
Rugby League Player

Netball
We had glorious sunny weather for our first netball gala day last Friday. All of the Curran’s Hill teams competed with outstanding sportsmanship and enthusiasm. Considering we have had very limited training due to the wet weather, the teams worked well together. Our skills and positional play by the end of the day were much improved.
Junior A – Great effort girls. Two wins and two losses. All games were very close and went right down to the last whistle. Our defence really stepped up and made a big impact and our passing become stronger with each game.
Senior A – All games were played at a high skill level and a very fast pace. Once again, our defence really shone, with great anticipation and numerous intercepts. We saved the best till last and had a very strong team performance to win the last game of the day.
Junior B & Senior B – A fantastic display of enthusiasm was shown by both teams. They continuously worked hard and encouraged each other right up until the end of the day. Well done girls.
We would also like to especially thank the many parents and grandparents who came along to watch. Your support means a great deal to us all. Congratulations must also go to Caitlyn Rossiter who was recently selected to represent Razorback Zone in the upcoming SSW netball trials. This is a huge achievement as there are many girls who try out from every school in our zone. Well done Caitlyn.
Mrs Gawthorne and Mrs Burke
Netball Coaches
Do you have an inquisitive and inquiring mind? Little and Early Learning Labs - will challenge you!
Both Little Learning Labs and Early Learning Labs are designed for academically high achieving students. All workshops days and disciplines, are held over two cover a range of presented by teachers with specialist training or a specific interest in gifted education.
Little Learners Labs: Year 1 – 2 students
When: 30th June – 1 July, 2015 Fee: $120
Early Learning Labs: Year 3 – 6 students
When: 7-8 July, 2015 Fee: $140
Where: UOW Main Campus
For more information: www.uow.edu.au/in2uni-myway/learninglabsyr1-yr6 or contact Sarah Smith at sarsmith@uow.edu.au

Does your child suffer from Anxiety?
Being the parent of an anxious child is not an easy task. They often place additional demands on parents in terms of time and emotion. When a child is anxious to the point where they are missing out on enjoying some aspects of life, many parents want to do something to help them. Sometimes people think that children will “just grow out of it” and often suffer for a long time before they find out that something can be done.
Anxiety is a common problem among children and adults alike. Research has shown that there are a growing number of children suffering with anxiety but involvement of parents in the treatment of anxiety disorders leads to better outcomes.

In order to explore the ways you could support your child’s anxious behaviours, I have secured the services of Dr Sally Fitzpatrick, a leading therapist from the Centre of Emotional Health at Macquarie University to deliver a parent workshop on anxiety. Sally will discuss different types of anxiety, how to recognize it and most importantly strategies to support your child in positive ways.

Date: Tuesday 26th May
Where: Currans Hill Public School Hall. Parking is available on the street or at the IGA shops.
Time: 1:15pm for a 1:30pm start. The workshop will conclude by 2:45pm
Cost: $5 per person payable in advance to secure your placement as numbers are limited. Please complete the form below and return it with your $5 payment to the office by Wednesday 20th May.

Kind Regards,
Sandra Wilson

NORTHCOTT PRESENTATION AT CURRANS HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Developmental Milestones
Should I be concerned about my child? Is the most common question we hear at our supported playgroups. This information session will give parents and carers of children aged between 0-8 years of age an overview of what is typical development and when to seek support.
The session will include:

- What is Occupational Therapy
- How can Occupational Therapy support my child
- How can I tell when my child is not meeting Developmental milestones
- Signs and symptoms at different ages (0-8 years)
- How to determine what is typical and what is not
- What can I as a parent or carer do to support my child

Where: Currans Hill Public School
Tramway Drive, Currans Hill
Date: Thursday 21 May 2015
Time: 10am – 12 noon
How to register: Phone (02) 4640 8700 Email: campbellown@northcott.com.au
Cost: FREE – Places strictly limited to 20, so only people registered can attend.

PLEASE NOTE: Child care will not be available.

The Department of Education and Communities and Currans Hill Public School in no way endorsed any of the products or services mentioned in the following advertisements. Their distribution with our Newsletter is a community service.

Inclusions with today’s newsletter:
- Year 6 & Year 5 Camp Notes

Macquarie University Anxiety Workshop
Name: __________________________       Contact Phone Number: _____________
Please find enclosed $5 payment to secure my place in the anxiety workshop for parents on Tuesday the 26th May at Currans Hill Public School. I understand payment is non-refundable in the event I am unable to attend.

Signed                                      Date

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