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A Newsletter for the School and Wider Community of Currans Hill

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Student Engagement

One of our whole school targets this year is student engagement. Where possible, schools endeavour to provide real life experiences that relate to their learning such as excursions. An excellent example of this is the stage 1 focus on 'People who help us.'

Stage 1 have organised visits from the RSPCA, ambulance officers, the police and yesterday, the fireman arrived in their trucks. The students have displayed high levels of engagement and have been asking their visitors insightful questions. This is a perfect example of how real life experiences can engage the learner. Well done stage 1.

Have a happy and safe Easter holiday. This may be a wonderful opportunity to take your children to new and exciting places such as the museum. These experiences often enable your children to make real life connections to what they are learning about in class.

Our engagement committee conducted a survey of some students, parents and staff. The results indicate that helping your children with homework and asking them questions about their learning leads to higher levels of engagement for your children.

Term Two

A reminder that our term finishes on Thursday, 9th April and Term Two commences for all students on Wednesday, 29th April. The staff return on Tuesday, 28th April for a School Development Day.

Mr. Wray – Principal

An Easter Scripture Service will be held on Tuesday 7th April at 9.15am in the hall. Parents welcome.



PRINCIPALS AWARDS

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

- Jordan F – 5H
- Imogen S – 1/2BK
- Brayden G – 1/2T
- Sophie F – 1/2O
- Jamie-Lee J. – 1/2R



Well done boys and girls!

EASTER HAT PARADE

The K-2 Easter Hat Parade will be held on Wednesday 8th April commencing at 9.30am. Children are invited to make a simple mask or hat in the Easter theme for this event. These should be made at home and brought to school on the day. Prizes are not awarded for elaborate hats, but random prizes will be given out throughout the parade activities.



WANTED FOR LIBRARY

Toys/Games

Do you have any unwanted items? We need them for lunchtime activities. No puzzles or small pieces (except Lego), please. We need them mostly for Kinder, year 1 and 2 children. Please contact Mrs. Savidge if you can assist.



P&C Easter Raffle

Easter Raffle tickets have been distributed to the youngest member of each family. Could you please return all tickets, SOLD



OR UNSOLD by Monday 6th April 2009.
 For every book brought back that has been sold each family will have a ticket entered into a student only draw. **Please make sure that your family name is written on the front of the ticket book as this will be used for your ticket in the student/family draw.**
 Thanks to everyone for supporting our recent Mufti Day with donations for the Easter Raffle prizes. What a wonderful response we had.
 The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 7th April 2009. Good luck everyone!



K-2 Assembly

On even school weeks (2,4,6,8,10) the assembly will start at 2:15pm.

At this assembly, classes will perform their item. The usual weekly merit awards and other awards throughout the year will be given out.

On odd school weeks (3,5,7,9,11) the assembly will start at 2:30pm. This assembly will be run by our school leaders and will include the giving out of merit awards and some singing.

Your child's teacher will inform you when their class is rostered to perform their item.

We hope to see as many parents as possible at our assemblies each Friday.

Thank you.

Years 3-6 assemblies term 2

Next term the Year 3-6 assemblies will be held in ODD weeks, i.e. weeks 1,3,5,7,9 commencing at 12.00pm.

P&C News

MOCKS FUNDRAISER

What is a mock you ask! A mock is a sock for your mobile phone! Order forms are being sent home on Wednesday. Order forms and money are to be handed into the office in a separate envelope marked **MOCKS FUNDRAISER**. Any Cheques are to be made out to "Currans Hill Public School P&C". All children who return an order will receive a special gift. Orders are due back Term 2 Week 2 which will be Wednesday 6th May.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

P&C are collecting for their uniform sale that will be held in term 2. Please send any donations to the front office. The sale will be held in early May (term 2)

THANK YOU

Thank you to all families for their egg and basket donations. The P&C will be putting the raffle

prizes together and they will be on display in the front office foyer until the draw.

CALENDAR TERM 1/2 2009

Tuesday 31 st March	Parent/Teacher interviews
Wednesday 8 th April	P&C Meeting 7.00pm Staffroom
Wednesday 8 th April	K-2 Easter Hat Parade Easter Raffle to be drawn
Thursday 9 th April	Last day Term 1 School Holidays Begin
Tuesday 28 th April	Term 2 Staff Development Day
Wednesday 29 th April	Classes commence for Term 2 – children return to school
Wednesday 29 th April	ANZAC Ceremony
Friday 1 st May	Years 3- 6 Cross Country event
12 th – 14 th May	NAPLAN testing days
19 th May	Recorder rehearsal day at the Salvation Army Hall, Sydney

ICAS Competition for Years 3-6

All students in Years 3-6 have received information regarding the above competition. Please contact Ms Formica if you would like further information.

Subject	Sitting Date	Entry Fee
Computer Skills	Wed, 27 May 2009	\$6.00
Science	Wed, 10 June, 2009	\$6.00
Spelling	Tues, 23 June 2009	\$8.00
Writing	Tues, 23 June 2009	\$11.00
English	Tues, 4 August 2009	\$6.00
Mathematics	Wed, 19 August 2009	\$6.00

YEAR 3-6 SPORT TERM 2

Children in years 3 – 6 will be receiving a detailed information note at the beginning of next term regarding term 2 sport options. You will be able to nominate to participate in tennis, dance or AFL by returning the form in Week 1, Term 2. The cost for tennis will be \$50, dance \$25, AFL \$27.00. Limited places will be available in all of these elective sports and places will be filled on a 'first in' basis. Primary sport is held each Friday from 10am – 11am. Children in PSSA sporting teams will not be able to choose elective sports. Children not in PSSA or elective sports will participate in a wide variety of school sports and activities.

YEARS 1 & 2 SPORT – Term 2

Children in Years 1&2 will be receiving a detailed information note in Week 1 Term 2 regarding their sporting options. During Term 2 the Year 1 & 2



students will be offered Dance at \$30.00 and AFL at \$27.00 for a 10 week program. These sports will be optional and will be held at the same time as school sport activities



– Fridays 9am – 10am.

GYMNASTICS – Term 2

Stage 2 classes 3J, 3G, 3/4W and 4D will participate in Gymnastics during term 2. Permission and information notes will be sent home Week 1 of Term 2. Cost for this program is \$25 for the term. Permission notes must be returned before Wednesday 6th May and payment should be received by Thursday 14th May (week 3, term 2) please.



LIBRARY NEWS

With the holidays fast approaching we would like children to return all outstanding loans to the library, please.

PSSA GALA DAY TRIALS

Trials will be held on Thursday for the sports of Soccer, Netball and Hockey (weather permitting). Shin pads should be brought to school for soccer and hockey.

ROAD SAFETY ISSUES AROUND SCHOOLS

Some information from the RTA

Tips to improve children's safety around the school

1. School-aged children should always travel in the back seat of your vehicle. Each child must be firmly buckled into an appropriate seatbelt or child restraint. NEVER share a seatbelt.
2. Children should always get in and out of the car through the rear kerb side or 'safety door'
3. Always drop your children on the school side of the road.

4. Meet your children on the school side of the road, preferably at the school gate. This is particularly important in wet weather.
5. NEVER call to your children from across the road. Teach them to wait until you come to them. Talk with them about what they should do if you are not there on time.
6. Children up to at least eight years old should hold an adult's hand in car parks, on the footpath and when crossing the road. Children between eight and at least ten years old should be closely supervised by an adult in the traffic environment and should hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
7. Talk your child through the 'STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!' routine every time you cross the road together:
 - STOP! One step back from the kerb
 - LOOK! For traffic to your right, left and right
 - LISTEN! For the sounds of approaching traffic
 - THINK! Whether it's safe to cross.
 - Always look and listen for traffic as you cross the road.
8. Always slow to 40km/h when travelling in a school zone
9. Always obey parking signs around your child's school. These signs help save children's lives
10. NEVER leave a child of any age in a vehicle without adult supervision. A small child may rapidly suffer dehydration, heat exhaustion and consequent organ failure. Older children could play games that may lead to tragedy.

