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A Newsletter for the School and Wider Community of Currans Hill

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Term 1, Week 2.

Tuesday 3rd February, 2009

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome Back

I trust everyone had an enjoyable holiday and lovely Christmas. We welcome everyone back to the school for 2009 and a special welcome to the many new families who have joined our school.



Staffing Changes and 2009 Classes

As notified in last week's letter, Miss Ryan has joined our school as the new Assistant Principal and Mrs Ward has returned from leave for two days per week.

We were unable to finalise our classes until we could settle our enrolments. The numbers of students we have in the school directly determines the number of classes and teachers we have. Mrs Oszpet is temporarily filling a class until we have a permanent teacher appointed. This could not be determined until we confirmed our enrolments. Mrs Savidge remains in the library until a permanent replacement is made for Mrs Rogerson.

Please support your child in their new class. The teachers spend many hours considering best placement of children in the most suitable class formation. We consider the best environment for their welfare and their learning. Whilst I am aware that many parents want their children to be with (or not with) certain children, I ask that you trust our professionalism and our placement knowing that we also want the best for your child. Building resilience is a vital learning skill and we know children will develop and grow as individuals when they are supported.

Website

The website will again be another form of communication this year. We endeavour to keep the site current so please check it regularly for information. At the moment, the "Latest News"

section is having problems so it is still advertising the fete! Please disregard this section until the problem can be corrected.

www.curranshill.ps.education.nsw.gov.au

School Contribution and Bookpacks

Once our classes have been organised I would ask everyone to make their school contribution as soon as possible. As for last year, we have made the contribution on a sliding scale depending on the number of children you have at school. One child - \$30, two children - \$55 and three or more children - \$75. These contributions cover the students' books and many items required for your child during the year. The teachers will inform everyone what stationery is required in terms of pencils, pens, scissors, textas and rulers etc..... Hopefully your child still has these and many can be used from last year. Kindergarten children will have their stationery needs supplied.

Infection Notification

Towards the end of 2008 we were notified through the Department of Health that there had been an increase in the number of school-aged children diagnosed with whooping cough. Meningococcal disease was also mentioned as a rare, but infectious disease that can affect young people. I have included information about these two diseases. If at any time throughout the year your child is diagnosed with an infectious disease please notify the school immediately so the community can be informed. We will maintain confidentiality but feel it is vital to inform the wider community of the presence of any infectious disease. Thank you.

P&C Thanks

Already some of the ladies from the P&C have been welcoming the community with tea and coffee on the Kindergarten enrolment day. It was great to see the community spirit offered to the many new parents attending our school. The first P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11th February at 7:00pm in the staffroom. Of course everyone is welcome.

Mr. Wray
Principal

Proposed Teacher's Stop Work Meeting Friday 6th February

A separate note will be sent home tomorrow with further details.

Primary Swimming Carnival

Our Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday 4th February at Campbelltown Swimming Centre (Bradbury). The swimming carnival is part of the PD/H/PE curriculum, and as such, all students are expected to attend. The cost is \$7.00 which covers travel to and from the pool, pool hire and pool entry.

Children in Year 2 who are turning 8 this year and can swim 50m confidently can see Miss Batros for a permission note.



On the note students received there was a section to tick for parent helpers. Please tick this if you are able to help on the day.

School Sport Houses

As most of you would be aware last year the school community voted on new sports house names. The winning names were:

EMERTON (Brett Emerton) -Blue House
ANNAN (Alyson Annan) – Yellow House
EAGLES (Bronwyn Eagles) – Red House
NUNNARI (Paul Nunnari) – Green House

Education Tax Refund

The Education Tax Refund (ETR) aims to help families, with children undertaking primary or secondary school studies to meet the costs of school education through assistance with certain education expenses.

Under the Government's ETR, eligible families will be able to claim:

- a 50 per cent refundable tax offset every year for up to \$750 for each child undertaking primary school, (that is a refund of up to \$375 per child per year).
- A 50 per cent refundable tax offset every year for up to \$1500 for each

child undertaking secondary school (that is, a refund of up to \$750 per child per year.

For further information about the Education Tax Refund please visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au or phone the Australian Taxation Office on 13 28 61.

Meet the Teacher

Tuesday

10th February 2009

Kindergarten – 5.00pm – 5.45pm

In Mrs. Wilson's classroom

Years 1 and 2 – 5.45pm - 6.30pm

In the Library

Years 3,4,5 & 6 – 6.30pm – 7.15pm

In Mr. Pope's classroom

Please join us to meet the teacher and learn about what will be happening in your child's class/grade in 2009.

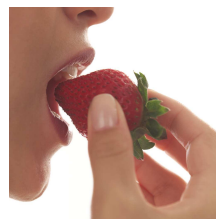
CANTEEN CORNER

Welcome to the space that will keep you updated and be your guide to what is happening in your school canteen.



With this newsletter you will receive a copy of the new 2009 Summer Canteen menu. There have been a few changes and necessary price increases. Extra copies are available at the canteen place your menu in a handy spot (like the fridge) for those times you do want to order.

If for some reason your child is ever sent to school without food or it is spoiled in some way they will be sent to us by the class teacher. We will supply them with a lunch. A note regarding the matter will be sent home. It would be appreciated if these accounts could be paid promptly.



If you have any questions or concerns regarding the canteen, please don't hesitate to call me. My phone number is on top of the menu.

Cheers,
Lisa

STAFF CAR PARK

Please be reminded that the school car park is for use by school staff only. Parents must not use the car park for dropping off or picking up their children under any circumstances. The movement of many vehicles at peak times makes it unsafe for anyone to walk through the car park. Please use the pedestrian gates provided on Tramway Drive.

SCHOOL TERMS 2009

Term 1 Tuesday 27th January – Thursday 9th April

Term 2 Tuesday 28th April – Friday 10th July

Term 3 Monday 27th July – Friday 2 October

Term 4 Monday 19th October – Friday 18th December

PRIMARY SPORT OPTIONS

Children in years 3-6 have been given a separate note today regarding options for primary sport. Please return these to the school office as soon as possible if you would like to apply for optional sport placement.

Year 1/2 Dance Sport

Year 1 and 2 students will have the option of participating in Dance during their weekly Friday sport session. A separate information and permission note has been sent home to all year 1 and 2 students today. Please return the note as soon as possible to the school office.

YOUNG EINSTEINS Transition to School

Denise and Cathy are taking enrolments for the 2009 Young Einsteins Transition to School class held each Wednesday in the Currans Hill Public School transition room during school terms.

If your child will commence Kindergarten in 2010 they can join our transition group in term 1, 2009. The one hour class costs around \$10 per week and is not compulsory.

The children are coached in all the skills they will need in Kindergarten, including literacy and maths to help them make a confident and successful start to school.

Please call 0409 919 518 or 0409 247 411 for more information.

MOBILE PHONES

Students who carry mobile phones to school are reminded that they must be handed in to the school office for safe keeping during school hours. Phones can be collected at the end of the school day



SAFETY FIRST AROUND OUR SCHOOLS

Please be aware of School Zone traffic offences when parking/driving around our school. Police regularly patrol and heavy fines are imposed for offenders. Please keep all our children safe by keeping to the 40km speed limit and parking only where it is legal to do so. Children are reminded to use the pedestrian crossings aided by our Crossing Supervisors.

CALENDAR TERM 1 2009

Wednesday 4 th Feb	Swimming Carnival Years 3-6
Tuesday 10 th Feb	Meet the Teacher evening (details tba)
Wednesday 11 th Feb	P&C Meeting 7.00pm Staffroom
Tuesday 17 th Feb	Country Rugby League Clinics
Wednesday 25 th Feb Friday 27 th Feb	Zone Swimming Carnivals
Wednesday 11 th March	P&C Annual General Meeting 7.00pm Staffroom
Wednesday 8 th April	P&C Meeting 7.00pm Staffroom

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

The school office is open during the following hours:

Monday: 8.30am – 3.30pm

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Wednesday: 8.30am – 3.30pm

Thursday: 9.00am – 3.30pm

Friday: 8.30am – 3.30pm

COMMUNITY NEWS

Uniting Care Currans Hill Outside School Hours Care

Nurturing confident and creative learners

Places available NOW

Please call our Co-ordinator

Natalie Taylor

For enrolment information on

0427 411 749

Hours of Care

Before School: Mon-Fri 6.30am – 9.00am

After School: Mon-Fri 3.00pm – 6.30pm

Fee relief and assistance programs are available.

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