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A Newsletter for the School and Wider Community of Currans Hill

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Term 1, Week 4.

Tuesday 17th February, 2009

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Attendance

Student attendance and punctuality of arrival at school are vital factors in your child's engagement in their learning. Being late for school (even a few minutes) means your child has an unsettled start to the day and this can affect their concentration within the lessons. Our school's overall student attendance improved greatly last year compared to previous years so I hope this trend continues. If your child is unwell then home is the best place for them but it is important they are back at school as soon as possible. The Department of Education's Home School Liaison Officer monitors school attendance and in extreme cases the Department of Education will prosecute continual non attendance at school. Please remember that a note is required if your child is absent from school stating the reason with a satisfactory explanation. Under the new guidelines, simply stating your child was sick or away from school is not satisfactory.

Student Leaders

Congratulations to our student leaders who were all inducted last Wednesday. We appreciated both Mr Corrigan's (Member for Camden) and Scott's (former school captain) attendance on the day. Our leaders have an important role for the year as they represent the school and provide a role model for the students. Our leaders are as follows:

Captains: Laura and Dylan

Vice Captains: Taylah and Bradley

Councillors: Jasmin, Tara, Liam and Alex

Sport Captains:

Annan: (Yellow) - Katelyn and Bradley

Emerton: (Blue) - Kirsten and Liam

Eagles: (Red) - Abby and Kaitlin

Nunnari: (Green) - Jasmine and Shane

Sport Vice Captains:

Annan: (Yellow) Ashleigh and Jayden

Emerton: (Blue) - Sam and James

Eagles (Red) - Abby and Kaitlin

Nunnari (Green) - Ashley and Adem

Mr. Wray

Principal

BUSH FIRE APPEAL

A huge THANK YOU to all our students and families for your wonderful support of our Bush Fire Appeal today. Proceeds are still being counted and we will let you know the final tally next week.

ANAPHYLAXIS - Severe allergic reaction

Your child may have spoken to you about some children at our school who have an allergic condition that makes them especially sensitive to certain foods.

Anaphylaxis is a severe, potentially life threatening allergic reaction to certain foods that these children may have come into contact with. In this case, peanuts, nut products, and eggs are the main hazards.

Eating, touching or smelling these foods can cause lips, eyes and airways to swell and the children may not be able to breathe.

In view of this very serious condition, we are asking you to support our efforts in caring for the children's needs by choosing lunch spreads and food items that are safe when

making your child's lunch and recess. Therefore, we ask that NO peanut butter, peanut biscuits, cakes with peanuts, peanut butter cracker dips, Nutella or eggs be brought into Currans Hill PS so that we can all share in keeping these children healthy at school.

We are proud of the supportive and accepting spirit that our community has always demonstrated towards students with special needs, and we feel confident that with careful management, we can work together to maintain the caring family atmosphere that we all want for our children.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

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

- Tayla - 1/2T
- Ashleigh - 1/2F
- Makayla - 5H
- Jordan - 4/5T
- Toni - 1/2O
- Breeana - 4O
- Blake - 5H
- Kaylah - 1/2BK



Well done boys and girls.

Special mention Blake - 5H who has reached the level of Principal's Medallion, having already received 5 Principal's Awards. What a great effort!

CALENDAR TERM 1 2009

Tuesday 17 th Feb	Country Rugby League Clinics
Wednesday 25 th Feb	Zone Swimming
Friday 27 th Feb	Carnivals
Wednesday 11 th March	P&C Annual General Meeting 7.00pm Staffroom
Wednesday 8 th April	P&C Meeting 7.00pm Staffroom

Year 3-6 Assembly

The Primary classes will hold fortnightly assemblies in ODD weeks ie. Weeks 3, 5, 7, 9 in term 1. Our next assembly will be held on Friday 27th February commencing at 12.00pm.

K-2 Assembly

This year there are some slight changes to the organisation of the K-2 assembly. Assemblies are held every Friday in the hall, but the starting times will vary.

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.

3/4W Expositions

3/4W has been learning how to write an exposition. Here is an example of an exposition by Keira.

Why you should go to the Currans Hill Swimming Carnival?

I strongly believe that you should go to the school swimming carnival.

Firstly, you get to have fun in the pools like in the free swim, going in races and going to the canteen and buying things like ice creams and lollies.

Another reason is that you get to have a free swim. You get divided into 3 and 4 and you go into the indoor pool. If you are in 5 and 6 you get to go in half of the 100m pool.

Finally, you get to have a day off school and no school work for a day.

You should definitely go to the swimming carnival to have fun, have a day out of school, cheer for your house and go to the zone.

Campbelltown Performing Arts Information Evening & Audition Information

Campbelltown Performing Arts will be holding a Year 6 Information Evening on 24th February 2009 for all prospective students or those interested in attending our high school in the future.

Time: 7pm
Where: School Hall, Beverly Road,
Campbelltown

Auditions for Year 7 2010 will be held on 17th, 19th and 20th March, 2009.

Talented students with a strong interest in Dance, Drama, Circus, Instrumental Music and Vocal are encouraged to apply. Local (in area) students wanting to be part of our selective Performing Arts program MUST also audition.

CPAHS is a specialist Performing Arts High School offering a broad comprehensive curriculum. Students selected into our school benefit from a range of curriculum and welfare initiatives, specialist teachers, modern performance and technical production facilities and a supportive whole school ethos towards promoting excellence in the Performing Arts.

Audition application forms can be obtained through the front office or can be posted to you by phoning Mrs Gammage on 4625 1403.

Closing date for the return of application forms – 27th February, 2009.

CANTEEN CORNER

Why not grab a burger for your lunch at school? Come to the canteen and see the great selection we have! Choose from the following:

- ❖ McCurrans Burger
- ❖ Cheeseburger
- ❖ Chicken Chippie Burger
- ❖ Chicken Burger
- ❖ Fish Burger



Or why not create your own!

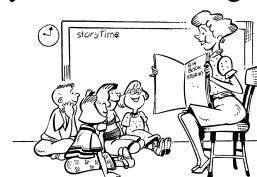
P&C NEWS

The P&C will be collecting pre-loved school uniforms at the office. A stall will be held for parents to purchase pre-loved uniforms later in the term.

We are still collecting old mobile phones. For each phone collected our school will receive \$2.50. It is estimated there are 16 million old mobile phones just lying around homes and offices in Australia. These phones contain toxins that **MUST NOT** find their way into landfill sites. Phones will be recycled in accordance with the International Standards Organization ISO 14001 Certificate. Send in any unwanted old mobiles phones (no matter their condition) to the school office. Thank you ☺

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

Pre-School Story Time will be held on Friday afternoons from 2.15pm – 3.00pm. Preschoolers aged 3-5 years come along to the transition room beside the hall and join Mrs Joanne Thompson and Mrs Terri-Lee Thomson for a fun afternoon.



TRAFFIC OFFENCES

Included with today's newsletter is an information sheet outlining the school zone traffic and parking offences. Please consider the care and safety of all students when driving and parking around schools.

Are you a parent helper in the classroom?

Have you completed a
'Prohibited Employment Declaration'?

All parent helpers are required to lodge one of these forms at the school office before assisting in the school/classroom. They are available at the front desk.

Please remember to sign in and out in the visitors book located in the front office and wear a visitors badge while you are at the school.

