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A Newsletter for the School and Wider Community of Currans Hill

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Term 1, Week 6.

Tuesday 3rd March, 2009

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

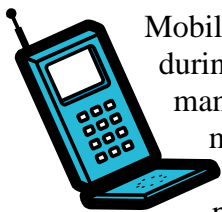
Welcome Mrs Diffley

As I informed everyone last week, we welcome Mrs Diffley to our school. Mrs Diffley comes to us from Mt Hunter PS where she has taught for the past 20 years. Mrs Diffley brings much experience with her and we are sure she will enjoy her time with us and create a wonderful learning environment for her year four class. Welcome Mrs Diffley.



Toys and Mobile Phones

A reminder about bringing expensive toys to school. We do not encourage the children bringing expensive toys and personal belongings to school but we are aware that some children do enjoy playing with these items at lunch and recess. The school cannot, however, be responsible for the security of these items. It is very disappointing when things go missing but please be aware that it is the child's responsibility to look after their personal items.



Mobile phones also should not be on during school hours. I am aware that many parents give their children mobile phones for after school contact. We encourage the phones be left in the office but if a child chooses not to tell us they have their mobile phone with them, they must not use the mobile phone during school hours and it should be switched off. Parents who need to contact their child can phone the school office as is normal procedure. Thank you.

Uniform Sale

I have contacted Yeronga Uniforms and they have agreed to visit the school on Thursday, 2nd April to provide an on-site shop for the sale of winter stock of our school uniform. If you require any winter items in particular, keep this time free (from 8:30am) to purchase any items.

Zone Swimming

Congratulations to our team who represented our school last week. Miss Batros has included a detailed report. I congratulate everyone who represented us and once again thank the P&C for providing the new swimming caps for our representatives. Thank you also to Miss Batros again for this coordinating the Razorback Zone Carnival. The whole zone thanks you for your hard work.

Mr. Wray – Principal

P&C Auditor Required

P&C require an auditor to do the annual audit of the P&C books. If you are an auditor or know one could you please contact Joanne Thompson or the school office with your details and the P&C will contact you.

AFTER SCHOOL / EARLY LEAVERS ARRANGEMENTS

Please ensure that your child knows their after school care arrangements before coming to school. We have had an increase in the number of parents telephoning the school to pass messages on to children.

The office **does not** have contact with all classrooms.

If your child has to be collected early by someone other than the nominated caregiver, please ensure that the office is notified.



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On Wednesday the 25th of February and Friday the 27th of February the Razorback Zone Swimming Carnivals were held at Wollondilly Leisure Centre (Picton Pool). We took an enthusiastic group of students who were extremely well behaved during the two days. Outstanding results were:

* Brooke D

- 1st 10 Years 50m Freestyle
- 1st Junior 50m Butterfly
- 1st 200m Individual Medley
- 2nd Junior 50m Breaststroke
- 2nd Junior 50m Backstroke
- **Junior Girls Age Champion**

* Daniel T

- 1st 11 Years 50m Breaststroke
- 1st 11 Years 50m Butterfly
- 2nd Open 100m Freestyle
- 2nd 11 Years 50m Freestyle
- 2nd 11 Years 50m Backstroke
- 2nd Senior 200m Individual Medley
- **2nd 11 Years Boys Age Champion**

* Lauren C

- 4th 10 Years 50m Freestyle
- 5th Junior 50m Breaststroke
- 5th Junior 50m Backstroke
- 7th Junior 200m Individual Medley

* Junior Girls Relay - Brooke D, Lauren C, Gemma H, Chloe E

- 3rd Junior Girls 4x50m Freestyle Relay

Brooke, Daniel and our Junior Girls Relay team will now go to Birrong Pool to represent Razorback at the Sydney South West Regional Swimming Carnival. We wish them all the best.

Primary Swimming Assembly

On Friday 6th March a special swimming assembly will be held in the hall at 12.00pm. Students whose names were in the newsletter for coming 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their events will receive ribbons. Age champions will receive certificates and any student who makes the razorback zone team to attend the SSW Regional carnival will receive a school medal. All welcome to attend.

The Education Tax Refund Get 50% back

Under the new Education Tax Refund, parents and others who are eligible can now claim 50% of their eligible education expenses up to \$750 for primary students and \$1500 for secondary students.

This means you could receive a refund each year of up to \$375 for each primary and \$750 for each secondary school student in your care.

Are you eligible?

To be eligible you must have received Family Tax Benefit Part A for each child whose education expenses you wish to claim. You can also claim the Education Tax Refund if you were stopped from receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A because your child received any of the following:

- Youth Allowance (student) aged 18
- Disability Support Pension
- ABSTUDY
- the Veterans' Children Education Scheme
- the Student Financial Supplement Scheme
- a scheme under s258 of the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004
- an Australian Postgraduate Award.

Independent students are also eligible to claim.

What can you claim?

You can claim the purchase, lease, hire or hire-purchase costs, repairs and running costs of:

- laptops, home computers and associated costs — for example, internet and paper
- educational software, printers, USB flash drives, disability aids to assist in the use of computer equipment for students with special needs
- stationery and art supplies
- school textbooks and associated learning materials
- trade tools and safety equipment for secondary school trade courses.
- ! Some of the expenses you cannot claim include school fees or the cost of school uniforms, school excursions or travel to and from school, musical instruments or sporting equipment, clothing or footwear. For a more comprehensive list visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au

When can you claim?

You can claim your education expenses in your 2009 tax return. If you do not have to lodge a tax return, you will be able to lodge a separate claim with the Tax Office from 1 July 2009.

RECEIPTS

Receipts are given to class teachers to return to students. The office is unable to reproduce receipts. Please keep them in a safe place.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS



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

- Brayden - 3G

Well done.



THE MUSIC BUS

Please remember to send in your expression of interest ASAP. We need them all in to determine whether we have enough interested students

CALENDAR TERM 1 2009

Friday 6 th March	Primary Swimming Assembly 12.00pm
Wednesday 11 th March	P&C Annual General Meeting 7.00pm Staffroom
Monday 16 th March	Power Of One Anti-Bullying Performance
Wednesday 8 th April	P&C Meeting 7.00pm Staffroom

PLEASE DO NOT WALK THROUGH THE SCHOOL CAR PARK. THE MOVEMENT OF VEHICLES AT THE BEGINNING AND END OF EACH SCHOOL DAY IS DANGEROUS FOR PEDESTRIANS.

Year 3-6 Assembly

The Primary classes will hold fortnightly assemblies in ODD weeks ie. Weeks 3, 5, 7, 9 in term 1.

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.



The Power of One – Anti Bullying

The Power of One Performance will be held at the school on Monday, 16th March. The show is not an “entertaining fun-filled” performance but rather a show that challenges the children and has them thinking about and discussing bullying at school. The teachers will follow-up discussion in class. We feel it is a valuable show and it also coincides with Harmony Week; a time for all of us to think about acceptance of individual differences and to live in harmony with each other. The show cost is only \$3.00 per child. Please pay through the usual process.

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.

LOST

Blue Nintendo DS. If you have any information please contact the school office.