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A Newsletter for the School and Wider Community of Currans Hill

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Building the Education Revolution (BER)

You will no doubt have heard of the extra funds being offered by the Commonwealth Government for major projects to help stimulate the economy and to improve schools. I will be discussing this issue further at the next P&C meeting on Wednesday, 11th March. We will be submitting some nominations for projects for our school so if you would like some input into the process and hear about the program please attend the meeting.

Information Update

We are currently investigating a further way to keep contact information for your family and children. In the meantime, if you have any particular custody issues or restricted access issues or court papers that have changed any circumstances please contact the school and/or provide the details to me through the office staff. This information is, of course, kept confidential and private but it is vital that we have up to date information. Thanking you.

Book packs

Thank you to those parents/families who have already made their contribution to the book packs for this year. Our records indicate that many have still not made a contribution so I ask that payments be made as soon as possible. Remember the payments work on a sliding scale of \$30 for one child, \$55 for two children and \$75 for three or more children. This contribution covers the children books for the full year. You may also be eligible for the tax rebate so keep your receipt.

Harmony Day/Week

We will be celebrating Harmony Day next week with a variety of activities. On Monday, 16th March the performance, Power of One, will be presented to the children (Anti-bullying show - \$3.00 per student – separate note has been sent out). For the remainder of the week the teachers

will be covering a range of activities from follow-up discussions, writing to other children in different schools, reading multicultural texts and learning more about living in harmony. We have been able to gather support from Camden Council and the Australian Government through the Department of Immigration and Citizenship for parts of the project. We thank them for their support.

P&C Meeting – AGM

The AGM will be held on Wednesday, 11th March in the staffroom at 7:00pm. All executive positions will be elected and we will be discussing the BER projects as mentioned above.

Mr. Wray – Principal

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

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

- Isabella 4/5T
- Eden 5H
- Noah 3G
- Shantelle 3J x 2
- Tianna 1/2R
- Monisha 4/5T
- Sam 3/4W
- Jack 4/5T
- Hassan 1/2M
- Zoe 1/2BK
- Maddison 1/2O
- Harvey 1/2R
- Aaron 6P
- Leyton 1/2R
- Jonah 1/2BK
- Lachlan 5/6D
- Ashley 6P



Well done children.

Special mention Lachlan and Ashley who have reached the level of Principal's Medallion, having already received 5 Principal's Awards. What a great effort Lachlan and Ashley!

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. Thank you.



RAZORBACK ZONE TRIALS

Congratulations to the following students who were successful in being selected for Razorback teams/squads:

Joseph K – 11 years Rugby League team
Dylan B and Liam O – 12/13 years Rugby League team
Liam S – Soccer Squad
Well done boys!

Thank you!

We would like to extend our sincere thank you to the Year 6 students who co-ordinated the fundraiser toward the Victorian Bushfire victim along with our family.

The response and support we have received from all areas of our local community has been overwhelming to say the least. It is with much appreciation that I thank all the teachers, students and their families for their recent generosity.



The Neaves Family.

CALENDAR TERM 1 2009

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| Wednesday 11 th | 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 |
| Thursday 9 th April | Last day Term 1 School Holidays Begin |

Year 3-6 Assembly

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

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

Pre-School Story Time has had a change of time the hours will now be Friday afternoons from **2.30pm** – 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.



P&C NEWS - EASTER RAFFLE

Easter is fast approaching and the P&C would like to run an Easter Raffle again this year.

We will be calling for donations of Easter Eggs and baskets in the near future so that we can have lots and lots of prizes to offer in our raffle. Please watch this space for updates and information on ticket sales.



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.

ACTIVITY DAY – St. Thomas Anglican Church
St. Thomas Anglican Church, Narellan will be holding a Pupil Free Activity Day on Tuesday 28th April 2009 on the church premises at 172 Richardson Road Narellan from 8.30am – 5.30pm. Brochures have been sent home with each family newsletter today. They can be returned in the provided envelope to the school office.

P&C Auditor Required Urgently

P&C still 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.

EASTER HAT PARADE

The K-2 Easter Hat Parade will be held on Wednesday 8th April. 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



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awarded for elaborate hats, but random prizes will be given out throughout the parade activities. The time for this event is yet to be determined and will be advised in future newsletters. Please watch


Safety and Care of Students

The safety and welfare of our students is of utmost importance. Section 14 of the *Companion Animals Act* (1998) states that **'Dogs are prohibited in schools (whether or not they are leashed or otherwise controlled)**. In ensuring the safety of our students we ask that **no dog be brought on to school property at any time.**

SCOOTERS / BIKES

A number of students are regularly riding bikes and scooters to school, many without wearing helmets. It is important that helmets are worn to ensure students remain safe. Upon arrival at school it is expected that students lock their bikes/ scooters up at the bike racks.

At no time are students permitted to ride bikes/scooters in the school grounds.



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.

PLEASE ALSO BE AWARE OF VEHICLES LEAVING THE CAR PARK WHEN CHILDREN ARE CROSSING THE DRIVEWAY.

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.

3/4W Writing

Here's another sample of the wonderful writing that is happening in 3/4W. This week's narrative is by Emily.

In a world there is a country called Madagascar. In Madagascar there was a hut. In the hut lived my mum, dad, brother and I. We had sailed around the world twice until we found an island. We decided to call it Madagascar too.

The hut was made out of straw and banana tree leaves. It wasn't very comfortable but it was the only way we could shelter from the sun and keep cool. One night my mum and I cooked us some red, spicy soup by the campfire. My mum, dad, brother and I tried it. We all loved it. A few seconds later all four of us were gusing the red, spicy soup.

Suddenly all our faces were turning red. Then we all started to rise...I knew something was wrong with the soup my mum and I had made.....

SPORT OPTIONS

Thank you to all those who have finalised their payments for the term 1 sport options of dance, tennis or AFL. It would be appreciated if any outstanding accounts are finalised as soon as possible. Thank you.

Community News

The Statewide Eyesight Preschooler Screening (StEPS) program is an initiative of the NSW Department of Health and offers all 4 year old children a free vision screening assessment.

It is **highly recommended** all 4 year old children participate in the vision screening program as many vision problems remain undetected unless a child's vision is screened by a trained vision screener.

The StEPS Program is being conducted at the local Community Health Centre near you.

To organise an appointment for your child please ring (02) 98272252 and leave message for Gennelle or Monica.