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A Newsletter for the School and Wider Community of Currans Hill

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Power of One

I hope the children came home and talked to you about the Power of One show last week. It challenged the children to think about the role everyone has in bullying incidents and not just the person or persons doing the bullying. For the older students they talked about cyber bullying and the influence the internet has had on bullying. It was a good reminder for everyone to monitor your child's use of "msn" and "facebook" type programs on the internet.



Swimming Success

What a wonderful effort by both Brooke and Daniel in individual events and the Junior Relay Girls team at the regional carnival. Both Brooke and Daniel will now swim at the NSW State carnival. Congratulations.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will take place for students in Years 3 and 5 between the dates of 12th and 14th May this year. If you have a child in these grades and wish to discuss any issues with your child's teacher, please make an appointment.

University Competitions

Miss Formica recently notified everyone of the testing program for this year. I would encourage students to attempt these tests. Many parents/students use these results as further references to support their school

report and they are good tests to challenge oneself against Australasia! Students do not have to do all tests but can select an area of interest or speciality.

Mr. Wray – Principal

MUFTI DAY!

Wednesday
25th March

Children are invited to participate in a Mufti Day and donate an Easter Egg or Basket for our Easter Raffle.



Please place donations in the boxes under the COLA before school.

Modest, sensible clothing should be worn as well as closed in shoes.

The P&C thanks you for your support of the Easter Raffle.

YEAR 7 2010

All year 6 students have been issued with Expressions of Interest for enrolment to High School in 2010. **All forms must be returned to the primary school office NO LATER than Friday 27th March.**

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:

- Vereneke – 6B
- Tahlia H – 1/2BK
- Joel W – 3G
- Abby W – 6P
- Daniel – 5H
- Alyssia – 1/2T
- Thanchanok – 4/5T
- Ryan – 1/2T
- Callum – 1/2BK
- Lachlan M – 1/2BK
- Bradley D – 6B
- Brooke D – 4D
- Jasmine – 6P
- Rebekah L – 1/2T
- Joshua L – 3/4W
- Ryan G. – 5/6d



Special mention to Jasmine C – 6P who has reached the level of Principal's Medallion. Congratulations Jasmine.

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.



PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

In accordance with our reporting policy, we would like to offer parents the option of taking part in a Parent/Teacher interview to discuss their child's Term 1 progress. Children were issued with information notes last week with all details. Please complete and return any request forms to your child's class teacher if you would like to take part in this interview process. Teachers will allocate an appointment time for an interview of 10 minutes duration. Teachers will endeavour to arrange an interview time close to your preference times however it is

not always possible to accommodate your exact request.

ICAS Competition for Years 3-6

All students in Years 3-6 have received information today 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

P&C Easter Raffle

Easter Raffle tickets have been distributed to the youngest member of each family today. 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.

Prize winners will be announced at our Easter Hat Parade. We will be holding a mufti day on Wednesday 25th March for donations of Easter Egg donations. Raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 7th April 2009. Good luck everyone!

Year 3-6 Assembly

The Primary classes will hold fortnightly assemblies in ODD weeks this term. Our final assembly for term 1 will be held in Week 9, Friday 27th March.



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.

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.



School Hat Survey

Dear Parents,

The school parliament is investigating the possibility of introducing school caps as part of the school uniform. These could be worn in the playground and for sport. The students would have the choice of wearing a school cap, bucket or broad brimmed hat. Originally Year 6 students thought that wearing a school cap might be a special privilege for Year 6. This could be purchased along with the Year 6 T-shirt. Other people think that all students should be given the opportunity to purchase and wear a school cap.

We would like to know your thoughts on the following (please tick the most appropriate) and cut out this form and return to the front office by Monday 30th March 2009.

All students should be given the opportunity to wear a school cap.

Year 6 students, only, as a special feature for their last year of school.

Hats should remain as is with students only being allowed to wear broad brimmed hats

Thankyou for your response.

Liam S

On behalf of Year 6 parliament.

Whooping Cough

In recent months there has been an increase in the number of school-aged children in NSW diagnosed with whooping cough (pertussis). Please be on the look out for symptoms of whooping cough:

- A runny nose, followed by a cough, which becomes worse (older children and adults may have only a cough that can last for several months)
- A cough that occurs in spasms, which may be followed by vomiting
- A cough with a 'whoop' (a sudden noisy gasp at the end of coughing)

In order to prevent further cases, if your child or any member of your family has symptoms of whooping cough please see your doctor and take this notice with you. This is extremely important if there is a baby less than 12 months of age living in the household. Whooping cough can be a serious life-threatening infection for babies.

If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in its early, infectious stage (within 3 weeks of the cough starting), please advise the school and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics.

Immunisation reduces the risk of infection, however the vaccine does not give lifelong protection, and reinfection can occur. The vaccine is provided free of charge for infants at 2, 4 and 6 months and again at 4 years. Please check that your child has received this primary course. If your child has not been fully immunised, discuss a catch-up plan with your doctor.

Because protection wanes with time, free vaccine will be provided to Year 10 students as part of the NSW School-based Vaccination Program from 2009.

Information on whooping cough is available at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/infectious/pertussis.html> or for further information please call your local public health unit on 02 9840 3603.

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.