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A Newsletter for the School and Wider Community of Currans Hill

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Opera House

While many were watching NSW lose the State of Origin, some parents and staff had the pleasure of attending the NSW Public Schools Instrumental Festival in the Concert hall at the Opera House last week. Once again, I thoroughly enjoyed the evening and consider it one of my highlights on the school calendar. Congratulations to the children who took part in the recorder ensemble and many thanks to Mrs Thomson (4/5T), Mrs Budd and Mr Radford for their time and effort in working with the children. An experience they will always remember.

P&C Meeting

At the last meeting for the term, next Wednesday, 8th July, I will share some details regarding a public education campaign for equity of funding from the Commonwealth Government. The funding we are receiving through the Building the Education Revolution is wonderful but many are concerned about the equity of recurrent funding and the differences for public and private schools. I will share some details regarding this matter.

Chester Hill HS Multicultural Flag Day

On Thursday, our student leaders will be attending this event to represent our school. They will be accompanied by Mrs BuiViet, Mrs Thomson and myself. We are very proud to be chosen to attend an event that is of such high quality and prestige within our region. Last year it was reported on evening news.

Swine Flu Update

I recently added an update from the Department of Health and Department of Education to our

school's website under the newsletters section. Currently, anyone suspected of this condition, remains home from work/school until symptoms subside. School closures are not considered. I believe many doctors are now no longer testing for swine flu and are simply treating flu symptoms.

Mr Wray – Principal

K-2 CROSS COUNTRY

The K-2 Cross Country Carnival will be held next Tuesday 7th July. It will be held on the school grounds and commence at 12.00pm. Children are asked to wear their sports uniform and appropriate sports shoes. Please ensure your child brings a water bottle and their asthma medication if required.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

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

Jack C – 1/2O, Hannah H – 1/2R, Selena H – 4D., Lachlan K – 5/6D, Sophia K – 4/5T

Well done to these students!

*K-2 Assembly – Friday 3rd July
2.30pm*

Primary Assembly – Friday 3rd July 12.00pm



PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

At the beginning of Term 3, Thursday the 30th July all primary (Years 3-6) students will be attending the athletics carnival at Campbelltown Athletics Stadium. As it is part of the school's PDHPE curriculum all students are expected to attend. Cost will be \$8.50. Permission notes were handed out today and need to be returned with money to the office by **Friday 3rd July**. If you have a child who is turning 8 in year 2 and is a capable athlete please see Miss Batros for a permission note.

THE OPERA HOUSE RECORDER CONCERT

"Yesterday I went to Sydney. I got there on a train. We saw some buskers that were playing music for money. Mrs Budd put some money in his hat. We saw the Harbour Bridge when it was day and people were climbing it and when it was night the Harbour Bridge lit up. For lunch we had it at the Botanic Gardens. On the way Mrs Budd was cold so she bought a coffee. I took some photos with my own camera. Later on we had three hours to have dinner at a restaurant and I went to Pancakes on the Rocks. I played the songs the British Grenadiers, Simple Gifts and colours of the Sun. I had a good time. I also went to bed at midnight."

By Brayden O – 3J

"Yesterday I went to the Sydney Opera House. Firstly my mum drove me to Blaxland Road and I caught the train to the city. When we got there we had a little bit of a walk around. Then we had lunch in the Botanic Gardens. I ate my sandwich, my pear and my chocolate. After that I walked around with Mikayla, Amy and Katie. When we finished our lunch we went for a rehearsal. After rehearsal practise our parents picked us up. We then had some lunch and went to Luna Park to take some photos. Then we went to McDonalds to have dinner. When we finished we headed back to the Opera House to perform. Firstly, we played British Grenadiers. Secondly we played Simple Gifts and lastly we played Colours del sol (Colours of the sun). In the middle of the songs bands played. When it was over my dad bought me a milk and we caught the train to our car. When we got home it was midnight! I had a very tiring day."

By Shantelle – 3J

CALENDAR TERM 2 2009

Monday 6 th July	Mt Annan High School Transition – Year 6
Wednesday 8 th July	P&C Meeting 7pm
Thursday 9 th July	P&C Movie Night
Friday 10 th July	Last day of Term 2
Monday 27 th July	Staff Development

	Day – Term 3 commences for Staff.
Tuesday 28 th July	Term 3 commences for students.

BACK TO THE 80'S

Tomorrow, Wednesday 1st July, the children in Stage 3 will be walking to Mt. Annan Public School to see a musical 'Back to the 80's' presented by students of Mt. Annan High School. All children are expected to attend this school activity. Please ensure notes are returned tomorrow.



Stage 3 Teachers

BATHURST EXCURSION YEAR 5/6

The year 5 and 6 major excursion for 2009 is to visit Bathurst for three days – 14th – 16th September. All children have received an information and permission note. A payment plan has been devised to assist with spreading out the cost involved. If you wish to secure your child's attendance and participation, please return the 'Attendance & Confirmation' note along with a \$50 deposit.

SOCCER REPORT – GALA DAY 2

Great results today boys ☺ Both teams gave 100% and played as a team.

<u>Junior</u>		<u>Senior</u>
Won 1-0	Vs Elderslie	Won 7-0
Won on Forfeit	Vs Mt Hunter	Won on Forfeit
Loss 3-2	Vs Cawdor	Won 3-0
Won 1-0	Vs N/Vale Green	Loss 1-0
Won 1-0	Vs Mawarra	Draw 1-1

Junior best and fairest goes to Jake I using his speed on the wing.

Senior best and fairest goes to Anthony L who dominated the midfield all day giving excellent service to strikers.

Mr. Woudsma

P&C NEWS

Ice Age III Tickets

Ice age III tickets are now SOLD OUT. Thank you to everyone who has supported this fundraiser. We are looking forward to a great evening of entertainment.



PEER SUPPORT REPORT

This week in Peer Support we had to ask the children to do a Role Play which was how to be a good friend, and they did it magnificently!

The other things we did in Peer Support was the friendship tree where we had to cut out a least 12 leaves. The friendship tree was about knowing how to be a good friend and why. Then we got one of the year 5's to draw the friendship tree and the leaves were stuck on. Everyone worked together very well and came up with good answers.

I gave my Peer Support Award to Isabella J in KG because she was trying hard to give good answers.

Aaron D – Peer Support Leader

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher interviews have been scheduled for week 2, term 3 following distribution of semester 1 reports. All children have been given class notes with regard to interviews. If you would like to take part, simply complete and return the interview request to your child's class teacher and an interview time will be allocated. You will receive a reply slip indicating date, time and location of the interview. Interview requests need to be returned BEFORE the end of term, please.

JULY SPORT HOLIDAY PROGRAM

@ Camden Public School

John Street, Camden

Week 1: Monday 13th – Friday 17th July

Looking for something FUN, ACTIVE, and SAFE in the school holidays?

Time: 8.30am – 3.30pm

Cost: \$30 per day (discounts for multiple days and families available)

What to Bring: packed lunch, drink and morning tea, sun block, sports shoes and hat for outdoor activities on the premises.

Bookings essential – call 1300 656 695 - 8am – 4pm

PUPIL FREE ACTIVITY DAY

'The Circus'

Date: Monday 27th July

Who: K- 6 children

Where: St. Thomas Anglican Church
172 Richardson Raod, Narellan

Time: 8.30am – 5.30pm

Please refer to the enclose flyer for further information. Registration forms can be returned to our school office.

EDUCATION TAX REFUND – Don't forget to claim

How do I claim the Education Tax Refund?

- **In your tax return.**
- **If you don't lodge a tax return, claim on a separate form or over the phone.**
- **If you use a tax agent, make sure you ask them to claim for you.**

The Education Tax Refund lets you claim up to 50% of eligible education expenses for school children. If you are eligible, you can get back up to \$375 for each primary student and up to \$750 for each secondary student.

You can claim things like text books, stationery and even internet costs.

If you receive Family Tax Benefit Part A for a child at primary or secondary school, you will be eligible. Some other people are eligible too, to find out more about this and other information such as what you can and can't claim go to australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund or call the Tax Office on **13 28 61**.

❗ **Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.**



NARELLAN LIBRARY NEWS – FREE Holiday Activity

You're invited to a FREE school holiday event. (See the flyer for detailed information)

When: Thursday 16th July

Time: 11am – 1pm

Where: Narellan Library

If you want to attend this wonderful holiday activity, please write your name and contact telephone number on the reverse side of the flyer which accompanies this newsletter. Parents should sign the form and return it to Mrs. Savidge in our school library. Registrations will be forwarded on your behalf.

MACARTHUR SCHOOL'S CHALLENGE

The Macarthur Square School's Challenge is now over. Thank you to all our families who contributed to our tally by presenting their shopping dockets over the past month. We are awaiting collation of all results and will keep you informed as we are given more information. Fingers crossed, we will be eligible for a monetary prize for our school.