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## A Newsletter for the School and Wider Community of Currans Hill

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## Term 2, Week 1

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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### WELCOME BACK

Hi, hello, greetings and g'day. It is good to see you all again. I hope you had a fun, relaxing and enjoyable holiday with family and friends. Hopefully you are all refreshed and ready for another term of serious learning. I can hear a collective sigh of relief from all those mums and dads who are also eager for you to get back to your learning.

Mr Wray will be continuing in his role as relieving School Development Officer at District Office for the next 2 weeks. Mr Pope (Hey that's me!) will be relieving in the role of principal for that time. While I am in this role Miss Batros will be relieving Assistant Principal for Stage 3.

#### STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Yesterday the staff of Currans Hill P.S. continued our investigation and training on 'Student Engagement'. Now I'm sure some of you are saying 'Student what?' Well, let me explain. In a nutshell Student Engagement refers to how well a student applies themselves in class or how focused they are on their learning. Obviously, the more they listen and the harder they try - the more they will learn.

Student Engagement is essentially the responsibility of three groups of people the students themselves, their teachers and their parents. When all groups work together in a positive relationship then successful student engagement is more likely to occur.

**What can I as a parent do?** Well what I'd encourage you to do this week is talk to your kids. Promote the importance of school and learning. Ask them about what they learnt each day at school in a positive and encouraging way. Why not ask them what they did or learnt about ANZAC DAY today? A couple of safety hints might be don't ask them straight after school as they are often tired or grumpy at this time. Also try and get them to expand on their answers by asking more questions if needed but try and

avoid nagging. In the following weeks and months we will be giving tips or prompting parent involvement in a segment in the newsletter called STUDENT ENGAGEMENT CORNER.

Also stay tuned for the up and coming parent workshops on understanding and helping with your child's learning. Remember positive feelings associated with learning is more likely to lead to greater success and interest in future learning.

#### ANZAC DAY

Thank you to the following students who turned up to march and represent our school last Saturday at the ANZAC DAY ceremony held in Camden. They were Dylan B, Laura F, Bradley R, Taylah M, Liam S, Kaitlin T, Blake T, Shaun T, Josh L, Rebekah L, Charlotte S, Imogen S, Hayden R and Alyssia T.



Some students wore relative's medals and Rebekah L even had her great, great, great uncle's bugle which was played during the ceremony. What a surprise that was! I would also like to thank those parents their children to the ceremony. There were also many other families waving at us from the roadside. It was good to see you all. Thankyou to Mrs Miller for organising the students and the wreath and thankyou to Mrs Diffley and Mrs J Thompson for coming to also march and represent the school.

#### SCHOOL CAPS

You may have noticed in previous newsletters a survey from the Year 6 Student Parliament about introducing school caps as part of the school uniform. If you haven't already filled one in could you please take the time to fill in one from this newsletter and return it by this Friday, please.

Thanks and have a good week back at school.

Mr. Sean Pope – Relieving Principal

## PRINCIPALS AWARDS

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

Joshua T – 4D

Well done, Joshua!

He will receive his Principal's Award at the Primary Assembly this Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May.



## Transition to School

Our first transition to school visit will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May (Week 2) 11.45am-12.30pm. If you have a school aged child ready to begin school in 2010 you are welcome

## ASSEMBLIES

Primary Assemblies will be held in the odd weeks of term – Weeks 1,3,5,7 and 9 commencing at 12.00pm.

K-2 Assemblies will be held each Friday during term as follows:

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.

## CALENDAR TERM 2 2009

Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Term 2 Staff Development Day
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Classes commence for Term 2 – children return to school
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	ANZAC Ceremony
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Years 3- 6 Cross Country event
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Author visit Roslyn Motter
12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN testing days
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	School Photos
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Recorder rehearsal day at the Salvation Army Hall, Sydney

## Canteen Corner

Term 2 will see the introduction of our Winter Menu which is distributed with today's newsletter.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS 2009

School photos are scheduled for Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May. The photographers will soon be distributing photo payment envelopes for ordering purposes. These will be sent home as soon as they are received by the school.

Orders are handled directly by the photographic company and not the school.

## 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 have extended the due date for the survey and ask that you take the time and complete the survey and return to the front office by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009.

Please tick the appropriate boxes and cut out the survey.

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.

## ANZAC DAY

The school's ANZAC Day Ceremony was held today. Thank you to those who brought along flowers to mark this special occasion. Special thanks to our guests –Mr. Iain Richard-Evan from Camden RSL for sharing his experiences with our students and Mr. Kieran Took whose musicianship added to the significance of the occasion.



Mrs Miller

## YEAR 3-6 SPORT TERM 2

All children in years 3 – 6 have today received a separate note regarding term 2 sport options. You can nominate to participate in tennis, dance or AFL by returning the form to the school office. Applications for sport options close on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May, unless filled earlier. The cost for tennis will be \$50, dance \$25, AFL \$27.00. Limited places will be available in all of these elective sports and places will be filled on a ‘first in’ basis. Primary sport is held each Friday from 10am – 11am. Children in PSSA sporting teams will not be able to choose elective sports. Children not in PSSA or elective sports will participate in a wide variety of school sports and activities.

## LIBRARY NEWS – Author Visit

Roslyn Motter is the author of the Doofuzz Dudes books. She will be visiting our school on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Roslyn will be speaking to children in the Library and her books will be available for sale priced at \$12.95. She will be available to autograph any purchases for you. Mrs. Savidge has copies of the Doofuzz Dudes books available in our school library if you would like to see them.



## CROSS COUNTRY

The Primary (years 3-6) Cross Country event will be held this Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May from 9am – 11am. It will be held on the school grounds and also encompass the adjoining oval at Jack Nash Reserve. Students are to wear their house colours and running shoes. A hat and sunscreen are also recommended. Please don't forget to bring a water bottle and ventolin for those that require it. If you would like to be a parent helper please see Mr Woudsma.

**The Cross Country is part of our PD/H/PE curriculum and as such all children in years 3-6 will participate.**

Please notify your child's class teacher if your child has any special medical condition that we need to be aware of.

Parents are welcome to come along and bring their cheery voices.

## YEARS 1 & 2 SPORT – Term 2

Children in Years 1&2 today have received a detailed information note regarding their sporting options. During Term 2 the Year 1 & 2 students will be offered Dance at \$30.00 and AFL at \$27.00 for a 10 week program. These sports are optional



and will be held at the same time as school sport activities – Fridays 9am – 10am. Places for Dance and AFL are limited and will be filled on a ‘first in’ basis. Applications for optional sports will close on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May, unless filled earlier. Children not participating in optional sports will be involved in a varied rotational sports program.

## GYMNASTICS – Term 2

Stage 2 classes 3J, 3G, 3/4W and 4D will participate in Gymnastics during term 2, commencing in Week 2. Permission and information notes have been sent home today. Cost for this program is \$25 for the term. Permission notes must be returned before Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May and payment should be received by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May (week 3, term 2) please.



## MOTHERS DAY STALL

The P&C will be holding a Mother's Day Stall on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May commencing at 9.00am. All children will have the opportunity to purchase a gift for \$5.00 at the stall.

Helpers are required to assist with sorting and wrapping gifts on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May and also to sell the gifts on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May. If you can assist, please leave your name with the ladies in the office.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### TENNIS REGISTRATIONS AT WESTS

The next registration day for junior tennis competitions will be held at Wests Campbelltown Tennis Club on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2009 from 8.30am – 12noon. The next competition starts on 6<sup>th</sup> June.

### YOUNG EINSTEINS- Transition to School

Denise and Cathy are taking enrolments for Term 2 2009 Young Einstein's Transition to School class held each Wednesday in the Currans Hill Public School transition room during school terms.

If your child will commence Kindergarten in 2010 they can join our transition group. The one hour class costs around \$10 per week and is not compulsory.

The children are coached in all the skills they will need in Kindergarten, including literacy and maths to help them make a confident and successful start to school.

Please call 0409 919 518 or 0409 247 411 for more information.