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

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**Term 2, Week 2**  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2009

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hi and welcome back to week 2. Last week was hopefully an enjoyable start to the term, even though it was short. Congratulations to Mrs Miller and those students who spoke at or ran the **Anzac Day Assembly**, Lauren F, Dylan B, Hayden R, Rebekah L, Bradley D, Bradley R and Taylah M. Also thanks Tyler M and Rhiannon B for looking after the flags. Well done to all our students who displayed outstanding manners and empathy during the service. On Thursday year 6 worked hard training to become **Peer Support Leaders** and Friday saw all of 3-6 running the **Cross Country**. Well done to all those who participated and ran the best they could.

### NAPLAN

Firstly good luck to all our Year 3 and 5 students who are doing the NAPLAN test next week. NAPLAN stands for National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy.

The tests will be run over 3 days. Tuesday 12.5.09 will begin with a test on spelling, punctuation and grammar as well as a separate writing test. Wednesday 13.5.09 will be the Reading test and Thursday 14.5.09 will be the Numeracy (maths) test. Friday is a scheduled catch up day for any student who may have missed a test or been away one of the test days.

### COLD & FLU SEASON

For those of you who have been watching the news you'll be aware that a lot of people are talking about the flu (Okay, don't panic there are no cases of Swine Flu in Currans Hill!) but I do want to take the opportunity to talk about ways of preventing the spread of germs. If your child has a minor cold, with a cough or runny nose could you please talk to them about covering their mouths or blowing their nose with a tissue or a handkerchief. After doing this they should wash their hands as this is one of the best ways of preventing the spread of germs. (Teachers are aware of this and will allow your

child to wash their hands if they are coughing or sneezing.)

If your child is noticeably ill, with a temperature or a severely runny nose, a chesty cough or any other major symptom I am asking that you arrange care for them at home or away from school as this is preferable to making fellow students sick and will help to control the spread of germs.

### STARS AMONGST US



There is a young man by the name of Justin W. at our school who has been selected as the **Junior Baseballer of the Year** in the Macarthur District Competition. Justin plays for the Mets and was selected out of 90 nominations for the above title. Justin plays

as a pitcher for the Mets and has a batting average of 94%. He also gives up his own time to act as a bat boy (no not a superhero who works with Batman) - to collect bats during the game for older baseball teams. Well done Justin. If you have received any special recognition in or out of school please be sure to let us know.

Mr. Sean Pope – Relieving Principal

### PRINCIPALS AWARDS

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

Mele O- 3/4W, Tyler G – 1/2Bk, Wade G – 3J

Hayley M – 6P, Kane B – 1/2F,

Chas T - 1/2R, Joe S – 1/2R, Ben

F – 5H, Montanna F – 1/2BK

George H – 1/2F

Well done to all these students!



### MOTHERS DAY STALL

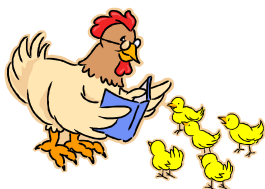
The P&C will be holding a Mother's Day Stall on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May commencing at 9.00am. All children will have the opportunity to purchase a gift for \$5.00 at the stall.



## PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Pre-school story time will not be on this Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May, due to other commitments by both Mrs Thompson and Ms Thomson.

Story time will resume at 2.30pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May.



## 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

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother's Day Stall
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Author visit Roslyn Motter
12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN testing days
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Gala Day 1
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	School Photos
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Recorder rehearsal day at the Salvation Army Hall, Sydney
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Zone Cross Country
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Gala Day 2
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Public Holiday
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Gala Day 3
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Term 2

## Canteen Corner

A few extra hot items have been added to the new winter menu. Please make sure you have received a copy.

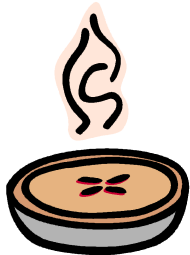
Potato Pie

Lasagne

Macaroni Cheese

Vegetable Lasagne

Just to name a few. Take the time to have a quick look!!!



## 1/2F Assembly

Due to Ms Formica's absence this week 1/2F's assembly will now be held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July (Week 11). Infants assembly will now be starting at 2.30pm this week.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS 2009

School photos are scheduled for Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Payment envelopes will be sent home later this week. Family Envelopes will be available from the front office later in the week. Orders are handled directly by the photographic company and not the school. We ask that all students wear their SUMMER uniform and if it is cold weather please bring a jumper that can be taken off for the photo.



## YEAR 3-6 SPORT TERM 2

Unfortunately Primary elective sports will not be going ahead due to insufficient numbers. If you have paid for your child to attend Primary Tennis, AFL or Dance, your refund can be collected from the front office or please send a note requesting refund.



PSSA Gala Day and Gymnastics will not be affected by this.

## YEARS 1 & 2 SPORT – Term 2

Due to an outstanding response Year 1 & 2 elective sport is now full. We cannot take anymore request for these sports. If you did miss out you will have an opportunity in Term 3.

## 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 were sent home last week. 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. NO NOTE - NO GYM.



## MOCKS FUNDRAISER

The P&C's Mock Fundraiser has now been extended to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. If you require an order form please collect from the wall in the office where all spare notes are kept.

## P&C USED UNIFORM SALE

The P&C are preparing for a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale to be held at the end of May. Donations of all old or unwanted uniforms would be appreciated. Any donations can be left at the school office where a box will be located for this purpose. Parent helpers are also required to assist with sorting and selling the uniforms. All proceeds of uniform sales will go towards the school.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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.

### Cold Weather "Accidents"

Due to the colder weather we have had a number of children present at the office for a change of clothing as they have wet their pants. All children in years K, 1 & 2 are asked to have a spare pair of underwear in their bags in case of "accidents". When children are given school clothing to change into, we ask that you wash and return them promptly. For hygiene reasons, do not send underwear back to school. Please replace it with a new pair. At present, we have no junior underwear left at school as it has not been replaced.

### SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

The school office is open during the following hours:

Monday: 8.30am – 3.15pm  
Tuesday: 8.30am – 3.15pm  
Wednesday: 8.30am – 3.15pm  
Thursday: 9.00am – 3.15pm  
Friday: 8.30am – 3.15pm

## PRIMARY CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

On Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> May the Primary Cross Country Carnival was held at the school and Jack Nash Oval. Mr Woudsma had a lovely time running tug of war competitions between the houses. The top four in each age group will now represent Currans Hill at the Razorback Zone Carnival at Camden Equestrian Centre on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of May. The winning house was the Annan (Yellow) house.



<u>8/9 YEAR GIRLS</u>	<u>8/9 YEAR BOYS</u>
Brittany R – 3G Chloe E – 3J Brooke R – 3J Kiera W – 3/4W	Dylan T – 3G Dylan J – 4D Wade G – 3J Jake I – 3G
<u>10 YEARS GIRLS</u>	<u>10 YEARS BOYS</u>
Gemma H – 4D Brooke D – 4D Kristen S – 4D Breeana H – 4D	Reece M – 5/6D Joshua L – 3/4W Zac F – 4D Sam S – 3/4W
<u>11 YEARS GIRLS</u>	<u>11 YEARS GIRLS</u>
Naomi R – 5/6D Gabrielle S – 5H Makayla N – 5H Tara K – 6B	Shane B – 6P Bradley R – 6P Daniel I – 5H Daniel T – 5H
<u>12/13 YEARS GIRLS</u>	<u>12/13 YEARS BOYS</u>
Kaitlin T – 6B Taylah M – 5/6D Katelyn G – 5/6D Shinai M – 6B	Stephen F – 5/6D Liam O – 6B Liam S – 6B Alex W – 6P



### LIBRARY SPOT

We would like to extend a special 'Thank You' to Mrs. Sandra Pamplin (grandmother of Aaron –6B) who so

generously volunteers time each Wednesday in the Library. Mrs. Pamplin spends the entire day at Currans Hill and assists us each week with shelving, borrowing and returning, repairing old books and covering new ones etc. We really appreciate the extra assistance she gives us in the Library. ☺ Thanks, Sandra!

