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A Newsletter for the School and Wider Community of Currans Hill

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Term 2, Week 3

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thank you

Thank you to those staff who have relieved in various executive positions over the past few weeks. Mr Pope, Mr Woudsma and Miss Batros have done a wonderful job and I thank them for their work. I was asked to relieve at District Office as a Regional School Development Officer for four weeks. I enjoyed the experience and have gained some experiences that I can bring back to the school.



Opportunity Class 2010

Application packages are now available for students from year four wishing to be placed in an opportunity class for 2010. An external test will be held on 5th August and applications must be completed and returned to school by 22nd May. Please contact Mr Woudsma for more details.

P&C Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday evening at 7:00pm in the staffroom. Among other things I will give an update of the Building the Education Revolution (BER) projects being offered to the school.

Donation Thanks

Mr Jordan has been working very hard, as usual, to keep our grounds looking in top condition. Thank you to Mr Sinclair, one of our parents, for the donation of mulch for the gardens. It is much appreciated. Many thanks.

Some Sad News

It is with much sadness that I inform everyone that Mrs Martin, our previous "lollypop lady" for many years passed away on the weekend after a long illness. Mrs Martin was the school's

crossing supervisor for many years and finished her duties at the school in 2007. She was a great support to many people in the community. Our thoughts go out to her family and friends. If you require any information about funeral arrangements the ladies in the office may be able to give you those details.

Mr Wray
Principal

PRINCIPALS AWARDS



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

Lachlan O - 4/5T, Kaitlin H - 3/4W, Natalie S - 3J, Chelsea B - 4D, Hayden R - 1/2F.

Well done to all these students!

ICE CREAM MADNESS

Year 6 will be holding another Ice Cream Madness lunch time on Wednesday 13th May. They will be selling the following:

Ice-Cream Spiders \$1.50

Ice-Cream cones \$1.00 or \$1.20 with sprinkles.

Support Year 6 and the school. See you there on Wednesday at Lunchtime!



PSSA Gala Day 1

This Friday 15th May is the first of our PSSA Gala Days for hockey, soccer and netball. All permission notes, signed codes of conduct and money need to be returned **BEFORE** Friday.

Venues are as follows:

Netball - Kirkham Park, Elderslie

Soccer A - Ron Dine Oval, Camden

Soccer B - Onslow Oval, Camden

Soccer Girls - Belgenny Oval, Camden

Hockey - Narellan Hockey Complex, Narellan

We wish them all the best.

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

Wednesday 13 th May	Author visit Roslyn Motter
12 th – 14 th May	NAPLAN testing days
Friday 15 th May	Gala Day 1
Monday 18 th May	School Photos
19 th May	Recorder rehearsal day at the Salvation Army Hall, Sydney
Friday 22 nd May	Zone Cross Country
Friday 5 th June	Gala Day 2
Monday 8 th June	Public Holiday
Friday 26 th June	Gala Day 3
Friday 10 th July	Last day of Term 2

CANTEEN CORNER



The canteen is happy to supply your lunch bag if you do not have one.

You can send the order in a zip lock bag with money, in an envelope or just written on paper and we will transfer the details.

Bags Cost 10c each.

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2009

School photos are scheduled for Monday 18th May. Payment envelopes were sent home last week. Family Envelopes are available from the front office. 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. No payments or orders will be taken through the school after Friday. Any orders placed with the photographer after Monday will incur a late fee.



Book Club Orders

All book club money for Issue 2 is due in on Friday 15th May (Week 3). Don't forget to label both the envelope and the order form with class and name. Many orders are still coming through "nameless" and it is very hard to get the order to the rightful owner.

P&C USED UNIFORM SALE

The P&C are holding a 2nd hand uniform sale on Tuesday 19th May at 8.45am under the COLA. 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.



OC Placement

Year 4 students wishing to gain a placement in an OC class for 2010.

All students seeking placement in an opportunity class will be required to sit the **Opportunity Class Placement Test on Wednesday 5 August 2009**. Parents who wish their child to sit the test will need to obtain and complete an application form and submit it to Mr Woudsma by **Friday 22 May 2009**.

Peer Support

Hi , It's Liam talking to you about Peer Support. Monday was the first Peer Support session. Peer support is where two Year Six students take eleven or twelve Kindergarten to Year five students for half an hour. On Monday we had a peer support session. The first of many. It was about getting to know everyone in the group. My group as well as everyone else's groups did a sheet to find other people that have things in common with each other. I liked the experience to be a teacher for once. Every Monday there will be another peer support session.



By Liam S

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

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.

LIBRARY NEWS – Author Visit

Roslyn Motter is the author of the Doofuzz Dudes books. She will be visiting our school on Wednesday 12th 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.



ROAD SAFETY ISSUES AROUND SCHOOLS

Some information from the RTA

Tips to improve children's safety around the school

1. School-aged children should always travel in the back seat of your vehicle. Each child must be firmly buckled into an appropriate seatbelt or child restraint. NEVER share a seatbelt.

2. Children should always get in and out of the car through the rear kerb side or 'safety door'
3. Always drop your children on the school side of the road.
4. Meet your children on the school side of the road, preferably at the school gate. This is particularly important in wet weather.
5. NEVER call to your children from across the road. Teach them to wait until you come to them. Talk with them about what they should do if you are not there on time.
6. Children up to at least eight years old should hold an adult's hand in car parks, on the footpath and when crossing the road. Children between eight and at least ten years old should be closely supervised by an adult in the traffic environment and should hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
7. Talk your child through the 'STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!' routine every time you cross the road together:
 - STOP! One step back from the kerb
 - LOOK! For traffic to your right, left and right
 - LISTEN! For the sounds of approaching traffic
 - THINK! Whether it's safe to cross.
 - Always look and listen for traffic as you cross the road.
8. Always slow to 40km/h when travelling in a school zone
9. Always obey parking signs around your child's school. These signs help save children's lives
10. NEVER leave a child of any age in a vehicle without adult supervision. A small child may rapidly suffer dehydration, heat exhaustion and consequent organ failure. Older children could play games that may lead to tragedy.

