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A Newsletter for the School and Wider Community of Currans Hill

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Education Week

We hope that many of you will be able to visit the school at some stage this week. Whilst we feel we provide many opportunities for parents to visit the school, Education Week is another time when you can come to the school and see your child in the classroom setting.

Environment Day and Green MUFTI

As part of Education Week, we are holding a Green MUFTI Day on Wednesday (tomorrow). A gold coin donation for the P&C Association as they continue to try and raise funds for electronic whiteboards in the school and also as a way to support the focus of the environment for the Education Week. Classes will participate in some environment focused activities in their class on the day.

Cyber Bullying

The electronic media is sadly another form of bullying that does occur for some students. It is difficult to always be aware of what your child is experiencing when they access your home computer. Please talk to your child about the concept of cyber bullying. Unfortunately some children don't realise the severity of sending emails, text messages, chat room conversations and the negative impact it can have on children. The perpetrators need to also be aware that when a message has been sent the evidence is there for all to see and can be passed on to anyone else thus increasing the impact of the initial message sent. A recent episode of 4 Corners sadly highlighted this problem. The following website provided by the Australian Government maybe of some assistance to parents: www.netalert.gov.au

P&C Movie Night - Ice Age 3

Tickets will be available next week. Remember to get in early, to secure your booking for Thursday 9th July at Dumaresq St Cinema. Ice Age 3 at only \$6 a ticket and a great way to support your school's P&C fundraiser.



Human Swine Influenza

Advice from NSW Health and Department of Education and Training is as follows:

Students and staff returning from countries affected by swine flu; namely, Mexico, USA, Canada, Japan and Panama are to remain home for seven days before returning to school. If you are planning on travelling in the near future, please take this advice into consideration.

Additionally, this is a timely reminder to all of us to keep educating our children about good hygiene practices.

Uniforms

Once again I request parents to monitor your child's uniform. The school uniform makes our students develop pride in our school and can have an impact on their overall attitude to their learning. Multi-coloured tops and bright fluorescent shoes are not part of our uniform. In some instances non uniform choices can become a health and safety concern. Long, dangly earrings, necklaces and "wheely" type track shoes can be dangerous. Please do not dress your children in these. Thank you.

Mr Wray - Principal

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO KEEP
COLLECTING YOUR MACARTHUR
SQUARE SHOPPING DOCKETS.**

*******THIS THURSDAY 28TH MAY IS
DOUBLE DOLLAR DAY.*******

**DOCKETS MUST BE PRESENTED ON THURSDAY
TO RECEIVE DOUBLE DOLLARS.**

Razorback Zone Cross Country

Due to wet weather and unsafe conditions the Razorback Zone Cross Country Carnival was postponed. Fingers crossed, it will now be held this Friday 29th May at the same venue. All students need to return their new orange permission notes to Miss Batros ASAP. Thank you.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS



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

Patricia L. – 1/2M,
Letitia N. 1/2F
Beth W. – 1/2T,
Riley M. 3G
Andrew W. – 4D

Well done to all these students!

Special 'Congratulations' to the following students who have reached the level of Principal's Medallion: Andrew W – 4D & Olivia N. – 3/4W

PEER SUPPORT NEWS

PEER SUPPORT – LESSON 2

Today Peer Support was a bit easier because the children knew us. We discussed Group Rules. We went around the circle and said "If there were no school rules I would" Some kids said I would tell the teachers what to do and others said I would come in mufti and leave when ever I wanted to. Then we thought of Ten Group Rules and we wrote them down on a piece of paper. I think peer support is quite fun! Even though some kids are challenging, we year sixes have a great time teaching children about friendship and working as a TEAM!

By Jasmin E. 5/6D

PEER SUPPORT – LESSON 3

Today in Peer Support the kids in my group had to make a square out of about 10 pieces of paper that were all different shapes and sizes. They had to make the square in silence. After the square was made they went around the circle and said their birthdays. After they went around the circle and said their birthdays they had to get into order from the first birthday to the last. When they finally finished getting into their birthday order we had a discussion about working together. In my group Shane and I gave our awards to Letitia N. and Brayden O. It was fun today in peer support.

By Keely T. 6B

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.

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Support Currans Hill Public School by presenting your receipts to the Customer Service Desk on level 1 (near Dick Smith Powerhouse). The receptionist will initial your receipts and return them to you.

For every \$1 spent at Macarthur Square this will equal 1 school dollar. A school tally will be on display at the Customer Service Desk to check progress. At the end of the challenge the top ten schools with the highest number of dollars per student will win a share in a prize pool of \$40,000.

There are 22 schools participating in the program. Remember we only have to come in the top 10 to win a cash prize for the school.

If you are unable to go to the service desk please send in your receipts to the school office. We will take them up to Macarthur Square on your behalf.



Don't forget to ask your friends and relatives to do the same.

The live website is available with all the important information on how the challenge works www.mymacarthur.com.au

CALENDAR TERM 2 2009

Friday 29 th May	Zone Cross Country
Friday 5 th June	Gala Day 2
Monday 8 th June	Public Holiday
Friday 26 th June	Gala Day 3
Thursday 9 th July	P&C Movie Night
Friday 10 th July	Last day of Term 2

HOW DO I GET A PRINCIPAL'S AWARD?

When your child has received 10 school awards these can be presented to the office for a Principal's Award to be processed for their next assembly. It should be noted that previously received Principal's Awards DO NOT count towards another. Only school awards can be used. When you have received 5 Principal's Awards, these can be presented for a Principal's Medallion.

STUDENT ILLNESS

With the weather getting colder, coughs and colds are around. You can help stop the spread of infection by keeping your child home if they are unwell. Hygiene is also very important – please encourage your children to wash their hands regularly. We have installed soap dispensers in the children's toilets to assist in better hygiene.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Student absences must be explained with a written note within 7 days of your child's absence from school. Absences not explained within this period are automatically recorded as unjustified. Please be prompt in notifying your child's teacher with a note that includes the day and date of the absence, the reason for the absence and the signature of the parent/carer.

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

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.

P&C NEWS

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Thanks to everyone who donated items for our sale day and to everyone who bought from the stall. Items sold at bargain prices from \$2.00 through to \$10.00. Donations of unwanted/outgrown uniforms are always welcome at the office for our next sale in October.

Fundraising Treats

Yummy treats for all the family! The P&C are raising funds for the school by having this special 'Fundraising Treats' promotion. A special information brochure and order form is supplied with today's newsletter. All orders are due back with payment by Tuesday 9th June to the school office in an envelope clearly marked 'Fundraising Treats'. Orders are due to be delivered to school on Tuesday 30th June.

Mother's Day Stall

Thanks to all our P&C helpers for their assistance in organising this year's Mother's Day Stall. All monies raised will go towards our yearly fundraising efforts for the school.

COMMUNITY NEWS

For Sale - \$25

Baby Born size doll bath station with change table. Stands approx ½ metre tall. See photo in office window. Contact Mrs Down 5/6D.

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.