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A Newsletter for the School and Wider Community of Currans Hill

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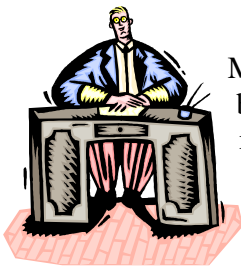
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Term 2, Week 8

Tuesday 16th June, 2009

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Regional Play Day

Miss Garbutt and 3G have been working very hard recently to participate in the Sydney South West Regional Drama Play Day. They will perform with many other schools on

Wednesday at the Campbelltown Arts Centre. We will organise a performance for them at school as unfortunately seating is very limited and we are unable to send an audience with them. Good luck 3G and congratulations on a wonderful effort so far.

Recorder Concert

Once again our students will be performing at the Opera House next week in the Instrumental Festival as part of the mass recorder ensemble. This is a real highlight of the year for these students and they long remember their performance in the concert hall.

Art Display Success

Congratulations to two of our year five students, Emily and Isabelle. They have both been successful in having their individual art works displayed in the Penrith Art Gallery as part of the Operation Art Exhibition. This is a wonderful achievement and their fine works certainly deserved this level of recognition.

P&C Meeting

At tomorrow night's P&C meeting I will give a report on the recent launch of the enquiry into Catering for the Needs of Special Education students. I attended a meeting at the NSW Parliament House Theatre last week where the report was presented to the media and numerous politicians.

Primary Athletics Carnival

Attendance at the carnival is part of a normal school day and students are expected to attend.

If financial assistance is required please contact the office or your child's teacher. Miss Batros organises a carnival with full participation and a mixture of competitive and non-competitive events so it is always a wonderful day. It is great for the children to have the chance to participate on the official athletic track in Campbelltown.

Mr Wray – Principal

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

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

Taylah C – 5H, Isabella B – 1/2M, Shaneese – 5H, Mason 4/5T, Bethany – 1/2O, Caitlin C – 5H, Mili – 1/2R, Broedon P – 3J, Joshua K – 1/2M, Braith- 1/2M, Chad – K/1W, Emily – 1/2T, Adam F – 5/6D, Amber M – 1/2M x 2, Gemma H – 4D, Bailey M – 1/2R, Brodie M – 4/5T, Keesha – 4D, Keegan – 6P, Scott D. – 1/2T, Stephanie W – 1/2M, Kyra W – 1/2R, Bellana – 1/2O



Special mention to:

Joshua T reached the level of Principal's Medallion. Well done Joshua!

K-2 Assembly – Friday 19th June 2.15pm

Primary Assembly – Friday 26th June 12.00pm

PEER SUPPORT REPORT

This week for Peer Support we had to ask each of the students what makes a good friend and why they chose their best friend. We also had to make a 'WANTED' poster for a friend. Some of the kids wrote: caring, helpful, loyal and more and they decorated the poster. I gave my Award to Hayley for participating and helping other kids.

Ashley C – Peer Support Leader

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.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO COLLECT YOUR MACARTHUR SQUARE SHOPPING DOCKETS.

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



GALA DAYS

The next Gala day will be held on Friday 26th June (Week 9). Venues are as follows:

Soccer A- Ron Dine Oval, Camden

Soccer B – Onslow Park, Camden

Soccer Girls – Belgenny Oval, Camden South

Netball – Kirkham Park, Elderslie

Hockey – Narellan Hockey Complex

We are still waiting to hear about a new date for the rained out day.

CALENDAR TERM 2 2009

Wednesday 17 th June	Stage 2 Cricket Clinic
Wednesday 17 th June	P&C Meeting 7pm
Tuesday 23 rd June	ICAS Spelling / Writing
Wednesday 24 th June	Opera House Recorder Concert
Friday 26 th June	Gala Day 3
Tuesday 30 th June	Transition to School Pre School visit 11.45am – 12.30pm
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

CANTEEN CORNER

Any parent / carer helping in the classroom throughout the week or attending assemblies or just visiting the school you are more than welcome to use the canteen. Lunch may be ordered or you can also purchase a drink.

The canteen is available for parents to pre-order their lunch with their child when special events are held at the school for example sports carnivals, education week, science fairs. Look out for special notes that will be sent home prior to their events.

BATHURST EXCURSION Years 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.

TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN

Our next visit is on Tuesday 30th June from 11.45am – 12.30pm. Children will participate in sport and dance activities. If you have a child who will commence Kindergarten in 2010 and they do not attend these visits with pre-school, you are welcome to bring them along.

READING DATA & STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

A recent survey of all students who are reading independently (above level 30) indicated that an impressive 96% of girls continue to read outside of school although only 79% of boys are continuing to read outside of school.

Reading is a lifelong skill which applies to all key learning areas. Once a student reaches reading level 30 and beyond, the focus shifts from learning to read to **learning about** reading. One of our school targets is to support students as they learn about different authors and their writing techniques.

Students who do continue to read outside school hours develop their vocabulary which is evident in their writing. Such students also write with more descriptions and imagery which is imperative in the older grades.



Popular novels for stage 2 and 3 students are -

Boys		Girls	
Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 2	Stage 3
R.L Stine	A Griffiths	R.J Motter	S Meyer
R.J Motter	D Pilkey	Motter	P Jennings
	M	R Dahl	E Rodda
	Gleitzman		

Those children who read regularly at home often 'engage' more readily in school learning tasks. Many of these children display greater confidence in comprehension as well as talking, and as previously mentioned, writing.

If you don't already know, try to find out what your child loves to read about or what authors interest them. Make some part of the day for reading. Try to make it fun and relaxing. Talk about what they've read and what they have learned. Children who read regularly often have an improved general knowledge, imagination or more knowledge about the world. The best way to be a good reader is to read, read, read, read and read some more.

If your child has been reading an exciting or interesting book why not get them to write a book report and submit it to Mr. Woudsma or Mr Pope and it might even get published in the newsletter!

Here is a sample of a Book Review of the novel Water Dragons by Patricia Wrightson. It is written by Joshua in 3/4W.

Water Dragons Review by Joshua 3/4W
Good points! I liked when Lin and Jerry said Sam's Dragon is fat when really it was the same dragon, it was hilarious.

Bad points: I found none

General Comments: Patricia Wrightson tells us about three average friends who live near a drain which water dragons live in. The drain is so gross and dirty the government has to clean it up but the kids are scared that it might kill the water dragons.

P&C NEWS

Treats Fundraiser

The P&C Treats fundraiser was a great success raising a total of \$680 for the school. Thank you to all the families who collected outside orders. The treats are due to us on Tuesday 30th June.

Ice Age III Tickets

Ice age III tickets are selling fast. Tickets are \$6.00 each. Hurry or you will miss out. Please send money and forms to the front office marked P&C Ice age tickets. More order forms are available from the front office foyer.

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C Meeting will be held this Wednesday 17th June in the staffroom. Come along we would love to see some new faces!

CAMPBELLTOWN COLLEGE OF TAFE ADULT BASIC EDUCATION SECTION – English and Writing courses

We have part-time and full-time English (ESOL) courses from beginner to advanced level. We also have free reading, writing, spelling and maths courses from beginner to higher levels. All courses include basic computing.

Information session at 10.00am

Thursday 2 July 2009

Room K.G.23

Campbelltown TAFE

Narellan Road

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Phone Kerry on 4620 1868 or Robin on 4620 1848 for more information.