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

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## Term 3, Week 3

Tuesday 11th August 2009

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### Technology Upgrade

Many thanks to Mrs Miller and Miss Formica for the hard work recently with our school technology. The school has recently had a major overhaul of our computer system leading to much improved provision of the quality of technology support for the staff and students.

Whilst this is ongoing and there is always more happening, both of these staff members have put in many extra hours to assist the school. Their effort is much appreciated.

#### Public Forum with the Premier

Last week I attended a community forum with Premier Rees. We discussed the NSW State Plan and the needs for our community for the future. I took the opportunity to inform the Premier of the ongoing need for support for students with special needs and additional counsellor time for all schools.

#### School Caps

These have already sold out and more have been ordered. It is great to see fewer students wearing the wrong hats and caps that are not part of the uniform and more students taking pride in the school with full uniform.

#### Jewellery

Whilst I am aware that some students wear some non obtrusive forms of jewellery I remind everyone that large chains and "dangly-type" earrings cannot be permitted on Occupational Health and Safety grounds and are not part of the school uniform. Items such as these could be caught by other children during playground activities or PE/sport. In many sports, such items must be removed or covered over. The NSW Department of Education guidelines for sport and physical activity in schools clearly indicate that jewellery must be removed during these activities. For the safety of your child

and others, thank you for supporting us in this matter.

Mr Wray – Principal

### PRINCIPALS AWARDS

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

Conner F. – KH, Justin O. – 12/R, Zach T – K/1W, Brodie L. – 5H, Cooper L – 1.2O, Brandon R – KS.

Well done to these students!

K-2 Assembly – Friday 2:30pm

Primary Assembly – Week 4



## MUFTI DAY

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August

Help support the P&C fundraising  
for the

Father's Day Stall.

For a gold coin donation you can  
come to school out of uniform.

No thongs or open shoes please.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos were sent home last week. If you have any enquiries regarding your order please contact the photographic company, Advancedlife on 9905 6688. All orders and payments are handled directly by Advancedlife.

### ATHLETICS ASSEMBLY

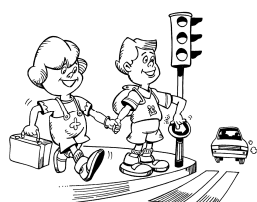
On Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> August at 1:45pm a special athletics assembly will be held to present ribbons to students who finished 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in each event. Certificates will be presented to the age champions. All welcome to attend.

## AFTER SCHOOL / EARLY LEAVERS ARRANGEMENTS

Please ensure that your child knows their after school care arrangements before coming to school. We have had an increase in the number of parents telephoning the school to pass messages on to children. The office **does not** have contact with all classrooms. If your child has to be collected early by someone other than the nominated caregiver, please ensure that the office is notified.

## DO YOU HAVE A CHILD READY TO START KINDERGARTEN in 2010?

WE HAVE KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT PACKAGES NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.



IF YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOUR WHOSE CHILD WILL START SCHOOL NEXT YEAR, PLEASE LET THEM KNOW THAT THEY CAN COLLECT THEIR

ENROLMENT PACKAGE NOW.

PROOF OF BIRTH DATE, ADDRESS AND IMMUNISATION STATUS ARE REQUIRED TO BE LODGED WITH ENROLMENT FORMS.

## ASSEMBLIES

Primary Assemblies will be held in Weeks 2, 4, 7 & 8 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) 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.

## YEAR 3-6 SPORT TERM 3

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 a refund

## CALENDAR TERM 3 2009

12 <sup>th</sup> August	P&C Meeting
13 <sup>th</sup> August	Kindergarten Transition to school
13 <sup>th</sup> August	Mufti Day
14 <sup>th</sup> August	PSSA Gala Day 3
18 <sup>th</sup> August	Transition to HS Year 5 students
19 <sup>th</sup> August	Transition to HS Year 6 students
19 <sup>th</sup> August	ICAS Maths Test
20 <sup>th</sup> August	Zone Athletics
24 <sup>th</sup> August	Author Visit
24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Book Week
27 <sup>th</sup> August	Kindergarten Transition to school
28 <sup>th</sup> August	Zone Athletics
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Fathers Day Stall
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	K-2 Athletics Carnival
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Choir Eisteddfod
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Oz Opera – Cinderella
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Gala Day 1
9 <sup>th</sup> September	Grandparents Day
9 <sup>th</sup> September	P&C Meeting
14 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Stage 3 excursion to Bathurst
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	High School transition for Year 6
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Australian Youth Choir Yrs 1 - 6
24 <sup>th</sup> September	High School transition for Year 5
24 <sup>th</sup> September	Kindergarten Transition to school
25 <sup>th</sup> September	Gala Day 2

## TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN

Our next visit is this Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August from 11.45am – 12.30pm. Children will participate in a school tour and play 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.



## CANTEEN CORNER

Get on board for our great Fruit Promotion. Great prizes to be won! Why not try our:

*Grape Bracelets – 50c*

*Banana Rockets – 50c*

*Fruit Kebabs – 50c*

Also new to our menu are "Fill-a-spud":

*Ham, Cheese and Pineapple*

*Bolognaise Sauce and Sour Cream*

*Spaghetti*

*Baked Beans*

*Or choose your own filling - Just \$3.00 each*

## JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

What a fantastic performance by our Junior Rugby League team. We made it to the semi-finals of the NSW All Schools Championships which includes public and private schools. We are in the top 4 Junior Primary teams in the whole state! Outstanding boys!!

Results were:

V Our Lady QP Parramatta	WON 18-6
V Our Lady of Fatima	DRAW 6-6
V Wattle Grove PS	WON 18-0
V Ramsgate PS	WON 12-6
V St. Johns (semi-final)	LOST 12-6

We had Cooper (1/20) who was the best on field all day. Mason made some inspirational tackles as he grimaced each time. Zac and Andrew made the hard yards and tackled all day. Noah pulled off some try saver tackles. I could keep going on all day..... I am very proud of you all. It looks good for the future of rugby league at Currans Hill. I can see Mr. Jordan licking his lips.

A special mention to Mr. Fordham for leading the team as coach and tactician. Also thanks to Mr. Patterson for providing shirts and drink bottles. Thanks to all parents for getting up at the crack of dawn, transporting their children to Penrith and allowing them to participate.

Many thanks, this was a memorable experience.

Mr. Woudsma

## UPCOMING EVENT

Oz Opera will be performing at our school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. This year's performance will be 'Cinderella'. The cost will be \$6.00 per child. A detailed information and permission note will be sent home shortly.

## BOOK CLUB

**All book club orders and payments are due in by this Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August. Please give these to your class teacher.**

## PSSA GALA DAY

A reminder that the third Gala Day from term 2 will be held this Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August for Hockey, Soccer and Netball.

Venues are as follows:

Hockey – Narellan Hockey Complex  
Netball – Kirkham Park, Elderslie  
Soccer A – Ron Dine, Camden  
Soccer B – Onslow Reserve, Camden  
Soccer Girls – Belgenny Reserve, Camden South

## LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August

### Author Visit

Book Week is fast approaching and we will commence our celebrations with an author visit by well known children's author Richard Tulloch on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August. All children should have received their information and permission note with last week's newsletter. ***This Book Week activity is open to all students K-6 with each session being tailored to suit the relevant age group.***

In a delightful hour of storytelling, Richard Tulloch uses mime, music, audience participation and his unique storytelling style to bring his original stories magically to life. Each performance involves a range of stories, selected from his popular books, chosen to suit the age of the audience.

Don't miss this opportunity for your child to take part in a wonderful learning experience during Book Week 2009.

**Where: Currans Hill PS Library**  
**When: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Cost: \$3.00 per child**

Please return the permission slip and payment to the front office by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August. Extra notes are available at the office.

### Book Fair

The 'Central Books' Amazing Book Fair will be open in the school Library from Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August. Children will have the opportunity to view the display during their Library time and make purchases before school and at lunch times. The Book Fair will also be open after school on Wednesday until 4pm.

## WRITING SAMPLE FROM 3/4W

Topic: You must go to the Athletics Carnival

*"I strongly believe all students in primary should attend the Athletics Carnival.*

*Firstly, you should definitely go to the carnival to keep fit.*

*Secondly, you should go just to have fun with your friends and to cheer for your house and your mates.*

*Thirdly, you are free of school for the day, which is awesome for all you kids who don't like work.*

*In conclusion, you should definitely go to the carnival to remain healthy, cheer your friends and have a break from the classroom."*

By Emily B 3/4W