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A Newsletter for the School and Wider Community of Currans Hill

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Community Spirit and Community Support

The past few weeks/months has, very sadly, seen some tragic personal events for members of staff and our parent community. It is often said that it is the tough times that shows the real spirit and support in a community. This has been very evident for our Currans Hill school community. The level of support from and for our staff and our community has been truly heartening. It makes me personally proud to be principal of a school that demonstrates this support, understanding and empathy. I thank you.

Bathurst Trip

A huge thank you to the teachers who took 112 children away last week for three days to Bathurst. I have received comments from parents thanking the staff for the wonderful time their children had on camp. Once again, it shows the commitment of the staff to give the children this experience. Spending three days away from their own families and being "on call" 24 hours a day with 112 children is a wonderful effort. Congratulations to the children who also received many favourable comments from members of the public whilst they were representing our school.

Stranger Danger

I had a report from a neighbouring part of Camden of a possible incident. Please take the time to remind your children of safe practices when walking to and from school by not interacting with strangers and walking straight to school or home.

Mr Wray – Principal

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

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



Nathan H – 3G, Kieran S – KH,
Latanna M – 1/2T, Shaun T – 1/2F, Lucy C – KG,
Beth W – 1/2T, Kane B – 1/2F, Anastasia K – 1/2R (x 2), Marie K – 5/6D (x 3), Andrew W – 4D, Jordan S – 3J, Zachariah McA – B - KS
Well done to these students!

K-2 Assembly – Friday 25th 2:30pm

CALENDAR TERM 3 & 4 2009

22 nd September	High School transition for Year 6
22 nd September	Kindergarten Farm Excursion
23 rd September	Australian Youth Choir Yrs 1 - 6
24 th September	Kindergarten Transition to school
25 th September	Gala Day 2
2 nd October	Last Day of Term 3
19 th October	Students return for Term 4
30 th October	Gala Day 3
10 th November	Kindergarten Orientation
11 th November	P&C Meeting
18 th November	Kindergarten Orientation
2 nd December	P&C Meeting
3 rd December	Xmas Carols
3 rd December	Yr 6 to 7 Orientation
7 th – 9 th December	Yr 3/4 Camp to Broken Bay
9 th December	Yr 6 Farewell
14 th December	Presentation Day

5c Friday

Don't forget 5c Friday happens every Friday in support of the RSPCA. Please donate any loose change you have to a worth while cause.

SPORT OPTIONS FOR TERM 4

Permission notes for Sport Options in Term 4 were sent home last Thursday. There are limited places in Dance, AFL and Tennis. Positions will be filled on a 'first in' basis, if your child is interested in participating in one of these sports please return the permission slip and \$10 deposit as soon as possible.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Orientation for Kindergarten 2010 will be held on the Tuesday the 10th and Wednesday the 18th of November. Please get your enrolments in as soon as possible to ensure your child receives their invitation to this program.

TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN

Our next visit is on Thursday 24th September from 11.45am – 12.30pm. Children will participate in sport 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.



PSSA SPORTS ASSEMBLY NETBALL, SOCCER & HOCKEY

On Thursday 24th September at 1:50pm there will be a PSSA Sports Assembly in the hall. Ribbons will be presented to all team members with winning teams receiving school medallions. Best and Fairest will also be presented for each team. Parents welcome to attend.

PSSA GALA DAY

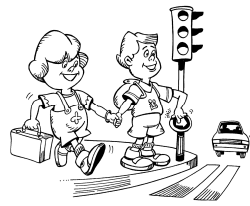
This Friday the 25th of September is the 2nd of our Oz-Tag, Cricket & T-ball/Softball gala days. Students need to be at school at 8:45am sitting in the COLA in their full sports uniform with school hat or cap. They need to bring plenty of water, sunscreen and their lunch.

Venues:

Oz-Tag: Kirkham Park, Elderslie
Cricket: Onslow oval, Camden
T-ball/Softball: Cowpasture Reserve,
Camden

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.

AWARDS

All Principal Awards and Medallions will now be processed each Monday morning. This is to ensure that all recipients are included in Tuesday's newsletter, awards will then be presented at the next assembly.

Uniting Care Currans Hill Before & After School Care

*Before school from 6:30am
After school until 6:30pm*

*Breakfast & afternoon tea provided
Casual & permanent bookings
available*

*CCB discount for eligible families.
Visit the hall or call Kirsty on
0427 411 749*

Do You Need Care For Your School Aged Child This School Holidays???

Leaping Learners Early Education Centre Mount Annan is running Vacation Care from Mount Annan Public School. The program consists of activities and workshops at the school as well as excursions to local places. We operate from 7am – 6pm and childcare rebate is available. If you would like further information please call Kelly on 4647 3033

School Attendance Exemptions

If your child is absent from school for illness or family reasons a note must be sent to your child's teacher upon their return. This absence is then recorded against your child's record. Without a note, an unexplained absence is recorded. There are, however, circumstances when your child's absence from school can be exempt and no record made against your child's school attendance. An extended family holiday during a school term and some exceptional family circumstances can allow for such an exemption. Please inform the office prior to your child's leave when an exemption maybe possible. This will benefit your child's school attendance record.

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.

LATENESS TO SCHOOL

Did you know that being 10 minutes late to school each day over a year actually adds up to 5 ½ days missed in the year?

Teach your children that being on time is an important habit to develop. Children who are constantly late to school miss a very important part of the school day when the teacher outlines what is happening during the day. It is also an important part of the day for new skills and concepts to be presented to students, as this is the part of the day when they are freshest and can concentrate better. Students who are late on a regular basis also become the target for comment by other students and often, as a result, isolate themselves from their peers.

MT ANNAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

If you would like to know what is happening at Mt Annan High School or to help your child transition from Year 6 to Year 7, you can now subscribe to their fortnightly newsletter. The link to subscribe is <http://www.schoolzine.com.au/secure/mountannanhigh2567/index.html>

P & C NEWS

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Krispy Kreme Fundraiser organised by the P&C. The total profit made was \$565.00
THANK YOU

The orders will be delivered to the school Wednesday 30th September.

P & C Email Address

Can't come to the P&C meetings but would like to have your say? You can now email the P&C with suggestions, questions or concerns: chpspandc@live.com

We would love to hear from you.

BATHURST

Bathurst was amazing and really fun! At 7am on Monday morning we left on the bus to go to Bathurst. On the way we stopped to go on the Scenic Railway in Katoomba, we went straight down under the trees into a small cave and under the trees again. After that we went on a walk under the trees and did you know a 2.5cm vine can hold up a car! One tree fell down and another tree was keeping it up, the tree trunk was like a right angle! On the road again. Then we stopped at Jenolan Caves, we ate lunch, went on a walk but Mr Pope found out it was a dead end. Turn around and walk back. We took another walk and went around where the cars drive through. We went on a tour of Lucas Cave there are so many cave rooms. Next stop Bathurst! When we got to Bathurst we had dinner. After we had a camp fire there was a person called Peter who told stories and sang songs. Next morning we woke up got dressed and had breakfast and felt what it was like for the people on the gold fields. We went gold panning some people found gold. I did. After we went in and had lunch, we had a sausage sizzle. Next we went in the gold museum. The largest gold nuggets is called The Welcome Stranger. Later we had dinner. After dinner we went to a room where we learned about planets! When we finished we went to bed. In the morning we packed up and got on the bus to go, we went around Bathurst race track. On the way back we stopped at Hartley village. Hartley village is an old place, we looked at the Church, some one played the piano. There was a scary guy who carried a whip. The whip was called a cat of 9 tails. On the way back we watched The Incredibles, we didn't get to watch it all because we got to school.

By Tara K 6B