



CURRANS HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL

School News

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Principal Report, Week 4, Term 2, 2018

P & C Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended our P&C meeting last Wednesday. The meeting was very well attended and Brad Mitchell, Principal at Mt Annan High School spoke about programs being offered by the High School and ways that the feeder Primary Schools and High School collaborate. He also answered community questions regarding the enrolment process and class structure for Year 7. I would like to thank Brad for his continued support and commitment to our Community of Schools initiative.

Mrs Said and I also spoke to the P&C about changes we would like to make to the reporting format. As part of the reporting to parent's policy, schools need to provide parents/carers with a written report on their child's learning twice per year. The components of the written report have to meet the Policy Standards which includes addressing each learning area in each year of schooling. In Primary schools, the six Key Learning Areas (KLA) are: Creative Arts, English, Human Society and its environment (incorporating history and geography), Mathematics, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education and Science and Technology. Schools are to ensure that priority is given to English and Mathematics.

In an effort to improve our reporting structure there will be a greater emphasis on using plain English rather than an excessive amount of educational jargon. We will also provide information to parents on areas for future development in English and Mathematics. In addition to this, parents will be provided with information about their child's attendance at school, information about student achievement in relation to syllabus requirements using a five point scale and information about a student's social development and commitment to learning. Students in Kindergarten and the support unit will have a variation of the Year 1-6 report framework.

The P&C endorsed the proposed changes and staff have begun entering data into our reporting software program on SENTRAL. A community information session on the new reporting format will be held on **Wednesday 6th June at 2:30am and again at 6:00pm** to cater for working parents.

NAPLAN

Students in Year 3 and 5 completed NAPLAN testing last week. Whilst some of the tests proved quite challenging, all students endeavoured to do their best. Results will be issued to schools around mid-August to September.

PSSA GALA Day

Well done to all of our teams who competed on Friday. There were some wins, draws and losses but the students showed great sportsmanship and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to be competing against schools from across the Macarthur zone. Thank you once again to our coaches and the parents who attended to cheer on our teams.

Stage 3 Excursion

On Monday an expression of interest form went home regarding attendance to the Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra. Due to the significant cost associated with this type of excursion we need a commitment from parents as to their child's attendance as final numbers will determine the overall cost. Notes are due back this **Friday**. As in the past, a part payment plan will be organised for parents to help ease the financial burden.

Cross Country

The Cross Country race for Years 3-6 took place today. Thank you to Mrs Bell, Miss Akram and Mrs Miller as well as the support unit staff for their organisation of this event. Well done to all of the students who had a go and tried their best. It's a long way to run!!! Congratulations to the students who placed in each age race and to our sports captains for who were cheering loudly. The Razorback Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday 1st June.

School 360 Reflection Tool

Last term a number of families across K-6 were asked to complete an online survey about the school across 4 key areas and 12 competencies including inclusivity, customer service, ethical behaviour, school vision and collaboration. Parents were asked to score the school using a rating scale of

1. Sometimes meets community expectations
2. Meets Community Expectations
3. Exceeds community expectations

Overall scores all areas fell between 2.3 and 3 with most parents believing that communication at the school has improved, that the school is welcoming and promotes

collaboration. Parents felt that the admin staff were very professional, courteous and helpful, that collaboration is valued and recognised and that staff actively seek to establish positive relationships with parents and students. Parent's comments indicated that they would like more communication about students learning beyond the formal twice a year reporting format and greater opportunities for parents to work in the school in areas of expertise beyond parent helpers in the classroom. Parents would also like more support for how they can help their child at home with their learning.

The Home-school consultation group will meet this Wednesday afternoon at 3pm to review the findings and determine our next plan of action to address the recommendations.

Live Life Well (LLW)



Live Life Well @ School is a collaborative initiative between NSW Ministry of Health and the school sectors in NSW. The NSW Department of Education supports schools to engage with *Live Life Well @ School*, through a variety of resources and professional learning opportunities. *Live Life Well @ School* is supported in NSW primary schools to promote healthy eating and physical activity to students.

Live Life Well @ School assists schools to:

- develop whole school strategies that support physical activity and healthy eating
- improve the teaching of nutrition and physical education through a focus on PDHPE programs
- foster community partnerships that promote and support whole of school strategies
- provide opportunities for more students to be more active, more often

Over the next few weeks we will feature parent fact sheets from LLW on promoting healthy eating and physical activity.

Environmental Education

The school is continuing to support Environmental initiatives such as gardening club, the Kitchen Garden Foundation, worm farms, Return and Earn in our orange bins and "Bring back the bush". Students from Years 4-6 have been invited to assist with tree planting for the Western Sydney parklands. Greening Australia provides experienced and qualified environmental educators and free travel for students to help plant native species to attract birds and prevent erosion. Our gardening club students have also been invited to a tree planting day in Camden on the 27th July. Notes for both activities will be sent home shortly to students in the environment committee and/or garden club.

Have a great week ahead

Sandra Wilson

Calendar

Term 2, 2018

Date	Day	Event	Grade
23-May	Wednesday	NDIS Parent Workshop	
25-May	Friday	3-6 Primary Assembly - 12.00pm	Yrs 3-6
25-May	Friday	Infants Assembly - 2.15pm	K-2
25-May	Friday	Preschool Storytime - 2.15pm	
28-May	Monday	Gymnastic & Athletic Program	Yrs 3-6
28-May	Monday	Literacy Workshop	Stage 1
29-May	Tuesday	ICAS Science Assessment	
31-May	Thursday	Autism Awareness Day	
1-Jun	Friday	Infants Assembly - 2.15pm	K-2
1-Jun	Friday	Zone Cross Country	
4-Jun	Monday	Gymnastic & Athletic Program	Yrs 3-6
8-Jun	Friday	Gala Day Winter No.2	
8-Jun	Friday	Infants Assembly - 2.15pm	K-2
11-Jun	Monday	Queens Birthday Public Holiday	
12-Jun	Tuesday	AFL Kelly Cup Regionals	
13-Jun	Wednesday	ICAS Spelling Assessment	
14-Jun	Thursday	ICAS Writing Assessment	
14-Jun	Thursday	Regional Cross Country	
15-Jun	Friday	3-6 Primary Assembly - 12.00pm	Yrs 3-6
15-Jun	Friday	Infants Assembly - 2.15pm	K-2

15-Jun	Friday	Preschool Storytime - 2.15pm	
18-Jun	Monday	Stage 2 Excursion	
18-Jun	Monday	Gymnastic & Athletic Program	Yrs 3-6
22-Jun	Friday	3-6 Primary Assembly - 12.00pm	Yrs 3-6
22-Jun	Friday	Infants Assembly - 2.15pm	K-2
22-Jun	Friday	Preschool Storytime - 2.15pm	
25-Jun	Monday	Gymnastic & Athletic Program	Yrs 3-6
29-Jun	Friday	Gala Day Winter No.3	
2-Jul	Monday	Gymnastic & Athletic Program	Yrs 3-6
4-Jul	Wednesday	"Star" Assembly 2.00-2.30pm	
6-Jul	Friday	Last Day of Term	

Term 3, 2018

Date	Day	Event	Grade
23-Jul	Monday	Staff Development Day	
24-Jul	Tuesday	Students Return	
25-Jul	Wednesday	NAIDOC Assembly	
26-Jul	Thursday	100 Days of Kindy	
30-Jul	Monday	3-6 Athletics Carnival	
31-Jul	Tuesday	ICAS English Assessment	
2-Aug	Thursday	Opera House Rehearsal	
6th-10th Aug		Education Week & Art Exhibition	
8-Aug	Wednesday	MAHS Science Fair	
14-Aug	Tuesday	ICAS Maths Assessment	
16-Aug	Thursday	Author Visit	
20-Aug	Monday	Financial Literacy Workshop	Stage 3
23-Aug	Thursday	Author Visit	
27-Aug	Monday	Financial Literacy Workshop	Stage 2
30-Aug	Thursday	Author Visit	
30-Aug	Thursday	Choir - Opera House	
31-Aug	Friday	Summer Gala Day No. 1	
3-Sep	Mon - Wed	Year 6 Camp	
3-7 Sep	Mon - Fri	BOOKFAIR	
6-Sep	Thursday	Zone Athletics	
7-Sep	Friday	Zone Athletics	
14-Sep	Friday	Summer Gala Day No.2	
18-Sep	Tuesday	Kindergarten Farm Excursion	Kindy
19-Sep	Wednesday	SSW Athletics	
21-Sep	Friday	Summer Gala Day No. 3	
26-Sep	Wednesday	"Star" Assembly 2.00-2.30	
27-Sep	Thursday	K-2 Athletics Carnival	K-2
28-Sep	Friday	Last Day of Term	

Note: Dates of events may change, please refer to current week for updated events.

Payment Reminders

<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Grade/ Stage</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Cost</u>
8-Jun	Stage 2	Botany Bay Excursion	18

Principal Awards

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

Hannah O - 2 Green, Natasha H - 1 Yellow, Kya F - 1 Red, Madyson R - 2 Green, Tobie M - 4 Red, Liliola W - 5 Green, Elanor W - 5 Green.

Well done to these students, these will be presented at the next scheduled assembly.

National Disability Insurance Scheme

We are holding two NDIS workshops on 23rd May at 2pm and 6pm. If you have a child with a diagnosed disability and would like to find out more about NDIS come and hear a member of the NDIS agency speak as well as a number of Support Coordinators to help you navigate the process of obtaining financial assistance for your child's therapies.

RSVP by ringing the school office or via the school's Facebook event page.

GALA DAY NO: 1

AFL Gala Day

It was a great day over at Jack Nash reserve last Friday for our first AFL Gala Day for the year. We played games against Narellan, Camden South and Harrington Park and our confidence and skills improved through out the day. While we only won one game we will certainly be better prepared and know what to expect for the next Gala Day!

Mr Weir

Soccer Gala Day

On Friday Mrs Prakesh, Mr Wales and myself took 6 teams to Onslow Oval at Camden for the first of three Gala Days this term. All students involved were extremely excited and the energy on the bus on the way to the ground was electric. While there was a mixture of wins, losses and draws over the A, B and C divisions, all players from Currans Hill were excellently behaved and showed great sportsmanship. Special mention must be made to the Junior C side who not only played their 6 matches but also backed up and played the 6 matches for the seniors as well. This was due to the fact that the Seniors only had 4 players. We would also like to send out a get well soon to Caleb who was involved in an unfortunate accident during one of his games. Get well soon mate and we hope that arm heals nice and quick.

Mr. Cleary

Netball

Senior and Junior B Gold Netball

I had the pleasure of taking both junior and senior B Gold teams last Friday. It was our very first GALA day and all the girls showed great sportsmanship and exemplary behaviour. The juniors played so well considering some of them had never played netball before. This team came away with 1 win, 2 draws and a loss. Tyra scored her first ever goal and Lilliana backed it up with 3 goals in a row. Everyone played so well and I couldn't be prouder. The senior team also gave it their all and although they didn't win a game they came close. Jocelyn was excellent in defense and proved to be an asset to the team. Mia played well and will be missed as she leaves Currans Hill for new adventures. Can't wait until the next GALA day. Go Currans Hill GOLD!!!!

Mrs Harrington

Girls Blue Netball

The girls B division Blue team had a very successful first Gala Day last Friday. We played 4 rounds against Mt Annan PS,

Harrington Park PS, Currans Hill PS Gold and Cobbitty PS. The Senior girls were undefeated and the Junior girls won three games, losing with a narrow margin to Cobbitty. The teams displayed excellent skill, team work and sportsmanship, representing Currans Hill with great pride. We are looking forward to Gala Day 2 in a couple of weeks. Well done girls!

Mrs Said

Rugby League

Last Friday our 2 Senior and 2 Junior Rugby League teams showed wonderful sportsmanship and were awesome team players at the first GALA day of the year. A special mention to Trai, Declan, Xavier and Izzy for backing up and helping out the Senior Yellow team.

We started the day off with a short NRL development clinic and then went on to play 4 games of footy each.

The Junior Blues had a very successful day coming away with 3 wins and a draw; and the Senior Blues ended the day with 1 win, a draw and 2 losses.

The results were as follows

Round 1

C.H.P.S Junior Blues vs Narellan Vale Green

28 - 0

C.H.P.S Senior Blues vs Narellan Vale Green

8 - 20

Round 2

C.H.P.S Junior Blues vs Mawarra

16 - 12

C.H.P.S Senior Blues vs Mawarra

12 - 12

Round 3

C.H.P.S Junior Blues vs C.H.P.S Junior Yellow

20 - 4

C.H.P.S Senior Blues vs C.H.P.S Senior Yellow

24 - 4

Round 4

C.H.P.S Junior Blues vs Camden South Gold

12 - 12

C.H.P.S Senior Blues vs Camden South Gold

12 - 16

A big thank you to Rod Harrington for giving up his time to coach the boys.

The STAR awards for outstanding Teamwork and Respectful behaviour are awarded to Declan C(Junior) and Lucas C (Senior). A fantastic effort boys, I look forward to Gala day 2.

Mrs Kemp

3 Day Canberra Excursion For Year 5 & 6

Return And Earn Program - Year 6 Fundraiser

Canteen - State Of Origin Lunch Pack

Community Notices