CONNELLS POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL
Principal: Mrs Anne Hewson

CONNELLS POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL OFFICE
Opens from 8.45am – 3.30pm.

THE PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
The P&C Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.00pm.
Everyone Welcome. President: Mrs Sue Szalay

www.connelspt-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

THE CPPS CANTEEN
Opens Monday – Friday.
To volunteer contact: Mrs Sharon Alimonti 0416 014 489

THE CPPS UNIFORM SHOP
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BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Available from 7.00 – 9.00am & 3.25pm – 6.00pm
Telephone: 9546 1092

ADVERTISING: Further information regarding advertising your business contact Sue Szalay on 0404 022 489

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Progress in Reading

One of the challenges we face, as teachers of reading, is making sure our students are developing all of the skills necessary to gain meaning from print. The most obvious one we can see developing is the ability to **decode**—turning the letters on the page into sounds, and then sounds into words. Some children miss the first part of this—turning letters into sounds—and rely on strong memory to recognise a word they’ve seen before. Good readers, however, do both: that way, they recognise many words and don’t have to sound them all out, which is very slow. In addition, they can figure out new words they haven’t seen before because they understand the relationship between letters and sounds, and can attack new words.

Along side this decoding is **the most essential part of reading**—gaining **meaning** from the print. It is very common to see children who can read quickly and fluently but have very little **understanding** (comprehension) of what they have read. In this case, the decoding skills are almost pointless: being able to read without understanding is of no benefit. This is why we prioritise being able to **respond to text**, both orally and in written form, as a key indicator of progress in reading. Certainly, reading fluently is important and needs to be developed. That is why home reading materials are selected at a comfortable, independent reading level. We need children to be building fluency by reading books well within their range. This is their independent reading level. Home reading books are at a lower level than their instructional level—the books with which they are being challenged in reading groups.

Our belief is that children need to consolidate their skills (moving sideways) rather than racing up the levels. They need to be developing comprehension skills, written and spoken, that show their understanding and response to text. They need to be developing skills that deepen their thought and not just answer obvious or literal questions. They need to be able to read and answer written questions at an increasingly complex and sophisticated level. **Real progress is seen in the quality of their comprehension, not the number of their level.** Many children can ‘read’ harder books than they can understand or write about. Our role, as teachers and parents, is to ensure we are building their deep comprehension skills at the same rate, and that children are not just “barking at print”, as the expression goes.

Value of the Week

**Fairness** is the value for the coming week, with a focus on **taking turns and listening to others.**

A great deal of class time is spent teaching and reinforcing the etiquette of turn taking. Learning to wait for the appropriate time to offer an answer is difficult for some children. Putting up your hand and waiting to be asked requires patience and self-control. Allowing someone else the opportunity to speak without interruption requires the same.

Developing social awareness, “reading” a situation, understanding the conventions of conversation, really listening to what others are saying (rather than just waiting for an opportunity to speak!) are important social skills which underscore the belief that “I am not the only person who matters”.

Helping our children to be patient, wait for their turn and not interrupt others when they are speaking, will enable them to operate happily and appropriately in group situations.

Dates to Remember 2011

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PEER SUPPORT

WEEK 6

In this week’s Peer Support session, the children will be exploring how to join groups and how to accept others into their friendship group. The activities will give the children a chance to practise these skills, as well as how to say ‘no’ in a respectful way, coping with being told ‘no’ and inviting others to join them.

Encourage your child to discuss with you the importance of saying ‘no’ to people in a respectful way so that they don’t lose friends. Also, discuss with your child various options they have at school if they should find themselves without anyone to play with during break time.

WORLD BLOOD DONOR DAY

World Blood Donor Day is held on 14 June and celebrates the contributions of voluntary blood donors worldwide. Each blood donation has the potential to save three lives. In Australia, only three per cent of the population donates blood while up to 80 per cent of us will need blood in our lifetime. To donate blood call the Australian Red Cross on 13 14 95 or go to: www.donateblood.com.au/

MAKE LEARNING FUN

Fun reading, writing, spelling and maths games you can do with your child are available to download free from the school’s website. There are translated versions available, too. Just print them out and stick them on the fridge. Go to: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezine/yr2010/issue02/d_readnumtips/index.php

TOONSCCHOOL REMINDER Y3-6

Toonschool is a valuable program which aligns with the PDHPE curriculum and our Connells Point Anti-Bullying program. Mr Jeff Taylor (Joffa) is a renowned cartoonist and runs the program. As advised previously, he will be in our school for Y3-6 on Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 June, 2011. During the program, he will target our school values, student resilience and anti-bullying. Just a friendly reminder; the cost for this event is $6.50 per student, and is due this week. What a wonderful opportunity to learn about skills in such a fun manner!

BAND UNIFORMS & TIMETABLE CHANGE

It is with pleasure we announce the arrival of the band trousers! To those parents who indicated they wished to order uniform items, all items are now available from the uniform shop. It is expected that all students attending the Engadine Bandfest on 23 June will be dressed in full band uniform, including black band shirt, black trousers, black socks and black shoes. We look forward to seeing our students well presented for this performance opportunity.

Reminder: Cost for the polo shirt $22.00, trousers $25.00.

TIMETABLE CHANGES

Due to commitments of our Band Director, Mr Kevin Skues, with bands throughout the region, please be advised that the following changes to the band timetable are necessary.

Tuesday 14 June 3-4pm PERFORMING BAND only for rehearsal
Monday 27 June to Wednesday 29 June NO rehearsals for BAND, and NO tutorials for STUDENTS who have Mr Skues. All other tutorials will go ahead.
2011 CPPS Trivia Night

On Saturday 18 June, the P&C are holding our annual TRIVIA NIGHT

Where: School Hall
Time: 7pm for 7.30pm
Cost: $15.00 per head
Theme: Back to the ‘80’s
BYO: Food & Drinks

Don’t worry if you can’t fill a whole table (10 people), we can compile a table for you – it’s a great way to meet different people from your community.

There will be prizes for the best dressed table and also winning and runners up table prizes.

Lots of fun on the night – Coin Toss Games, Heads & Tails Games, Lucky Seat Prizes, Music and much, much more!

Adults Only – no kids admitted

Closing date for table registration and payment with Sue – 10 June

For bookings and enquiries please call Sue Szalay on 0404 022 489

Please complete the form below and leave it in the school office addressed to Sue Szalay – Trivia Night.

2011 CPPS Trivia Night

Name………………………………………
Contact Phone number ……………………………………………………………
No of People………………….…..
Name for table……………………………..
Payment Included……………………….
Please make sure you contact your class parent to see what you can do to help out with the school fete!

- We are securing lots and lots of great stalls selling fabulous things.
- We have booked the rides and an animal farm for the kids.
- There will be lots of fun for the whole family.

Proud of your school? Why not show it by putting one of our own Connells Point Public School stickers on your car window? We have a limited number of these beautiful stickers available for only $2.00. If you would like to purchase a sticker, please fill in the form below and, together with your money return it to your class teacher in an envelope clearly marked “CPPS Sticker”.

[Form]

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Total enclosed: ........................................................
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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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Kogarah Libraries, in the July school holidays, are running free school holiday activities for children in Kindergarten to Y6. There will be a science theme through all the holiday activities with a Questacon science show being held at Kogarah Library in the first week of the holidays.

**SCIENCE SPECTACULAR**
FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT KOGARAH LIBRARIES
Bookings Essential

**QUESTACON SCIENCE SHOW**
Kogarah Library Wednesday 6 July
11:00 am–12 noon
Bookings: 9330 9528

**SCIENCE CRAFT WORKSHOP**
Oatley Library Wednesday 6 July
3:00–4:00 pm Bookings: 9579 6553

South Hurstville Library Thursday 7 July
10:30-11:30 am Bookings: 9546 3993

Kogarah Library Thursday 7 July
2:30-3:30 pm Bookings: 9330 9528

**RECYCLED GARBAGE SCULPTURE WORKSHOP**
Oatley Library Tuesday 12 July
11:00-12 noon Bookings: 9579 6553

Kogarah Library Wednesday 13 July
11:00-12 noon Bookings: 9330 9528

South Hurstville Library Thursday 14 July
11:00-12 noon Bookings: 9546 3993

Enquiries? Contact Jenny Kemp (Children’s Librarian) on 9330 9523