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Principal: Mrs Anne Hewson

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Building Skills

One of the skills that all children benefit from developing is **estimating**. It is quite an advanced skill and one that is very useful and important in real life situations.

A synonym often used for estimating is guessing, but it is more than that: a guess can be wild, not based on information or processes. Estimation is closer to approximation—a considered choice that proves to be close to the exact answer.

For children, estimating shouldn’t be a “stab in the dark” answer. As they practice and improve, their estimates should be realistic and possible. Estimating how many cups of water it would take to fill a jug; how many steps to walk to the door; how long it takes to fill the bath; how much a bag of apples weighs; how many people are at the football ground; how much the shopping will cost; how long it is to the shop; how long to boil the kettle; how long it will take to drive to Grandma’s; how many biscuits are in the packet; how many pegs are in the basket—there are endless examples of real life situations where children can develop their skills in estimating, then check to see how close they were to the correct answer.

Estimation is an important skill for a few reasons:
- It demonstrates the development of concepts and understandings—if the estimate is not even close to the right answer, it shows that the child may not be visualising the “units” or measures required e.g. how far is a kilometre; how long is a minute; how heavy is one kilogram; what do 20 pencils look like; etc
- It allows the child to have a point of reference against which to check the reasonableness or accuracy of an answer, so that they can ask “does that seem right?”. This saves lots of silly mistakes in assessments.
- It helps in planning and time management—a student with a realistic idea of how long it will take to do an assignment, to read a book, to write an essay etc, can more effectively plan their time and workload.

The most important part of improving skills in estimating is in **checking the estimate against the real answer**, as it provides the crucial feedback that lets the child know how close or how far their estimate was from the correct answer.

Children need lots of practice in order to improve. Estimating can be made into a fun activity for all the family. At the same time, you are seeing where your child’s strengths and weaknesses in estimation are and can then provide more opportunities for developing skills where they are most needed.

Value of the Week

The value for the coming week is **Responsibility**, with emphasis on students ensuring that they **follow school rules**.

Adherence to rules is a strategy for ensuring that societies operate in an orderly, respectful, safe and consistent manner. Rules provide a common understanding of what is acceptable, and breaking rules attracts consequences.

Ultimately, we want our children to become good citizens in our society. We also want them to move beyond following rules from fear of being caught, to behaving well because it is the right thing to do.

Like good manners, rules are about respect for others and taking responsibility for our own actions and behaviour.

Explaining the reasons behind why - as a family, a school and a society—we have rules, will help our children understand their importance. So, too, will modelling for our children our own observance of rules.

Dates to Remember 2011

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Performing Band News

Congratulations to these members of the Performing Band who have commenced tuition and we look forward to hearing their first formal performance at the Engadine Bandfest in June.

Flutes
Leah
Gabrielle
Lauren
Phoebe

Alto Sax
Arthur

Clarinets
Clover
Morgann
Bronwyn
Daniel
Michaela
Joanna
Brandon

Baritones
Timothy
Victoria
Baillie

Keyboard
Campbell
Georgina

Trumpets
Ella
Georgette
Amelia
Lefteri

Percussion
Brooke
Sara
David
Walk to School Safely—Please take part

On Friday May 20, schools throughout NSW are promoting road and pedestrian safety through the “Walk to School Safely” day. On this day to highlight safety students are asked to consider walking to school. This day promotes health and safety in the following ways:-

*Parents and carers are asked to walk their primary school aged children all or part of the way to school. Those who can’t walk the whole way are asked to combine a walk with public transport or to park the car a good distance away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

- It encourages regular physical activity because active kids are healthy kids!
- It helps to reduce hazardous traffic congestion in and around schools, creating pedestrian-safe areas for children entering or leaving school.
- It is a way parents, teachers, carers and students can help ease global warming and climate change, as they reduce car-dependency.
- Teaches children healthy lifestyle habits from a young age as they learn that walking is the best form of exercise. It’s easy, free and almost anyone can do it at anytime. And these habits tend to last a lifetime.

Please support this valuable initiative!

Sports News

Junior Newcombe Ball

On Friday 6 May, the Junior Newcombe Ball team travelled to Lugarno Public School hoping for victory.

First we played Peakhurst West in the semi final. We worked hard and won 3 games to zero. We had progressed to the final!

The final was against Kingsgrove and we were all very nervous! It didn’t matter what we did, Kingsgrove were too strong on the day. We lost 3 games to zero. We were Runners Up to a talented and very competitive team.

Both teams should be very pleased with their efforts this year and the skills they have learned.

Remember to believe in yourselves. If you believe you can win, you are more than half way there!

Senior Newcombe Ball

Last Friday, 6 May 2011 the Senior Newcombe Ball team went to Lugarno Public School to play in the Semi Finals and we were hopeful to get to the finals.

In the first match we were up against Oatley. It was a pretty easy match and we won 2-1, we were so excited that we’d made it to the Grand Final.

The Grand Final was harder than we thought. Kingsgrove played strongly and we just couldn’t beat them. We unfortunately lost 3-0.

Overall, I think the Senior Newcombe Ball team played very well this season, coming 2nd out of 12 teams, we would just like to thank Mrs. Law for giving up her time on Friday mornings to come and train us.

Alexander Clisdell
Congratulations to the following children who successfully auditioned and performed in:

Create East — Sophia
Create South — Baillie

Peer Support Week 2

During Peer Support next week the children will look at qualities their friends may have and the concept that we choose friends based on the qualities we admire in them. They will also explore the skills needed in friendship, specifically cooperating and listening.

During the week encourage your child to show they are interested in the person they are talking to by being an active listener.

SRC News

We are now selling Stewart House dolphin key rings. They are $2 each. We have only purchased 250 key rings. As all of the key rings are identical and are difficult to label, you will only be able to purchase a key ring by placing an order form and your money into an envelope. The order is to be sent to Mrs Murray and your child will receive their key ring in an envelope to take home. Please do not open your envelope at school because if it is lost, it will not be replaced. Please note that, due to the limited numbers available, we will only be able to sell the dolphins to students who attend our school.

Thank you.
SRC Coordinators
Mrs C. Murray and Mrs N. McCain

Order Form for Stewart House Dolphins

1. Class: .............. Child’s Name: .................................................. $2
2. Class: .............. Child’s Name: .................................................. $2
3. Class: .............. Child’s Name: .................................................. $2

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Parent’s Signature
Keep Our School Beautiful

Design a poster to encourage students to keep Connells Point Public School beautiful and you could **win a gift voucher.**

**Entry Fee $2**

Entry forms available at lunch time

Entries Close Monday 23rd May

Posters will be judged by Ms McCain and the winner will be announced at assembly.
Scholastic Book Club

Order forms for Scholastic Book Club have been issued to the children. Please return all orders by next Wednesday, 18 May.

Your Child’s Health

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child’s health

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

P & C News

Mother’s Day

I hope all our Mothers had a wonderful Mother's Day and were spoilt rotten. A BIG thank you to Eli for organising our Mothers Day stall this year. This is no small task and Eli does it with such enthusiasm, she is a delight to work with. The quality of the items she had for sale was truly a credit to her hard work.

Thank you also to Eli’s team of hard workers who helped her wrap, price and sell these products so that the children of CPPS could experience the joy of buying and giving their mothers a present they bought themselves!

The joy of giving is a wonderful value to teach our children and without people like Eli and her team devoting their time to organise our Mothers Day stall the P&C would not be able to run these events.

Thank you Eli and team.

Sue Szalay
P&C President
Connells Point Public School is pleased to announce the Entertainment™ Book fund-raiser

Connells Point Public School will be selling the brand new 2011|2012 Entertainment™ Book as a fund-raiser during 2011.

The new Book features the best restaurants, attractions, cinemas, sports, hotel accommodation and much more! Purchase a new Book and receive over $15,000 in valuable 50% off, 25% off and 2-for-1 offers. Books are valid through to 1 June 2012, so your family can choose what they want to do, and when they want to do it!

You can now view the many valuable offers and flip through the Book online at www.entertainmentbook.com.au

The best part is that for only $65, you’ll be helping us fund-raise, with $13 from every Book sold contributing to Connells Point Public School. Please forward this email or let your family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues know we are fund-raising, as the more Books we sell, the more funds we raise!

We also accept payment by cash or cheque. To use this payment option please use the booking form attached to the newsletter.

For further details, please contact Susan Jeakings (Class Parent for 3D) on 0404 003 885 or saj01b@bigpond.com

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- Sushi Roll
- Chef's Gallery
- Din Tai Fung
- Blackbird Café
- In The Mood For Thai
- Bondi Pizza Bar and Grill
- Sushi Tei
- Pancakes on the Rocks
- Moo Gourmet Burgers
- Bamboo Dumpling Bar

**Sydney North**
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- Ormeggio at The Spit
- Koi
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- Waqui
- Le Kiosk
- Cottage Point Inn
- The Burlington Bar and Dining
- Out of Africa
- Stella Italian Kitchen
- Sugar Lounge
- Cucina Italiana
- Sushi Roll
- Dee Why Hotel Brasserie
- Stir Crazy Thai
- New Shanghai
- Jah Bar
- 4 Pines Brewery
- Sandbar
- Newport Arms

**Informal Dining and Takeaway**
- McDonald's
- Hungry Jack's
- Gelatissimo
- Oporto
- Subway
- Pie Face
- Mrs Fields Cookies
- Krispy Kreme
- New Zealand Natural
- Doughboy
- Maxax
- Guzman Y Gomez
- Chocolateria San Churro

**Arts, Sports and Attractions**
- Hoyts
- Timezone
- IMAX Theatre
- Greater Union (Event Cinemas)
- Sydney Symphony
- Ella Baché
- AMF Bowling Centres
- The Waratahs
- Sydney Theatre Company
- Luna Park
- Sydney Aquarium
- Taronga Zoo
- Sydney Wildlife World

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Number of Entertainment Books Required: ___________________

Amount Enclosed: $ _______________________

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Date: ____________

For any enquiries please contact Susan Jeakings on 0404 003 885 or saj01b@bigpond.com

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**THE CONNELLS POINTER**
Connells Point Public School P&C—School Fete

Saturday 10 September 2011

Sponsorship Packages and Donation of Prizes

Connells Point Public School P&C Association is holding a fundraising fete in the school grounds on 10 September 2011 from 10.00am—4.00pm.

We are looking to raise money for the purpose of providing Interactive Whiteboards (IWB’s) into a selected number of classrooms; this will assist the children keep up with the latest technology.

As a local community member or local business owner, we are hoping that this proposal might be of interest to you, as an opportunity to promote you or your company products through a sponsorship arrangement at the fete.

**Sponsorship Packages**

We are offering 4 levels of sponsorship which are outlined below.

We believe that the sponsorship options represent excellent value and exposure for you or your business at each of the individual levels.

With over 520 students enrolled at the school, external entertainment groups performing on the day, fete posters and flyers displayed in local businesses, a fete banner displayed at the school and in the local community as well as 3,000 fete mailers delivered to the surrounding suburbs, we believe this event will provide great exposure of your business to the community.

For information on sponsorship, please contact Lisa Lee—0416 168 681 or Kathy Olney—0434 184 385. To register your business as a sponsor for our school fete please email—Lisa on lisa.lee680@gmail.com.

**Donation of Prizes**

As we will be holding a major raffle and silent auction, you may wish to donate prizes for this fundraising event. Your kind gesture would be greatly appreciated by the Committee.

To make a donation of prizes, please email Diana Valmas on Diana@valart.com.au.

We thank you for your time and consideration of our proposal and we hope to hear from you soon.

Connells Point Public School—Fete Committee
Connells Point Public School P&C - School Fete

Saturday 10 September 2011

10am—4pm

Sponsorship Options

We thank you for taking the time to consider sponsoring our school fete.

Please find below the sponsorship options and our contact details.

**Silver package**  -  **$100.00**

- Up to ¼ page advertisement in the Fete special edition bulletin
- Listed on sponsorship sign at the front of the school for 4 weeks prior to the fete
- Thank you letter for display at your business
  Discounted price if interested in Market Stall hire for the day

**Gold package**  -  **$350.00**

- As per ‘Silver’ package including:-
- Upgraded to ½ page advertisement in Fete special edition school bulletin
- Customised thank you over the PA system during the day
- Business name on posters distributed to local businesses
  Business name printed on fete mailer delivered to 3,000 houses and businesses in local area

**Diamond package**  -  **$700.00**

- As per ‘Gold’ package including:-
- Upgraded to FULL page advertisement in Fete special edition school bulletin
  Business name placed on fete banners.

**Platinum package**  -  **$1,000.00**

- As per ‘Diamond’ package including:-
- Upgraded to DOUBLE page advertisement in Fete special edition school bulletin
- Customised ‘Major sponsors’ thank you over the PA system during the day
  Special mention in any form of media print advertisements eg. Sunday Telegraph

For information on sponsorships, please contact Lisa Lee - 0416 168 681 or Kathy Olney - 0434 184 385. To register your business as a sponsor for our school fete please email - Lisa on lisa.lee680@gmail.com.
2011 CPPS Trivia Night

On Saturday 18th 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……………………….
P&C Sausage Sizzle

On Friday 20 May we will be holding a Sausage Sizzle for the children. Please fill out the below form and send it back, together with your money to your child’s class. Available for sale will be.

- Sausage on bread  -  $2.50
- Chicken Kebab on bread - $2.50

To assist with catering, please return this form together with your money to your class teacher or to the office no later than Wednesday 18 May.

Name: ____________________________________________________________
Class: _____________________________________________________________
No. of Sausages__________________________
No. of Kebabs___________________________
Total money included: $____________________
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