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A New Name!

Following our recent change of state government, there have been some changes made of which you might not be aware. At the moment, the changes are at higher levels and have minimal impact on schools and their day to day operation.

One change is the name and structure of the department of which we are a part: we are now the Department of Education and Communities (DEC?) and will be responsible to three new Ministers:

- The Honourable Adrian Piccoli MP, Minister for Education
- The Honourable Victor Michael Dominello MP, Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
- The Honourable Graham Annesley MP, Minister for Sport and Recreation.

The Department of Education and Communities will have two main offices:

a. The Office of Education - this will comprise the current Education and Training functions and include Children’s Services transferred from the Department of Human Services.

b. The Office of Sport, Recreation and Communities – this will comprise the Sport and Recreation division of Communities NSW, Sydney Olympic Park Authority, Parramatta Stadium Trust, Illawarra Venues Authority, Hunter Region Sporting Venues Authority, Youth, Veterans Affairs, Community Relations Commission, Office of Volunteering, the Children’s Guardian, the Commission for Children and Young People, the Policy and Reform and Corporate Services Divisions of Communities NSW and Aboriginal Affairs.

Our former Director-General, Michael Coutts-Trotter, has moved to lead another department and we have an acting Director-General, Pam Christie, until the position is filled through advertisement.

With such significant changes in our senior leadership, there will undoubtedly be new directions in the weeks and months ahead. What won’t change is our commitment to providing quality education for the children in our care.

As we draw to the end of a very busy first term, I wish all of our families and staff a relaxing and refreshing holiday and thank you for your support of our school.

Mrs Anne Hewson

Value of the Week

The value for the first week of Term 2 is Respect, with particular attention to treating others in the way you wish to be treated.

I think this is something parents and grandparents have been saying to children for generations, but it is something which many young people find hard to do! How many times have we said to our children, after they have been unkind or mean, “Would you like someone to do that to you?” and usually we get a surly or teary “No”. Recognising that we don’t want others to be unkind or mean to us is the easy part! Developing sensitivity and empathy that really makes us stop, think and then change our behaviour towards others is the tricky part.

Using stories from books, television and film that draw children into thinking and talking about how the characters felt and behaved is one good way to deepen reflection and understanding. So, too, is using real life examples of situations that could have been handled better so that feelings were not hurt.

Dates to Remember 2011

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Last week we told you about moving our newsletter to an electronic version. We are now ready to have people register.

To register your name and email address, go onto our website at www.connellspt-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.

**STEP 1.**
Click on Digital Newsletter.

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Type in your name and email address in the space provided and then click on the Subscribe button.

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**K-2 Easter Hat Parade**

Parents are invited to attend the K-2 Easter Hat Parade to be held on **Friday, April 8, 2011**. The parade will take place at 10.30am in the 3-6 assembly area.

We ask parents to assist the children to make a simple hat, or headband, to wear in the parade. All children will be parading and NO PRIZES will be awarded. Children are to bring their hat to their classroom on the morning of the parade.

Following the parade, parents are invited to have morning tea with the children. The P & C will be providing tea, coffee and hot cross buns for purchase from the hall kitchen.

J. Scally  
Assistant Principal

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**SRC News**

Thank you to all the teachers who gave their time so generously to help create the amazing Easter baskets for our raffle.

Please remember that the **Primary raffle will be drawn after lunch** on **Thursday 7 April** and the **Infants raffle will be drawn after recess** on **Friday 8 April**

Thank you for all your support  
SRC Teachers

You are most welcome to visit our **“Eggs”hibition** in our new library  
**Thursday 3:25—3:45pm**  
and on  
**Friday at recess**  
after the Easter Hat parade

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**Principal’s Awards**

Principal's Awards have been received by:

- Taylor
- Elyssa
- Jonah
- Raffael
- Pearl

Congratulations to these students for consistently displaying our Values in Action.
Sports News

Congratulations to

- Matt who made the Sydney East Open Rugby League Squad.
- Brooke who made the Georges River Cricket team.
- Marissa who made the Sydney East Girls Soccer Squad.

P & C News

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

THURSDAY 5 MAY, 2011

Lots of quality products for mum this year.
Prices range from $2.00 - $8.00.
~candles ~ mugs ~ perfume ~ quality jewellery ~ beautiful pashmina scarves ~ manicure sets ~ photo frames ++ more!

Please ensure your child/ren have some money to spend at the Stall this year.

Unfortunately, due to the large amount of children turning up to the stall without any money and not paying for the items we allowed them to take home without paying, we will not be allowing IOU's this year.

No money = no gift!

Helpers needed.

If any mums and/or dads are available to help on the day please let Eli - 0415 673 297 know – all welcome!

If you are able to help out, please meet at the school hall @ 9.30am to help the kids choose their lovely gifts for mum!!
CPPS SPRING FETE
Saturday 10 September

Please mark this date in your diary because you do not want to miss out on this fabulous day.

We are going to have market stalls, rides, entertainment, show bags, a variety of food stalls, BBQ, silent auctions plus much, much more. There will be lots of fun for the whole family!

This fete is a ‘whole school’ event so, throughout the year and on the day, we are going to need plenty of help and support.

Each grade will be allocated a stall or stalls to run. Our class parents will be playing an active role in coordinating this. They WILL be asking for your help so please be generous with your time and help out where you can.

The fete is a great fundraising opportunity for our school.

If you have any questions please either contact your class parent or our Fete Coordinator – Kathy or Sue
Customers MUST have a receipt when exchanging or refunding items. Also, if you require a total refund, all labels and tags MUST be on the item. We cannot resell any item that does not have the tags attached. If you have a faulty item, a receipt also must be produced.

Our Uniform Shop is run by volunteers, it would be appreciated if, when dealing with the ladies in our shop that it is done so with common courtesy and general good old fashion manners.

As a general rule, we use the beginning of term 2 to change over to our winter uniform. However, we can have some hot days in April so please use your discretion, if the weather is hot put your children in their summer uniform!

We usually go by the following guide for summer/winter uniforms.

Terms 1 and 4  -  Summer Uniform
Terms 2 and 3  -  Winter Uniform
P & C News continued

Pick Up Zone Roster

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Community News

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Entries close 1 May 2011

Sections are as follows:

- SD 425  9 years and under  Time limit  2 minutes
- 426  10 years and under  “  “  2 minutes
- 427  11 years and under  “  “  2 minutes
- 428  12 years and under  “  “  3 minutes
- 429  13 years and under  “  “  3 minutes

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For children in Kindy - Year 2

**KOGARAH:** Wednesday 20 April
10.15 - 11.00am **BOOKINGS:** 9330 9527

Picture-book making workshop

Aleesah will talk about how authors write and illustrate their books. The kids will create their own picture book, designing front and back covers, then writing and illustrating a simple story. Not to be missed!

For children in Years 3-6

**KOGARAH:** Wednesday 20 April
11.30 - 1.00pm **BOOKINGS:** 9330 9527

**OATLEY:** Wednesday 20 April
2.30 - 4.00pm **BOOKINGS:** 9579 6553
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