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Principal: Mrs Anne Hewson

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The Power of Language

High level communication skills are frequently listed as prerequisites for many occupations and careers. Knowing that this is what examiners and employers look for, and rate so highly, it makes good sense that we pay close attention to the spoken and written language our children use.

From the moment our children are born, experts tell us that we should provide an environment rich in quality language experiences. Talking to our babies, long before they are old enough to understand what our words mean, lays down pathways in the brain that assist language development. Singing to them, reading to them, playing games with a language focus helps to build a foundation that says communication is important.

Another essential element is providing good spoken language models for our children to hear. Speaking to our children in proper sentences, and using rich and varied vocabulary, is something we can all do. Listening carefully to our children's spoken words, and praising them for expressing ideas well (“I like how you said that”) or using new and more interesting words (“Great word!”) encourages children to extend their language.

Reading is another way that children build their language skills. Most children, even those in Years 5 and 6, love listening to a well-written story read with expression. Finding authors that your child enjoys, and talking about the words the author has chosen to use, makes language something children think about.

Most importantly, children need to know and understand the power of language—power to change, influence and affect others. They need to know that words, poorly chosen and carelessly used, can be weapons just as dangerous as a fist. They need to take responsibility for the language they use and use words wisely, consciously and with respect.

Teaching children to talk is not the end of our responsibility as adults. As parents, we are also responsible for the quality of the words they hear at home and the way we model the appropriate use of the language. As parents and teachers, we need to ensure our children use respectful language in all situations. We must constantly reinforce the power of language and not accept language that is disrespectful, hurtful, crude or damaging to the feelings of others.

Mrs Anne Hewson
Principal

Date of the Week

The Community Value for the coming week is Participation, with a particular emphasis on “contributing to class and school activities”.

We are working to develop attitudes and practices that will equip our children to be good citizens. Being a participant, rather than a spectator or an observer, enriches our society. Australia has a history of one of the highest volunteer rates in the world. So much of what makes our society better—our SES, bush fire fighters, WIRES, meals on wheels, community transport, hospital auxiliaries, school P&C organisations, charities and support services— is the result of volunteers giving their time to others and participating in the lives of their communities.

Those attitudes and beliefs start early! Participating requires confidence and a desire to contribute, sometimes with little direct reward. We encourage and value this willingness to be a part of class and school activities, whatever they might be.

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The entry fee is $7.00 per student per test. Each student in Y3-6 has already received a note explaining the competitions. Please return the supplied envelope with entry fees and details of which competition/s you wish your child to enter by Friday 25 March.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

All students should have received a note yesterday regarding our parent-teacher interviews, a copy of which is downloadable from our website. Interviews will be held on the following days between 1.30 and 6.30 p.m. in your child’s classroom.

MONDAY 4 April  1C, 1D, 1L, 2C, 2J, 2M
TUESDAY 5 April  3D, 3F, 3H, 4P, 4/5M
WEDNESDAY 6 April  KC, KD, KG, KM, KS
THURSDAY 7 April  4C, 5L, 5/6G, 6B, 6C

Please return the note to your child’s teacher, indicating your preferred meeting time within three one hour bands. Teachers will then allocate a specific time and send you a confirmation note.

Teachers have only ten minutes per child for interviews on these evenings, so please contact your child’s teacher to arrange another mutually convenient meeting time if there are specific issues to be discussed, or if two parents require separate interview times.

School Council Parent Representative Nomination Forms

The eldest child in each family should have received a note on Monday regarding two vacant positions for parent representatives on our School Council. The nomination forms, which require a proposer and seconder for the nominee, are to be returned by 3.30 p.m. on Monday 28 March.

School Uniform

Thank you to our school community for your support of our students in wearing our school uniform with pride each day. It is one way that students, with their parents’ support, demonstrate responsibility and discipline, and pride in themselves and their school. We strongly encourage students with longer hair to wear it tied back to prevent the spread of head lice and to make working and playing cooler and easier without hair in their eyes or falling over their work.

After the recent bout of wet weather, it is important that students have a raincoat (not an umbrella) in their bags every day, to keep them dry as they move around the school.
**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

**PixiFotos**

The PixiFoto team will be taking class, individual and family portraits on **Monday, March 28**. Students should wear full summer uniform including correct socks and shoes and hairstyles appropriate for school photos.

Envelopes have been distributed. Students need to bring:

- The payment envelope on photo day. 
- **EXACT CHANGE** or cheque made payable to PixiFoto is required. 
- Each student must have their OWN separate completed envelope.

Family portraits will be taken at lunch time. Envelopes for family portraits are available at the school office. Orders will NOT be accepted after photo day.

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**Modern Greek Language Award**

On Sunday, 20 March, 2011 I had the pleasure of attending the **Dionysios Solomos Awards 2011**, at Sydney University. These awards are named after one of Greece’s most acclaimed poets, Dionysios Solomos. Solomos’ incredible body of work includes the **Hymn to Freedom**, which was adopted as the **Greek National Anthem**, after Greek Independence in 1821.

At this awards ceremony, one of our wonderful Connells Point Public School students, Anastasia (4/5M), a Stage 2 Greek Native student, studying Modern Greek with Miss Paloumis, received the Minister’s Award in Modern Greek. Congratulations Anastasia!

As a Modern Greek language teacher here at Connells Point Public School, I was very proud to see Anastasia receive her special Greek Certificate and medal! It is always so rewarding to see our fantastic CPPS students excelling in their studies! Well Done! Bravo Anastasia!

From a very proud, Modern Greek Language Teacher
Miss Paloumis

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**Dionysios Solomos**

"Μήγαρας ἄρτο τοις τον νοῦν πάρεξ ελευθερίαν και γλώσσαν;"

"I have nothing on my mind, other than freedom and language"
**SRC News**

A reminder for all students interested in the “Eggs”hibition to complete their entry form and return as soon as possible.

Tickets are on sale for our Easter Guessing Competition. SRC leaders will be selling the tickets in both the Primary and Infants playground areas at recess and lunch.

50 cents for one ticket and three tickets for a dollar.

Remember the class that brings in the most eggs, baskets, etc will win a fabulous prize and help our World Vision child, Habiba.

Stewart House bags and Stewart House envelopes are available at the office if you need more.

Thanks for all your support CPPS!
SRC Teachers
Mrs Murray and Mrs McCain

**Inner West Chess Challenge 8**

**Tuesday, 12 April 2011**

**Venue:** Sydney Latvian Society Club, 32 Parnell Street, Strathfield

**Cost:** $20

**Time:** Registration—8.45am on the day of tournament. Round 1 begins at 9.30am.

**Format:** This tournament is an individual and not a team event. The tournament is a 7 round ‘Swiss’ competition.

**Prizes:** Trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place. Age performance trophies will be awarded.

**To Enter:** Entry forms are available from the Office or visit their website: [www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au](http://www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au)

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**“Eggs”hibition Entry Form**

Name: ..........................................................................................  Class: .......................................

I understand that I agree to create my “Eggs”hibition out of school hours.

I agree to transport my “Eggs”hibition to school for display on **Wednesday, 6 April** and be responsible for collecting my “Eggs”hibition to take home on **8 April, 2011**.

[..] ..........................................................................................  [..] Date

Parents signature
Safe Passwords
Encourage your child to set passwords that are easy to remember but hard to guess.
The best passwords mean something memorable to you, but wouldn't be randomly guessed by others. Select passwords that are:

- **Long** - the more characters your password has, the lower the probability that it can be randomly cracked.
- **Diverse** – use a range of different characters including capital letters, numbers and special characters (like a $).


Avoid Getting Spam
Most spam carry viruses that:

- aim to harm your computer
- contain explicit material, or
- are an attempt at fraud.

How can you and your children avoid getting spam?

- Be wary of who you give your email address to.
- Avoid posting your email address in chat rooms or on social networking sites.
- Have a generic email address set up – when you do need to publish contact details, you may want to use an address that you won't be so worried about should it be flooded with spam.
- Be careful when filling in forms online – many spammers (and also legitimate websites) collect personal information, including email addresses, via online registration forms. Make sure you read and understand the entire form before submitting any personal information, particularly one that's unfamiliar to you. You should also check the privacy policy of any site that asks for personal information. Make sure it states that your details will not be passed on to anyone else or used to send you unsolicited email.

**P & C News**

**Eftpos Facilities in the Uniform Shop**

We are now able to accept credit and debit cards in the Uniform Shop. We have installed an eftpos machine which will, hopefully, make life a little easier for parents.

Please note that due to bank fees and charges, anyone using a credit or debit card will be charged an additional 2% of their purchase.

**Hot Cross Buns for Sale**

Hot cross buns, hot cross buns. One a penny, two a penny, Hot cross buns!!

The P&C are selling delicious Bakers Delight Hot Cross Buns for only $6.00 per half dozen.

Available in Mocha, Chocolate Chip and Traditional. Please fill out the order form below and return, together with your money, to the office no later than Friday 1st April. Orders will be delivered to your child’s class on Friday 8 April.

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**P&C BAKERS DELIGHT HOT CROSS BUNS**

Name: …………………………………………………………………………..

Child's Name: …………………………………………………. Class:………………

I would like to order:-

- [ ] Traditional - ……………… Number of 6 packs @ $6.00 each

- [ ] Mocha - ………………… Number of 6 packs @ $6.00 each

- [ ] Choc Chip - ………………… Number of 6 packs @ $6.00 each

Total number of hot cross bun 6 packs ……………….. Total $………………enclosed
P & C News continued

Canteen News

Hot Cross Bun Special Day
Tuesday 5 April
(morning tea)

Just a reminder, all orders need to be in by
Wednesday, 30 March

Canteen Roster

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Community News

FREE ENTRY FOR KIDS TO NSW MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

Primary school children in NSW can visit landmark arts and culture attractions for free with the Kids’ Adventure Passport.
From now until the end of the Easter 2011 school holidays, children are encouraged to pick up their Passport from any of the 71 participating venues and join the Premier’s Adventure Challenge.
Touch fossils at the Australian Museum, picnic in Elizabeth Farm’s historic grounds, or explore the galaxies at Sydney Observatory.
Several major venues are outside the city centre, and regional museums and galleries across NSW are welcoming Passport holders.
Collect at least three stamps in the Kids’ Adventure Passport to receive a signed certificate from the NSW Premier. All children who take part have the chance to win prizes.
See www.kidspassport.nsw.gov.au for venues and more information.
Community News continued

Heritage Week at Kogarah Libraries

Short story competition for children in Years 2-6
CELEBRATE HERITAGE WEEK (MAY 9-12) AT KOGARAH LIBRARIES

Write a story starting with "When my Mum and Dad were growing up ..." and return it to the front desk at Kogarah, Oatley and South Hurstville libraries for the chance to win a great prize. Entries close on Monday 2 May.
Entries close on Monday 2 May. Word Limit: 400 words
Name: _________________________________________________
Age: _________________________________________________
School Year: ___________________ Phone number: ___________________

When my Mum and Dad were growing up ...........

FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
Kogarah, Oatley
South Hurstville Libraries

Storytime and craft fun

Author Aleesah Darlison will talk about the animals in her book, Puggle’s Problem and share her experiences of her childhood in the country, read her book and finish off with a fun colouring-in and craft activity.

For children in Kindy – Year 2
Kogarah: Wednesday 20 April, 10:15 – 11:15AM
Bookings: 93306527

Picture-book making workshop

Aleesah Darlison has also written the Tully Twins series. 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.

For children in Years 3-6
Kogarah: Wednesday 20 April, 11:30-1:00PM
Bookings: 93306527
Oatley: Wednesday 20 April, 2:30-4:00PM
Bookings: 95796553

Family Memories craft activity

Create an artwork to display your special family memories. Bring five special family photos.

For children in Kindy – Year 6
Oatley: Wednesday 13 April 10:30-11:30AM
Bookings: 95300627

Kogarah: Wednesday 13 April 2:00-3:00PM
Bookings: 93306527

South Hurstville: Thursday 14 April 10:30-11:30AM
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