New Classes

Monday saw the successful enrolment of 98 new Kindergarten students, the largest intake we have ever had, and increases our school population to over 500. During the preceding week our Kindergarten teachers administered the Best Start Literacy and Numeracy Program to individually assess and diagnose the starting point for each student’s education. ‘Best Start’ assesses students’ reading and writing, their communication skills and recognition of the letters and sounds of the English language. In numeracy, it measures counting skills, number recognition and working with groups and patterns. I’m sure with such a strong start to their learning, our new Kindergarten students will thrive.

Once all Kindergarten students had been enrolled I was then able to form our new 2011 classes for students in Years 1-6. With our increased enrolment, extra classes were able to be formed and a non-teaching executive position was created for the school. The ability to form extra classes facilitates the best learning environment and improved student outcomes, so thank you all for your patience last week. We now have 21 regular classes; the list of classes and specialist teachers is included in today’s newsletter.

Value of the Week

Next week, we will be focusing on our Social Value of “Respect”, with particular reference to displaying good manners.

Good manners show awareness, consideration and thoughtfulness for others. They are a social skill which allow children to mix more happily and to be appreciated by friends and strangers alike.

In many situations, courtesy seems to be a disappearing commodity! Training our children to be patient, respect older people, behave appropriately and with awareness of others in different places, say please and thank you, not interrupt, hold doors open, say “excuse me”, eat nicely, tidy away their mess, offer help when it is needed, etc, etc equips them to behave sensitively and unselfishly.

We can assist by having consistent and explicit expectations of good manners from our children, and acknowledging and appreciating good manners when they are displayed.

Dates to Remember 2011

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## Organisation 2011

### Principal
Mrs Anne Hewson

### Relieving Principal
Mrs Anne Whale

### Assistant Principals
- Mrs Kylie Fowler
- Mrs Hendrika Green
- Ms Jenny Scally
- Mrs Jo Crouch (Relieving)

### Class Organisation
- **KC** Mrs Joanne Crouch
- **KD** Mrs Effie Doulos (M-Th) / Mrs Clare Dwyer (F)
- **KG** Mrs Kathy McGee
- **KM** Mrs Gillian McLachlan
- **KS** Mrs Kathy Stevenson
- **1C** Mrs Lynda Cattley
- **1D** Miss Elizabeth Dorrian
- **1L** Miss Renae Limneos
- **2C** Mrs Penny Christo
- **2J** Mrs Jenni Jessup
- **2M** Miss Louise McNamara
- **3D** Mrs Fiona Dickson
- **3F** Mrs Kylie Fowler
- **3H** Mrs Linda Hunter
- **4C** Mrs Clare Murray
- **4P** Mr Nathan Parsons
- **4/5M** Ms Narelle McCain
- **5L** Mrs Rhelle McCain
- **5/6G** Mrs Hendrika Green
- **6B** Miss Jenny Benson
- **6C** Mr Paul Cohen

### Specialist Teachers
- **ESL** Mrs Gillian Anderson (M-W)
- **STLA** Ms Jenny Scally
- **Greek Community Language** Miss Katherine Paloumi
- **Japanese Language**
- **Librarian** Dr Mark McKirdy
- **RFF** Ms Jenny Scally (M-W)
  - Mrs Carol Woodhams (T-Th)
  - Mrs Christina Rehayem (W-Th)
  - Mrs Lynne Wilson (M-T)
  - Mr Matthew Wylie
  - Mrs Clare Dwyer (Th)

### School Counsellor
Ms Tracey Perry (M) / Mr Michael Martin (W)

### Administration Staff
- **School Administration Manager** Mrs Kerri Wright
- **School Administration Officers**
  - Mrs Linda Felton
  - Mrs Diane Siddons
  - Mrs Kerrie Lake
- **Teachers Aides**
  - Mrs Dot Boyton
  - Mrs Sacha Mason
- **General Assistant** Mr Frank Klepzig
- **Cleaners**
  - Mrs Milka Damjanic
  - Mrs Tina Joleski
  - Mr Milan Joleski
- **Crossing Supervisor** Mrs Rosa Petrovic
Thank you on behalf of Mr Frank

Thank you to the following people for answering my call for help and giving up some of their time on the Saturday before school went back to move and spread mulch in the infants lunch area. Spreading this huge task between a few more people enabled me to get on with other jobs on my very, very long list. Thank you Marc, Helen, Matthew, Ella, Lara, Jill, Carolyn, Kathy, Attila, Ben and Matthew.

Mr Frank

Anaphylaxis

Anaphylaxis is a severe and sudden allergic reaction. It occurs when a person is exposed to an allergen. Anaphylaxis is potentially life threatening and requires awareness and vigilance from all. There are several students enrolled who suffer from this allergy and to ensure their safety at school I ask that parents refrain from including any food or products which contain nuts in their child’s lunch. Keeping our school a ‘nut free’ environment will allow peace of mind for the families involved.

Create East 2011

Sydney Region schools are invited to nominate students who are gifted and talented in the arts to take part in Create East’s 2011 production, ‘The Button.’ This regional initiative is a three-day workshop, culminating in an integrated, high quality performance. The event is run separately to Create South, which is also offered in Sydney Region in Term 2.

Who Gifted and talented students from Years 4, 5 and 6 in Band, Choir, Dance, Drama, Visual Arts and Film Production.

How Student application forms are available from the office. Please complete the application, attach cheque and return to the office no later than Monday, 21 February.

When 4 - 6 April, 2011

Where Seymour Theatre Centre, Chippendale, Glebe P.S., Glebe (Art group only).

Cost $120

Further Information Please contact Mrs K. Stevenson-CPPS or Renee Adele-Create East Coordinator Email renee.adele@det.nsw.edu.au

MindQuest 2011

On Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 April 2011 the 54th NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend MindQuest will be held for primary students from Years 1-6 at St George Girls HS. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 38 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, art and much, much more. Many of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students’ evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is $160 (including GST).

Brochures are available from the Office or for further information contact Shelagh Poray 02 4233 2328

Closing Date: Friday 11 March, 2011
The outset of 2011 has been eventful! I am positive that our school community is aware of the physical and psychological aftermath that the Queensland flood disaster has created for so many people.

The DET has requested our support in raising awareness of the difficult position many Queensland School communities are facing and the need to raise funds.

**Next Thursday, 17 February, is “Maroon for a Day”**.

Students are encouraged to wear something maroon and enjoy a mufti day at school. A gold coin donation would be most appreciated. Although most of our community would have already donated to the cause during the holidays, all contributions will be greatly valued.

Teachers will also emphasise to our students, the need to make a connection with the emotions and needs of their Queensland peers.

It was inspiring to witness the good will that is alive and well! I have no doubt that CPPS will participate with the amazing spirit and enthusiasm that our community has demonstrated so many times before.

Many Thanks.

SRC Teachers
Mrs C. Murray & Mrs N. McCain

**Crazy Hair Day**

Many thanks to all who took part in Crazy Hair Day, 2010. The grand total raised by schools participating was an amazing $28,492.

Congratulations to **Brienna of 3F** for being one of 10 **winning photos** which are from the schools listed below:-

- Ardlethan Central School
- Connells Point Public School
- Deniliquin South Public School
- Ebor Public School
- Murringo Public School
- Peak Hill Central School
- Sandy Beach Public School
- St George Hospital School
- Temora Public School  (winner)
Kid Witness News

KWN (Kid Witness News) is a global video education program supported by Panasonic, with the aim of boosting creativity and fostering communication skills through film production. The KWN program encourages students to get creative in the real-life application of key skill sets such as written and oral communication, teamwork, critical thinking and project management.

Connells Point has been chosen as one of 63 Australian schools, to compete for the national and international prize. As part of the competition, Panasonic has a limited number of places available to their ‘Inspiration Session’, where leading industry professionals run a two-hour workshop for primary school aged children.

If you are experienced at film making/drama and would like to attend, please answer the following questions and return to Mr Cohen by Thursday 17th February. Please note that this opportunity is only open to years 4-6 and general auditions to take part in the short film will take place in Term 2.

- List your experience in film making or drama.
- Why do you want to attend the ‘Inspiration Session’?
- What skills can you bring to our schools short film?

For more information go to www.panasonic.com.au/About+Panasonic/Sponsorship/KWN or simply Google ‘KWN’.

Bus Students

In the interest of safety, the school would like to ensure that children who need to catch the early bus, on Connells Point Road, have parental permission to leave the school grounds early, prior to the 3.25pm bell. We ask that parents please complete the following permission note and return it to the school by Friday of Week 4. (February 18th). Students who do not have permission to leave the school grounds early by that date, will not be permitted to leave the school premises until a note is provided. This ensures we can track the whereabouts and safety of all students at all times. We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Please return to the Office by Friday, February 18th, 2011.

I give permission for my child ____________________________ of ___________ (Class) to leave the school premises early to move directly to the bus shelter on Connells Point Road to catch the 953 bus, from school each week on the following days:

_________________________________________________________________________________

Signed: ____________________________________ (Parent /Carer)
We now do lunch orders on Fridays but not for Primary students in PSSA sport teams.

We still have no volunteers for the fourth Thursday of the month.

If you can help out on any of these days please contact Sharon or Robyn.

Thank you.

**Canteen Roster**

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**New Look Canteen**

During the holidays we had some work done in the canteen. We had it painted and also we had new lino put down. I would like to thank Tass from M.A.T. Painting Service for doing the painting free of charge. I would also like to thank George from Hire a Hubby for organising to have the lino laid and for also donating his time in doing a few odd jobs. With these few little changes, our canteen now has a nice fresh new look. It is really nice to have such lovely parents within our school community who are willing to help out.

**2011 P&C Annual General Meeting**

Want to be involved in your child’s school?
Want to make a difference to your school?
Want to voice an opinion on events held to raise money for your school?
Why not come along to our AGM and stand for an executive position?

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 15 February at 7pm in the Performing Arts Room.

All positions will become vacant. The positions are:

- President
- Vice President x 2
- Treasurer
- Secretary

**Pick Up Zone Roster**

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"WELCOME TO 2011 BBQ AND DISCO"

The P&C Committee extends an invitation to all families at Connells Point Public School to join us at this annual event to welcome new families to our school community.

WHEN: 23\textsuperscript{rd} February, 2011 at 5.45pm - 8.30pm

K - 6 Disco - 6.30pm - 8pm

VENUE: At the School

YOUR HOSTS: The P&C Committee supported by the School Council

Sausages and chicken kebabs will be provided at a cost of $2.00 each. Soft drinks & water will also be available.

A gold coin donation for the Disco on the night would be appreciated.

WHAT TO BRING: Your picnic rug and/or chair and dancing shoes! You may also bring along some of your own nibblies and drinks.

RSVP: Friday 18\textsuperscript{th} February using the form below

To assist with catering, please return this form together with your money to your class teacher or to the office by Friday 18\textsuperscript{th} February.

The ___________________________ Family of Class(es) ___________________________

will be attending the school Welcome BBQ and Disco.

No. of adults attending______________ No. of children attending______________

No. of Sausages____________________ No. of Kebabs________________________

Please indicate if you are a new family to the school ☐

Please indicate if you could assist on the night with the ☐ Setup, ☐ BBQ, ☐ Welcome table or

☐ Disco Supervision

Contact name & Phone: ____________________________________________________________

Connells Point Public School is a Smoking and Alcohol Free Zone.