Facebook and Email

I have often written about how technology can present difficulties and risks for young users. While the internet and mobile phones are wonderful tools in many ways, they are also minefields that need to be carefully understood and responsibly managed.

This week, we have had problems with a Facebook account being falsely created in the name of a Year 4 student, using first her DET school email address and, when that Facebook page was shut down, a second page created using another email address. In the past, we have had problems on MSN when a student logged on in the name of another student, using her email address and password.

It is absolutely vital that students understand that, under no circumstances, are they to reveal their passwords to anyone. Students also have to understand the seriousness of pretending to be someone else on line, and of acting inappropriately on line or in text messaging.

Students have to understand that the internet can be manipulated and that people may not be who they say they are. Parents also need to be absolutely informed about social networking sites and the risks they present to users, either from cyberbullying or from misuse and misrepresentation.

Did you know that Facebook accounts cannot be legally created for or by users under 18 years of age, nor MSN accounts for students under 14 years of age? I am greatly concerned by the number of our students who do use social networking sites, either with parental permission, or without their knowledge.

Young people have enough problems learning to manage their own behaviour, and understand appropriate peer relationships, without the added difficulties of doing this on the internet or via SMS texting, where there are so many “unknowns” and they feel protected by not being visible.

Please understand the Pandora’s Box you are opening when you allow your child access to this technology. On line relationships, for young people, are fraught with problems that you can’t predict or control. For more information, visit our website at www.connellspt-p.schools.nsw.edu.au. Click on Caring for Students then Student Safety then, in the right hand box, Click e-zine cybersafety.

Farewell and Thank You

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Dates to Remember 2010

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K-2 Easter Hat Parade

Parents are invited to attend the K-2 Easter Hat Parade to be held on Thursday April 1, 2010.

- The parade will take place at 10.30am at the morning assembly area. **IF IT IS RAINING AT THAT TIME THE PARADE WILL BE CANCELLED.**
- 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 **will not** be wearing mufti this year. Summer uniform, please.
- 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.

SRC News

- Thank you for your very generous Easter donations.
- Our raffle will be drawn on **Thursday, April 1.**
- The ‘eggs’hibition will be on display in the library.

Awards

Principal’s Awards have been received by:

- Kimberley
- Clover
- Tiana
- Stephanie
- Tyla
- Jason
- Constance

Congratulations to these students for consistently displaying our Values In Action.

Well done!

- We would like to congratulate **Matt** for being one of 16 players to be selected from 120 children in the U11yo Sydney East Rugby League team. This is the first time in many years that a student from CPPS has reached this level in Rugby League.
- **Well done to Arthur, Alex and Reece** who successfully made the 2010 Georges River Cricket Team.
- Congratulations also to **Chrystal** who has been selected to represent the Sydney East Region in the Girls’ Football team.

Enrolments 2011

Due to the increased number of permanent classrooms, currently under construction, it is anticipated that there will be the **capacity to accept some out of area enrolments in all grades in 2011.** As this has not been the case for some years, please invite friends or neighbours who are interested in attending our school to contact our office and leave their details. To help us monitor enrolments, and determine how many places may be available for non-local children, we are also asking for **in-area applications to be lodged from now.** Application forms are available from the office or our website. Our website also has our boundary map and other criteria relating to enrolment. There is also a link to translations of the application form.

Your help in promoting early enrolments would be appreciated.
**Create South 2010**

Sydney Region Schools are invited to nominate students who are gifted and talented in the arts to take part in Create South's 2010 production, 'SHEERLUCK HOLMES'. This regional initiative is a three-day workshop, culminating in an integrated, high quality performance.

**Who**  
Gifted and talented students from years 4, 5 and 6 in Band, Choir, Dance, Drama, Visual Arts and Technology.

**How**  
Student application forms are available from the office. Please complete the application, attach cheque and return to the office no later than **Wednesday, April 23**.

**When**  
June 1-3, 2010

**Where**  
Sutherland PS, Eton Street, Sutherland  
K&V Dance Studio, Boyle Street, Sutherland  
Sutherland Entertainment Centre, Eton Street, Sutherland

**Cost**  
$100

**Further Information**  
Please contact Robyn Evans Create South Coordinator, Principal—Jannali East PS  
Ph 9528 8101.  
Email robyn.g.evans@det.nsw.edu.au

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**P & C News**

**Être Candles**

It's here once again. Être Candles will be holding a Mother’s Day candle fundraiser. Order forms are available from the office. Orders and money must be in **Friday, April 23** to receive your candles in time for Mother’s Day.  
**Please place your order forms together with payment in the P & C box at the school office**

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**Jollybops**

On March 25, 2010 there was a show called Jollybops. The hosts were the Jolly Wizard and a robot called Rusty the Robot. The first thing we had to do was say “there he is”. The Jolly wizard could not find him.

In the first experiment the Jolly Wizard put up a rubber glove. He kept it on and it got really big. Then Rusty put the glove over his head. When the Jolly Wizard let go of it, it went in Rusty’s face. They needed a volunteer. The robot chose two Y3 students. Then he asked them their names. He said their names again in funny talk. They popped a balloon with fire. After it popped a Kindergarten kid was crying and the teacher needed to take her out.

A couple of experiments later they had to have another volunteer. I put my hand and I got chosen to get wet. The Jolly Wizard said “should it be 80mls up to 125 mls?”. He said “we need a good seal”. So Rusty made a seal noise three times. I pointed to Rusty and the Jolly Wizard said “Don’t be silly”. He let go of it but it was gel and everybody said “yum”.

Then another volunteer had to put food colour into magic water. It changed colour.

We all enjoyed the show very much.

Curtis
If you missed out on your copy last year – it is not too late! We still have some of these wonderful commemorative books for sale. Featuring special class pages, notes from past students and some interesting historical facts.

Please either fill out the below or you can get them through the office or the Uniform Shop. Avoid disappointment – purchase your copy now.

**75th ANNIVERSARY BOOK**

I would like to purchase _______ copy / copies of the 75th Anniversary Year Book

Enclosed is _______________ cash or cheque (payable to CPPS P&C)

Name:___________________________________________

Class: ___________________________________________

The book will be delivered to your child’s classroom.

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**CPPS 5 CENT CHALLENGE as at 26/03/2010**

Main Target: 1,000,000 Collected: 218,475 To Go: 781,525

2010 Target: 250,000 Collected: 218,475 To Go: 31,525

Another great week this week. A special thank you to Mrs Hewson for bringing in 458 ($22.90) 5 coins. Mrs Hewson’s money was divided by 19 so every class received an extra 24 coins! A very impressive effort from 2D - they brought in 599 coins. Special thanks to Audrey, Corey and Ali from 2D. Our Term 1 winners were 2D and 4G. You will be receiving a voucher for an ice block early next term. Congratulations, have a great holiday and save your 5 cent coins of the Easter holidays.

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