Welcome to 2010!

Welcome to all families as we start a new year which will see improved facilities for our students and teachers!

2010 promises to be a special time for Connells Point Public School and we look forward to a great year celebrating learning with our community. I extend a special welcome to families new to our school, and look forward to seeing you, and all our families, at the Welcome Barbecue and Disco being organised by our wonderful P&C for 24 February.

I welcome Mrs Hendrika Green, our new Assistant Principal, teacher of 4G and our Band Coordinator to our staff. Welcome, too, to Mr Nathan Parsons who will be working with us as class teacher of 6P this year, and to Miss Michelle Burke, our School Counsellor for Semester 1 while Mrs Killey continues her extended leave. Miss Burke will be working at our school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week and can be contacted via the office. A warm welcome back to Miss Jenny Benson, who has been reappointed to our school following changing circumstances in Term 4 at her previous school. Miss Benson is delighted to be back at Connells Point and is looking forward to resuming her role as 6B class teacher.

In this Newsletter, you will find lots of important information. Please make sure you receive and read the Newsletter, which we endeavour to distribute each Thursday.

Class Information Evenings are being held in Weeks 2 and 3. More details are included in this Newsletter. We will continue with our awards and values, introduced very successfully last year. For families new to the school, one of our school values is highlighted each week in class and assemblies, and in our Newsletter so that families can reinforce the messages being given at school. Using consistent language to reinforce positive behaviour helps our children develop the qualities and attitudes we most want for them.

I look forward to a fabulous year for all our children, staff and families and to delivering the very best educational experiences for our students.

Value of the Week

This week, classes have been discussing “Excellence”. In our context, we interpret this to be aiming to achieve your personal best in all aspects of school and community life.

Our focus area in this value is “achieving and maintaining high learning expectations”. An important attitude and skill for students of all ages and abilities to develop is goal setting. Aspiring to improve, in small and large ways, and planning how to achieve this, is fundamental to achieving personal best.

Helping your child to set small personal goals (getting two more words correct in this week’s spelling list; reading a passage fluently and with no mistakes; producing a page—or a paragraph if that is too big a jump—of tidy, well-formed handwriting; reciting a times table more quickly by the stop watch), to be achieved within a time frame, helps them see and measure their learning improvement, and helps them aspire to achieving their personal best.

Next week’s value is “Respect”.

Dates to Remember 2010

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Payments to School

The Department of Education and Training provides the School with funds to assist families with essential costs, such as textbooks, uniforms and excursions. If you are having difficulty meeting these costs please contact the Office.

Please ensure all money is enclosed in a sealed envelope (with permission note if required) with your child’s/children’s full name, class and what payment is for, clearly written on the front. This is very important to avoid money being lost. Thank you.

Swine Flu Vaccine

A vaccine is now available to protect adults and children over the age of six months from swine flu. The vaccine, called Panvax®, has been approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration.

NSW Health is encouraging everyone to obtain a free vaccination against this potentially life threatening illness. The Panvax® vaccine is available free from most general practitioners and Aboriginal Medical Services. Some community health centres and council immunisation clinics are also offering the vaccine free of charge. Call ahead to confirm the health service is vaccinating on the day you wish to visit.

The NSW Department of Education and Training is committed to ensuring a safe and healthy working and learning environment for staff, students and visitors to schools. Immunising a high percentage of the school not only protects those individuals who receive the vaccine, but also reduces the chance that any students or staff with a weakened immune system (for whom the vaccine may not work as effectively) will be exposed to the infection.

Further information can be obtained through following the links.

The fact sheets are available on the Department’s Occupational Health and Safety website at:

Pandemic influenza vaccination available for children aged ten years and over:

Pandemic influenza vaccination approved for children aged 6 months and over:

NSW Health: information about the vaccine:

Swimming Carnival

Any students in Y2 turning eight this year, who are competent swimmers able to swim 50m and who wish to participate in the swimming carnival, are asked to collect an information booklet from the office, or to download from our website (see below). Completed application forms and payment are due to the office by 10 February.

School Website

Our new school website is up and running! The revised website contains lots of information and links which we hope you will find interesting and informative. Copies of notes distributed to students are to be found on the website, in a section titled “Notes”, so you can download lost notes or receive them if your child is away.

There is a year calendar, which we will keep updated, so that you can see ahead and adjust your planning. There are also specific folders for each grade, which will be added to during the year.

Our Newsletter will also be uploaded to the website for your reference. As a result, we will now only refer to children by their first names. Parents who are on rosters for the canteen and pick up zone will soon receive a form for permission for their names to be published on our website. Until those permissions are received, they will also be only referred to by first names (parents on rosters receive a hard copy list for their reference; the Newsletter provides a reminder). Permission forms will also be coming home very soon for children’s photos to be included in our Newsletter, and thus our website. Information about the security around this issue will be included on the permission form.

Our website can be found at: www.connellspt-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
## Organisation 2010

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Mrs Hendrika Green  
Ms Jenny Scally (Weds-Fri)  
Mrs Anne Whale  
Mrs Jo Crouch (Relieving) |
| Class Organisation | KC  Mrs Joanne Crouch  
KM  Mrs Kathy McGee  
KS  Mrs Kathy Stevenson  
1G  Mrs Gillian McLachlan  
1C  Mrs Lynda Cattley  
1/2S  Ms Jenny Scally (W-F) Mrs Jenni Jessup (M,T)  
2C  Mrs Penny Christo  
2D  Mrs Effie Doulos (M-Th) Mrs Jenni Jessup (F)  
2/3K  Mrs Kylie Fowler (M-W), Mrs Karel Dutton (Th, F)  
3W  Mrs Carol Woodhams  
3M  Mrs Clare Murray  
4G  Mrs Hendrika Green  
4S  Mr Graeme Shirley  
4/5M  Ms Narelle McCain  
5L  Mrs Rhonda Law  
5W  Mrs Anne Whale  
6B  Miss Jenny Benson  
6C  Mr Paul Cohen  
6P  Mr Nathan Parsons |
| Specialist Teachers | ESL  Mrs Gillian Anderson (T-F), Mrs Elizabeth O’Keefe(M)  
STLA  Mrs Lyndal Smith (T)  
Greek Community Language  Miss Katherine Paloumis (M)  
Japanese Language  Miss Kylie Ha (T)  
Librarian  Dr Mark McKirdy  
RFF  Mr Joel Cuthbertson (M-W)  
Mrs Lyndal Smith (M)  
Mrs Elizabeth O’Keefe (T)  
Mrs Christina Rehayem (W, Th)  
Mrs Lynne Wilson (W, Th, F morning) |
| School Counsellor | Miss Michelle Burke (T, W) |
| Administration Staff | School Administration Manager  Mrs Kerri Wright  
School Administration Officers  Mrs Linda Felton  
Mrs Diane Siddons  
Mrs Kerrie Lake  
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**THE CONNELL'S POINTER**
Our procedures help us to operate safely and efficiently, and reduce the opportunities for mistakes or misunderstandings to occur. Some of the key areas where your support and cooperation make such a difference, are listed below. It is important that all visitors to our school understand these procedures, so your help in making sure that people acting on your behalf – grandparents, aunts, neighbours, friends etc – are also fully aware of the procedures, would be most appreciated. An Information Booklet, distributed to all new families, is available from the office with greater explanation of our processes and procedures. Relevant sections of the Information Booklet have also been included in the handouts distributed at our Class Information Evenings, or can be found on our website.

Please be aware that:

◊ There is no parent parking on school grounds.
◊ There is no pedestrian access for parents or children through the staff car park.
◊ Adults must not use or enter children’s toilet blocks. A toilet for adults and pre-schoolers is available on request at the office.
◊ Late arrivals must collect a note from the office before proceeding to class.
◊ Early departure notes must be obtained from the office before a child is collected from class.
◊ Safe driving and parking is required at all times in the vicinity of the school.
◊ There is no smoking at any time, or consumption of alcohol at events where children are present, on the school site.
◊ All visitors and volunteers must wear a visitor’s badge (available from the office).
◊ Students are to be collected punctually at 3.25 p.m. Please call the office if you are delayed so that your child can be informed and instructed to wait for your arrival. Children should not wait in areas outside the school, where they are unsupervised.
◊ Medication can only be given if it complies with DET policy and on completion of paperwork at the office. Apart from asthma puffers, children are not to keep any medication in their pockets or school bags.
◊ A written explanation is required for student absences. Written application is required for leave totalling 50 days (previously 15) in a 12 month period for any one student. Forms are available from the office.
◊ Correct and complete school uniform is required for all students. A note should be provided if your child is unable to wear correct uniform on a particular day.
◊ Payment of money should be directly by the student to the class teacher in a clearly labelled envelope, detailing the student’s name, class, amount enclosed and what payment is for. Money should be sent to school on Monday to Thursday only.
◊ As a safeguard for students with peanut and other allergies, children are not to share food or purchase food from others from the canteen.
◊ Please inform the office immediately of changes of address and/or telephone contact numbers. It is imperative that we can contact you quickly in the event of an emergency.
◊ Children are not to bring expensive items or toys to school. No responsibility can be taken for loss or theft of students’ personal belongings.
◊ Mobile phones for students are discouraged. If essential for safe travel to and from school, they must be left at the office on arrival and collected by the student at the end of the school day.
◊ Parents may wish to consider private insurance and medical cover for students, as there is no DET insurance scheme for accidental injury.
◊ Appointments to meet with teachers to discuss any aspect of your child’s progress or development can be made through the office, or via a note to the teacher.
◊ Students are not to be approached by other parents to resolve issues concerning their children. Any concerns should be referred to teachers to address.
◊ No animals are to be brought on to school grounds.
◊ Primary students wishing to ride bikes or scooters to school must complete, and abide by, the Code of Conduct to ensure their safety and that of others.
◊ Please observe the rules of the Pick Up and Drop Off Zone in Riverview Avenue.
P & C News

2010 P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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?

All positions will become vacant. The positions are:
President
Vice President x2
Treasurer
Secretary

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th February at 7pm in the Performing Arts Room.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL HATS FOR SALE

Support your House at the swimming carnival by wearing its colour. Buy a baseball hat for only $5.00 in your house’s colour and wear it with pride.
Simply fill in the form below and return it clearly labelled “Sports Hat” before Friday 12th February.

Name:…………………………………………………….
Class:…………………………………………………….
House Colour:…………………………………………...

Volunteers are needed on Tuesdays. Please contact Sharon if you can assist. Thank you.
Canteen Managers

Canteen Roster

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Welcome BBQ

"WELCOME TO 2010 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: Wednesday, 24 February, 2009 between 5.45pm – 8pm
       K – 2 Disco: 6pm – 6.45pm  3 – 6 Disco: 7pm – 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 nibbles and drinks.

RSVP: Monday 22 February using the form below

Please note that DET sites are smoke and alcohol free zones

To assist with catering, please return this form together with your money to your class teacher or to the office by Monday 22 February.

The ___________________________________________________________Family
of Classes______________________________
will be attending the school Welcome BBQ and Disco.

No. of adults attending_______________  No. of children attending_____________  

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

Please indicate if you could assist on the night with the  Setup,  □  BBQ,  □
Welcome Table  □  or Disco Supervision  □

Contact name & Phone: ____________________________________________
Mindquest 2010

ST GEORGE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
VICTORIA STREET KOGARAH

On Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 March 2010 the fiftieth NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend MindQuest will be held for primary students from Years 1-6 at St George Girls High School. These included 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 37 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They included 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 Shelagh Poray 02 4233 2328

NSWAGTC Junior Science Workshop

Magnets & Minibulbs
Saturday 13 February 2010
10am to 12pm
ST GEORGES COMMUNITY SERVICES
72 CARWAR AVE CARRS PARK 2221

NSWAGTC is a non-profit, community-based organisation that provides enrichment activities for children with bright enquiring minds. Although these workshops are aimed at children who can be called 'gifted', there is no requirement of formal identification for children to attend. We also provide information and support to parents, educators and others concerned with Gifted Children.

Our Junior Science Workshops include a variety of different hands-on enrichment activities for children aged 4 to 8 years and provide an opportunity for children with 'like minds' to work together in a fun and relaxed environment. Bookings and payment are essential via the registration form on our website or from the event flyer in our Gifted Magazine (published 4 times per year—free for NSWAGTC members).

More information about our Junior Science Workshops or any other NSWAGTC event can be found on our website—www.nswagtc.org.au or by contacting our Events Co-ordinator Julie Porter-Stephens on 0408 167 249.

Community News

BLAKEHURST
JUNIOR
RUGBY CLUB

Players needed for 2010 Season
Under 6’s to Under 15’s
(Two handed tag for 6’s & 7’s)
Training commences
Wednesday February 10
Registrations February 10 & 17
At ‘The Green’ Kyle Bay
Enquiries
Ph 9150 4139
Ph 9546 1616

BRIGHTON SEAGULLS JRLFC
Brighton Seagulls JRLFC has teams for all ages starting from 5 years old. Junior Rugby League is a great way to make friends, have fun and keep fit. Training is at Scarborough Park, (Production Avenue Kogarah) on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 4.30pm starting February 23. We offer qualified coaches and trainers.

Register Saturday February 13, 11am to 2pm at Kogarah RSL Railway Parade, Kogarah (next to tunnel) or come to our try footy afternoon and meet some NRL Dragons players on Wednesday February 24, 4.30pm to 6pm at Scarborough Park or register from $95 on one of our training nights. For any information contact
Steve on 9588 2842 –0415 436 477 or Kayleen on 0413 318 569. www.brightonseagulls.org
School Zone Parking

Know your
SCHOOL ZONES

Council's school enforcement program operates for the safety of all children and families. SCHOOL ZONE parking offences carry demerit points as well as fines in NSW (see over). This reflects the increased risks to children caused by parking illegally in SCHOOL ZONES. Every child is special. With patience, we can all pick up our children from school while respecting the safety of our children’s friends.

Tips to minimise SCHOOL ZONE stress:

Stagger your time of arrival to avoid the rush. Try parking further away and walk at least one day a week – it’s a great chance for a relaxed catch-up with your child.

SCHOOL ZONES operate from 8am to 9:30am and 2:30pm to 4pm on all gazetted school days, including pupil free days.

Child safety is the responsibility of all road users. Drive safely, park legally.

Fines and demerit points for parking offences in SCHOOL ZONES

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For the safety reasons behind parking legally and an explanation of each offence, please go to www.kogarah.nsw.gov.au/schoolzones.

The information contained in this leaflet is correct as of 1 July 2009. However, is subject to change by the NSW Government without notice.

A school safety education initiative from Kogarah City Council and NSW Police