Walk Safely to School Day

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Tomorrow, Friday 7 May, is national ‘Walk Safely to School Day’. This is a day which places a spotlight on the importance of pedestrian safety and the benefits of a healthy lifestyle for our children.

The Pedestrian Council of Australia is encouraging all primary school students to walk safely to school. Walk Safely to School Day encourages parents and carers to walk to school with their children, in order to promote road safety, and individual and environmental health. This annual event is an opportunity for students and parents to focus on the key road safety messages necessary to ensure safe arrival at school each day. Children under ten years of age have limited peripheral vision. They physically can’t see things such as cars approaching from the side nor judge the speed at which a car is travelling; therefore as parents we need to ensure they know to:-

- Hold a grown up’s hand when they cross the road.
- Hold a grown up’s hand when they’re on the footpath.
- Use a safe place to cross the road.
- Stop! Look! Listen! Think! every time they cross the road.

Students riding bikes are also at risk; parents need to ascertain if the child has the vision development and decision making skills to manage traffic and pedestrians safely.

One of the main risks to student safety is dangerous driver behaviour around school gates and crossings. We need to be aware of our actions and also that our children enter and exit cars and buses in a safe and appropriate manner.

‘Walk Safely to School Day’ also promotes the benefits of walking as a regular form of physical activity and is an opportunity to raise awareness about the advantages of reduced traffic on our roads, particularly around schools.

So tomorrow, if you usually drive your children to school, park further away. This lessens traffic congestion in our busiest streets and entrances, and gives you the opportunity to “walk and talk”. It also helps to practice the skills listed above with your children. Involve them in the decision making about where and when you will cross the road; have them show you where the safest places are and where the risky spots are; get them to notice when drivers are following or breaking the rules and how this could affect them.

Make every day ‘Walk Safely to School Day’.

Mrs Anne Whale
Relieving Principal

Value of the Week

The value for the coming week is taken from our set of Community Values. Under the heading of Democracy, we will be focusing on **being fair in decision making**.

**Being fair** can be a difficult concept for many students, especially those who are very competitive or overly focused on winning. Helping our children to put aside personal preferences for what is best for the majority and to abide by rules and decisions will make relationships much happier and more equitable.

Dates to Remember 2010

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**OC Placement**

Notes regarding applications for Opportunity Class placement have been sent home with students in Y4. Interested applicants are encouraged to complete the application on-line. Printed copies returned to the school will also be processed on-line by the school. We will not be able to process late applications.

**SRC News**

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their Stewart House bags with clothing that can be recycled. The bags were collected on Monday. We will be having another clothing drive later in the year.

Stewart House envelopes need to be in by **Friday, May 7**. There are extra envelopes in the office if you would like more chances to win a $4,000 holiday of your choice.

Next week, Stewart House dolphins will be sold. Please read the order form that is enclosed in this week’s newsletter for details on how, why, when and where to purchase these popular keyrings.

**Peer Support**

**WEEK TWO**

This week in Peer Support the children will share the things they enjoy in life and have an opportunity to discuss their favourite activity. This session enables children to recognise what makes them happy. Discuss with your child their favourite activity.

**Modern Greek Language Award**

On Sunday, May 2, 2010, I had the pleasure of attending, ‘The Dionysios Solomos Awards 2010’, at Sydney University. These awards were named after Dionysios Solomos—who was a prestigious Greek poet, and one of his poems was actually used for the Greek National Anthem.

This special Greek language award ceremony, was held in the Nicholson Museum, at Sydney University, which was the perfect environment for this event, as we were surrounded by amazing Greek antiquities.

At this awards ceremony, one of our wonderful CPPS students, **Evan 5W**, received the ‘Ministers Award in Modern Greek’. Congratulations Evan!

As a Modern Greek language teacher, I was very proud to see Evan receive his special Greek certificate and medal! Well done! Bravo!

From a very proud Modern Greek Language teacher, Miss Paloumis.

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**DIONYSIOS SOLOMOS**

οΜήναρες δχν άλλα εις τον νουν πάρεις ελευθερίαν και γλώσσαναν; *“I have nothing on my mind, other than freedom and language”*
ANZAC

SOUTH HURSTVILLE SUB-BRANCH VISIT

On Thursday 29 April, two gentlemen from the South Hurstville RSL Sub-Branch, visited the school and donated several books to our library. Mr Payne told the assembly about Australian troops in New Guinea and at Gallipoli, and the students listened with interest and appreciation.

The school is grateful to the South Hurstville Sub-Branch for the generous donation and the books will be read by many students in the years ahead.

Mark McKirdy
Teacher - Librarian

Create South

Congratulations to Madeline who successfully auditioned for the Drama ‘Sheerluck Holmes’ Workshop/Performance 2010.

Sport News

AFL

Connells Point would like to participate in the Winter PSSA season of AFL; however we would require the assistance of a ‘parent umpire’ for the games every Friday, for the duration of the season. Ideally we would enter 1 boys team and if there are sufficient numbers, 1 girls team. If you would be available to assist in this manner please contact either Miss Benson or Mrs Whale before Friday, May 14.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Christiane and Ellie for being selected in the St. George District Netball team.

Multicultural Public Speaking Competition

On Tuesday, May 18 (Week 5) heats for the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition will be held for Stages 2 and 3. Speeches will be held in the school hall with Stage 3 heats starting at 9.30am and Stage 2 heats at 2.10pm. Students will present both a prepared and an impromptu speech. Any students who have not yet indicated their intention to participate need to do so by seeing Mrs Fowler as soon as possible.

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 as soon as possible. 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.
**P & C News**

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**Community News**

### ‘ALL FOR KIDS’ TELEVISION SHOW

Seeking ‘Special Guests’

‘All For Kids’ is a 40-part half-hour preschool television series commissioned by the Seven Network and Disney Channel Australia.

We are looking for kids to appear as special guests to help in the ‘Make This With Christian’ segment. Christian is the ‘craft expert’ of the show and makes paper-mache pinatas, crazy seed-pod creatures, fast cars powered by elastic bands, kites etc and needs some willing hands to help him make some new creations for this second series.

‘All For Kids’ also has a new segment called ‘Get Active’ which highlights a young person participating in a physical activity such as soccer, dancing, skating or movement for which we are also seeking children to participate in. The age group is 4-6 years and the show will air on Channel Seven and the Playhouse Disney Channel on 2011.

If you are interested for your child to appear on the show, and is aged between 4-6 years, please contact Fiona Campbell at Media Farm on 02 84843615 / 0403198262 or email: kids@mediafarm.com.au