On a number of occasions, I have written of the problems that digital technology can present for young users. Sometimes, parents are aware of the ways in which their children use the internet and mobile phones; often, they have only a general understanding of what their children are doing when they are accessing technology.

We have a policy on the use of mobile phones at school. If parents deem it essential for their child to have a mobile phone for safety when travelling to and from school, the phone must be left at the office for safe keeping during the school day, and collected at home time. Children are not to keep a mobile phone with them during the day.

This is for a number of reasons:

- To stop unauthorised access to your child while they are in our care. Just as we have protective measures in place to stop visitors approaching your child at school without our knowledge or permission, we also need to safeguard them from contact via technology;
- To prevent the misuse of technology for cyberbullying. We have enough issues in keeping relationships between students positive and appropriate when they are face to face, without further complications of messages sent by texting;
- To stop children from being distracted by messaging; they are at school to focus on their learning;
- To prevent misuse of a student’s phone by other students;
- To stop unauthorised photos of students being taken by their peers, and possibly misused and distributed to others;
- To prevent theft.

I am aware that large numbers of senior students are not complying with our policy, and are keeping their mobile phones with them during the school day. I seek the support of parents in insisting that their children only bring phones to school if absolutely essential—please don’t bow to pressure from your child because “their friends are doing it”! Ground lost now in the use of phones and the internet is almost impossible to reclaim in their teenage years.

If you decide that the phone is essential, please ensure that they follow our rule of handing it in and collecting it each day. Any urgent messages you need to give your child while they are at school can be done via our office.

Mobile Phones

Mrs Anne Hewson, Principal

Value of the Week

Next week’s value is Fairness, with emphasis on displaying good sportsmanship at all times.

This would have to be one of the areas in which many of our students consistently fall down. They place far too much emphasis on winning, or being right, and not enough on being a good sport. Arguing decisions, wanting to be the best or to win, not accepting the ref’s call, bagging others, are problems commonly experienced during games. We know that the role models children see in professional sport often provide examples of poor behaviour. Parents and coaches, too, can encourage a “win at all costs” attitude from the side-lines.

As a school community, we all need to be consistently reinforcing the value of fairness, and of good sportsmanship. Many problems with peer relationships have their roots in competitiveness and needing to assert superiority. Helping our children to be team players, who do their best but are not obsessed with beating others, will make them better friends to others, and better liked. Being the best at sport is no substitute for being a good sport.

Dates to Remember 2010

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**SRC News**

Many thanks for your support on Crazy Hair Day late last term. Our nominations for the photo competition were **Kameron, Sophia and Bryanna**. These photos will be forwarded to the Cystic Fibrosis fundraising team as representatives of Connells Point Public School entrants into the creative crazy hair day photographic competition.

Stewart House clothing bags will be distributed with newsletters this week. Extra bags will be available at the office. Stewart House have contacted us for as much support as possible, as their collection numbers have been notably diminished in recent times.

Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated and necessary for Stewart House’s valuable charity work to remain viable.

Please leave bags on the hall verandah for collection for **Thursday, 2 September**.

Thank You
SRC Teachers

**Reminders**

- The UNSW Y3-6 Australian Schools Mathematics Competition will now be held on **Monday, 16 August**.
- We require every student to return a completed **Photography Consent Form** as soon as possible. Further copies of the note can be downloaded from our website.

**Awards**

**Principal’s Awards** have been received by:
- Bilal
- Lachlan
- Aiden
- Joshua
- Nik
- Alessio
- Isabella

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

**Special congratulations** to **Ryan** and **Nicola** who have received our highest award, an **Outstanding Achievement Trophy for Values in Action**.

**Congratulations**

**Dayna** performed exceptionally well at the regional finals of the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition on Monday, taking out **1st place**. Dayna will now compete in the state finals and our congratulations to her on participating at this high level in public speaking.
$20.00 Family Portraits – August 2010

Last week you should have received a brochure regarding a fundraiser we are doing for the month of August.

As an extra special offer, Blue Flash Studios have agreed to make the following available to all Connells Point Public School families and friends.

For only $20.00, you will have a half hour photography session with Blue Flash Studios and, at the end of the session, the best family photograph will be selected and you will receive it in an 8’x12” frame in a few weeks time or you can buy the complete package (as detailed on the brochure).

To book a time for your family portrait, please fill in the below form and return it to the school office addressed to Sue Szalay, Family Portraits. We will then call you to make a mutually convenient time for your session.

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Canteen News

Last week’s Open Day was a success thanks to the offers of help from our volunteers. In particular we would like to thank Maree and Georgia who willingly gave of their time as well as Donna, Sandra and Christine who were rostered on for that day. We appreciate your help.

Robyn & Sharon

Canteen Roster

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Ethics Classes Survey Results

Thank you to the people who responded to the Ethics Classes note. We only received about 15 replies so CPPS will not be taking part in the NSW P&C Federation survey.

For those people who feel strongly about this topic and would like to voice their opinion to the NSW P&C Federation, they are more than welcome to do so, personally (not under the CPPS umbrella) via the P&C Federation’s website.

Pick Up Zone Supervision Roster

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THE Connells Pointer
2010 CPPS Trivia Night

On Saturday, 11 September, the P&C are holding a TRIVIA NIGHT

Where: School Hall

Time: Starting time - 7pm for 7.30pm

Cost: $15.00 per head

Theme: Come dressed in sporting attire

BYO: Food & Drinks

Don’t worry if you can’t fill a whole table (10 people), we can compile a table for you – it’s a great way to meet different people from your community.

There will be prizes for the best dressed table, the most unique sporting attire and also winning and runners up table prizes.

Lots of fun on the night – Coin Toss Games, Heads & Tails Games, Lucky Seat Prizes, Music and much, much more!

Adults Only – no kids admitted

Closing date for table registration – 3rd September
Closing date for money – 3rd September

For bookings and enquiries please call Sue Szalay on 0404 022 489

Please complete the form below and leave it in the school office addressed to Sue Szalay – Trivia Night.

2010 CPPS Trivia Night

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Contact phone number: .......................................................... ..................................

No. of people: ..........................................................

Name for table: ..........................................................

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