I am delighted that our school has received approval for the refurbishment of the top floor of Block D, where our library and computer room are currently housed.

Under BER, the existing library will be returned to classrooms, with an internal refit and provision of an upstairs wet area for practical activities. There will be repainting; installation of a modern folding wall; new furniture; the stairs will be laid with vinyl flooring; doorways will be added; and the classrooms will receive, at a date to be advised, interactive whiteboards—all from BER funds.

The aim is to have this work completed by the start of the 2011 school year. We’ll see! Work will commence as soon as we are able to move the library resources into the new library, which should be in the next couple of weeks. Dr McKirdy and Mrs Siddons have been preparing for some time, and are now boxing up the books, ready to move.

We are very pleased that this work has been approved. Once again, it allows us to keep moving forward in providing the best learning facilities for our students and teachers.

The installation of security fencing along our nature reserve boundary is almost complete. The fencers are waiting on a couple of gate panels. When these are installed, security to our school site will be greatly improved.

On another subject, last night’s Twilight Markets, organised by our P&C, was a wonderful success. It was a great night of shopping, well supported by our school community. Thank you to Eli, for her drive in organising this inaugural event; to all the stall holders for their support; to all who came along and found some great bargains; and to all who helped prepare and pack away.

Last of all, our very warmest wishes to Mr Parsons, who is getting married on Sunday. We wish him and his lovely bride the happiest of days and the best of years to come.

Updates

Mrs Anne Hewson, Principal

Congratulations

We are very proud to announce that Fiona, of 6P, has won Stage 3 of the Sydney Region Public Speaking Competition.

This completes an outstanding year of achievement in public speaking for students of Connells Point Public School. The depth and quality of talented and skilled students who can participate at the highest levels is most impressive.

Fiona represented our area, Georges River Network, against representatives from the Inner West, Bondi, Port Jackson, Port Hacking and Woronora River Networks.

Congratulations to Fiona, and to our Public Speaking Coordinators, Mrs Whale and Mrs Cattley, for ensuring that our students receive excellent training and support and opportunities to develop their talents.

Other talented students, Anthony and Mikayla, will be performing in the Shopfront Theatre’s production “The Book of Being Young”, on 3, 4 and 5 December at Carlton. Why not pop along and have your children experience live theatre produced by and for young people? We wish Anthony and Mikayla a wonderful time, and congratulate them on their developing talent.

Dates to Remember 2010

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To assist in our organisation for 2011 it would be helpful to know if any student, other than Y6, will not be returning next year. Please advise the office as soon as possible if you will not require placement next year.

School Council

Two parent representatives on our School Council have children who will leave Connells Point Public School at the end of this year. Therefore, in 2011 we will have two vacancies on our School Council for parent representatives. Information about these positions and an invitation for nominations will be sent out in Term 1 2011.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Shelley and Pip for their time, input and commitment to our School Council.

Mrs Kostantakis
School Council President

Green Club

The Green Club has planted two herb and vegetable gardens, the perfect home for all the organic fertilizer from our worm farm. We are growing lettuce, tomatoes, snow peas, cucumbers, strawberries, basil, parsley and chives. We hope to share our produce with the canteen and amongst the Green Club members.

Growing your own vegetable garden is a lot of fun and has many benefits for our environment. The internet has lots and lots of information on how to do it and easy steps to follow. With school holidays just around the corner, a herb and vegetable garden may be the perfect family project.

The Green Club

Awards

Principal’s Awards have been received by:

- Tyrone
- Kenny
- Sophie
- Grace

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

Planning for 2011

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**Year 6—2011**

We will again be purchasing special keepsake sport polo shirts. These special shirts are printed with all of the Year 6 children’s names on the back as well as their teachers. The front of the polo is embroidered with the school logo and the words ‘Class of 2011’.

The gold coloured polo shirts will be exactly the same as the ones they wear for sport each Friday.

The cost of the Year 6 ‘Class of 2011’ sports polo shirt will be $25.

Order forms will be out early Term 1, 2011.

If you have any questions or wish to place your order now, please contact the administration office.

**CPPS Chess Competition**

Congratulations to our Year 5 finalists: Stephanie, Antony and Evan. After a skilful display on Monday, Evan became our Year 5 champion for this term.

I am proud of the Year 5 students who participated in our competition this term. They have played in a competitive but friendly manner, and their good-natured attitude has made it a pleasure for me to organise the matches. Well done!

Mrs Stevenson

**Best Wishes**

Chyrystal of 6C is having a fun time up the Central Coast playing in the PSSA NSW Cricket State Championships this week (22-25 November, 2010).

**P&C News**

**Canteen News**

We have no volunteers on Tuesday 7 December. If anyone can spare a few hours, please contact the canteen.

**End of Stock/Year**

As we approach the end of the year we will be running down our stock. During the first two weeks of December, some items may no longer be available for lunch orders; therefore, it would be helpful if you could provide a second preference. We will attempt to fill all orders where possible but if the item is out of stock and no second preference is provided, your order will be substituted with a Cruizer Pie. Please note last canteen operating day is Friday 10 December.
Canteen News continued

Volunteers

Please note that the Canteen will be open for lunch orders Monday-Friday next year, therefore our volunteers will be required to work from 9.30am—2.15pm every day. If you are changing your current rostered day or wish to be included in the new roster please contact either Sharon or Robyn. To all our current volunteers, thank you for your time throughout this year.

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Community News

Blakehurst Baptist Church

Date: Saturday 4th December 2010
Time: 8.30am-1.30pm
Address: 48 Lynwood St Blakehurst

Jumping castle
Homemade cakes & slices
Books & CDs
Quality 2nd hand & new goods for sale
Hand-made jewelry
White elephant

Kids games & crafts
Family nativity photos
Plant stall
Café
BBQ breakfast & lunch
Card making
Showbags

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