As our BER work continues, another project has commenced which will improve the safety and security of our school.

This week, work has begun on erecting a security fence, identical to that on our Riverview Avenue and Connells Point Road boundaries, along the nature reserve adjacent to the K-2 lunch area and extending all the way along the oval. Currently, there is a low fence which has allowed access into the school grounds and we have had some problems with unauthorised access after hours and on weekends and holidays. This additional security fencing will finally secure all of our boundaries. Weather permitting, it is expected that the fencing will be completed within the next couple of weeks.

The new library is coming close to readiness, with internal finishes nearly completed. We should be able to start the big move of books and resources in about three weeks time.

On 29 November, installation will start on another five interactive whiteboards in existing classrooms. The purchase of the IWBs this year—a total of 11—has been made possible by the strong financial support of our P&C over a number of years, and the management of our global budget to allow us to accrue funds for this purpose. The IWBs are a major investment—$80,000 this year—in technology for 21st century teaching and learning. New classrooms and those refurbished under BER will receive IWBs under this program, rolling out during 2011/2012.

The last six years has seen significant capital expenditure from federal and school and community funds, and resource and maintenance improvements from state funds. In 2011, we will have the resources and facilities to support quality teaching and learning for all students and teachers, in an attractive environment that promotes engagement and enjoyment. The end of our major projects is within sight, with some additional improvements in the pipeline.

The ongoing support and patience of staff, students and parents while these improvements take place, is very much appreciated!

**Planning 2011**

As per last week’s Newsletter, it is essential that we know of any students not requiring a place at Connells Point Public School in 2011.

Please let the office know, by phone call or letter, if your child currently in Kinder-Year 5 will not be returning. Each day, we are adjusting numbers in and out and need to have accurate numbers to plan classes, teachers and rooms for 2011.

It is also very important to let us know, in writing, if your child will not be returning on Day 1 next year, but will still need a place in our school. If you will be overseas or still on holidays when school returns, we are required to have confirmation, in writing, that you are intending to return so that your child can be counted in our numbers and their place held in a class. Please do this before the end of the year.

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Year 6 camp was a tremendous adventure to experience. Everyone had an awesome time and we all had lots of laughs. It was a big eye opener to how lucky we are here at Connells Point Public School. We are one of the many schools to have this amazing privilege.

When we got to Myuna Bay we were all very excited to see our cabins. There were multiple lodges at camp. Our first meal when we arrived was sandwiches, luckily it wasn’t that bad. Before camp we were divided into three groups called The Pelicans (Miss Benson’s group), The Wobbegongs (Mr Parsons’ group) and The Green Turtles (Mr Cohen’s group). There were two other schools there from Newcastle and St Andrews.

We were fortunate enough to do some exciting activities while we were at the camp. The activities included Kayaking, Flying Fox, Giant Swing, Bushwalking, Swimming and Tennis. As you can read we had a lot to do at camp. At night time we did night activities which were basically just fun and interactive games.

**Kayaking:** Kayaking was a fun but tiring activity. We had a few problems with a couple of people capsizing but we quickly got used to the idea of stroking and twisting simultaneously. Some people didn’t get used to the idea very quickly and just kept on kayaking around in circles.

**Flying Fox:** The Flying Fox was a fun and entertaining activity. It was an extraordinary adventure as we were strapped in our harnesses and flew down a 30 metre long wire. It was a shame that we only had time for one go each because it was so much fun that everyone would have liked to have many more turns.

**Giant Swing:** The Giant Swing was a nerve-racking activity as most of us were harnessed and pulled up the 18-metre swing. We then had to pull a purple string to release ourselves. We all didn’t expect the first jolt but then it felt like we were flying. Some people (Daniel, not singling out anyone) even did the flying chicken dance. It was a fun activity and most of us favoured it the most.

**Camp out:** The camp out was a very interesting and thrilling adventure, as all of us went on an exciting journey around the forest. We had a tiring walk, which took approximately 20 minutes, but we managed to find our way around. Everyone also got in groups and made a camp fire, (luckily none of us burned down the bush), and we cooked some delicious damper.

**The Food:** The food was alright, but not to everyone’s liking! We had a room which was called the dining room, but it looked a lot like a cafeteria, where we would eat our meals with the other schools. Every group had either one breakfast, lunch or dinner duty.

On behalf of Year 6 we would like to thank the teachers Ms Benson, Mr Parsons, Mrs Whale and Mr Cohen for letting us have this awesome privilege. It was an amazing experience and we all had the time of our lives.

Liam, Callum, Thomas
Connells Point Public School  
*proudly presents*  

**Showcase 2010**  

Tickets now on sale  
Adults $12 Children $5  
*Don’t miss out...*  
2009 Showcase sold out quickly!  
Ticket request form available from our website  
or  
office

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**Planning 2011**

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.

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**Awards**

Principal’s Awards have been received by:

- Antony  
- James  
- Rika  
- Lachlan  
- James  
- Sarah  
- Corey  
- Alina  
- Daisy  
- Elise  
- Demetrius  
- Mousa  
- Ella  
- Nathaniel  
- Evan  
- Andrew  
- Max  
- Georgia

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

Special congratulations to *James* and *Bristie* who have received our highest award, an Outstanding Achievement Principal’s Trophy for Values in Action.
**St George Public Speaking**

Last Wednesday, 3 November the district final of the St George Public Speaking Competition was held at Oatley Public School. Connells Point was represented in each of the 4 age groups by very enthusiastic and capable speakers. The standard as expected was extremely high and difficult impromptu topics were imposed by the adjudicators to split the field.

Congratulations to Charlie, George and Lara for an excellent effort on the day and especially to Fiona who won the Stage 3 section of the competition with her speech—Graffiti—is it art? Good luck to Fiona who now moves on to the regional finals later this month.

**Multicultural Public Speaking**

Connells Point was also represented at the recent Multicultural Public Speaking Regional Finals held at Surry Hills by Dayna of Year 4. Dayna was an outstanding entrant in a competition which raises the bar every year. It is wonderful that we continue to produce students with the ability and poise to compete at this level.

Thank you to all the students who participated in our Public Speaking competition and to the parents who have assisted and encouraged our young speakers.

**Congratulations**

Jackson of 3W represented Sutherland Shire Futsal Association at the State Futsal Championships on the weekend of Saturday, 30 and Sunday, 31 October. Jackson’s U/9 team was successful in winning the U/9 Title and crowned State Champions 2010. This was a great achievement.

**Junior Band Rehearsals**

Due to Regional Band Commitments, Performing Band and Junior Band rehearsals will **not** be on Monday, 15 November.

Kevin Skues
Band Conductor
 SRC News

Basket Brigade is a registered charity specialising in Christmas hampers for the needy over the Christmas period. The P&C and the SRC are combining our support for the Christmas drive this season.

You can demonstrate your support by donating small gifts, food, money, etc as suggested in their advertisement below. The students will be creating art works as decorations for the hampers.

Please forward your donation to your child’s class by Tuesday, 30 November.

Thank you
SRC Teachers

Scholastic Book Club

The current Book Club order forms are the last for 2010. To ensure that orders are received before the Christmas holidays, please return your order and payment to the school by Friday November 19.

Mark McKirdy—Teacher/ Librarian

THE CONNELLS POINTER
**P&C News**

**Individual Calendars**

Children from K-6 will be given the opportunity to undertake an individual calendar as a fundraising event for our school.

**WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?**  
The children will complete an A4 piece of artwork in their class. This will be sent and made into a laminated calendar with 12 tear-off months.

**COST:**  
$12.00 per calendar.

**DUE DATE:**  
Laminated calendars are expected back in by 10 December, 2010 and will be handed to children.

**LAST DAY FOR ORDERS:**  
18 November, 2010

An order form is enclosed in this newsletter so that orders can be made. A percentage of the profits will be donated back to our school. This is an ideal Christmas gift for family and friends.

Please contact Sue for further enquiries.

**Canteen News**

**Volunteers for 2011**

In 2011 we will be open for lunch orders Monday to Friday, this will require a change to the current Friday roster system. Friday volunteers will now be required the same hours as Monday to Thursday—9.30am to 2.15pm.

**Canteen Roster**

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**Sausage Sizzle—26 November, 2010**

We are holding a sausage sizzle on Friday, 26 November. If you would like a sausage, please complete the below order form and return it, together with your money, to the office clearly marked “Sausage Sizzle”.

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**SAUSAGE SIZZLE—26 NOVEMBER, 2010**

**NAME:** .................................................................

**CLASS:** ......................

**NO. OF SAUSAGES:** .........................
THREE GREAT CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISERS

NOVEMBER 2010

From some sponsors of our
CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT MARKET

See inserts in this week’s newsletter!

We are so pleased to offer Connells Point Public School three options for Christmas gift ideas that will directly benefit us!! 10% of all sales raised through our School will be donated back to us.

OZE GOURMET - www.ozegourmet.com.au

Beautiful Gourmet Food Hampers -
Order before November 30th and mention CPPS - and 10% of your purchase will be donated back to our school!

LOLLYPOTZ - www.lollypotz.com.au

Unique Chocolate / Wine Bouquets
By purchasing from Lollypotz until November 25th 2010, 10% will be donated back to our School. Delivery back to the School on 7th December 2010.

THE CHRISTMAS CART - www.thechristmascart.com.au

Purchase personalised baubles as gifts as well as a whole range of beautiful Christmas ornaments.

All offers will be on display at the Christmas Twilight Market on WEDNESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER in the school hall.

ORDER YOUR TICKETS NOW!

PLEASE GET BEHIND THESE FANTASTIC FUNDRAISERS....and help raise money for our school!