Planning for 2011

To assist with organisation of classes for 2011, it is crucial that we have accurate numbers of students who will be in each grade.

Please make sure that you contact the office, either by phone or in writing, if your child currently in K-5 will not be returning to our school next year. We need this information by next Tuesday. Please do not think there will be any problems in letting us know—we often have a good idea anyway from comments made by the children or other families! Your confirmation will be of great assistance.

All care is taken in placing students into their new classes each year. There are many, many factors taken into consideration (you can’t imagine how many!!) in arriving at the best arrangement within the limitations we have. If there are particular circumstances concerning your child of which their teachers and I are not aware, please let them or me know. If we have spoken earlier in the year, or in previous years, a reminder note to me would be appreciated. However, please be mindful that we are placing 520 students into 21 classes and there are limits as to what is possible or even advisable. Requests for particular teachers cannot be accommodated.

Our teachers bring a great deal of insight to their discussion when forming class groups. They see your child in different situations and in different peer groups. Forming classes that are balanced and best able to operate well throughout the year is their first objective. We take into account the academic, social and personal needs of students and do our best to provide structures that will meet these needs. We are looking at how the whole class will operate, and try to put together cohesive groups which have the best chance of a happy and successful year.

Different teachers develop different strengths in children. Across their 13 years of schooling, children will take from their teachers different skills and approaches to learning and life. Sometimes, what a particular child needs or may benefit from, may not be what they most like or feel comfortable with. Peer groups also change with time and age and interests. Having the confidence and support to form new relationships with teachers and friends is an important skill. Change for some children is difficult and upsetting. For others, it is no trouble at all.

Please be assured that every care and consideration is given to making transitions into the coming year as smooth and successful as possible. We try very hard to get the best outcome for all of our students, within the constraints that we have.

It is vital that we have all information now while we are planning classes. It will not be possible to change placements later, either at the end of the year or at the beginning of the new school year, as it creates a “knock on” effect which affects many other areas of organisation.

On another note, my special thanks to our Year 5 buddies who did such a wonderful job at yesterday’s Kindergarten Orientation Day. This was the start of their senior role as our Year 6 students in 2011, and they performed just as I knew they would, with responsibility, care and kindness. They will be continuing to build their buddies’ confidence when they welcome them to Leapfrogs in the coming weeks. Well done, Year 5!

Dates to Remember 2010

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Connells Point Public School proudly presents

Showcase 2010

To be held at

Sutherland Ent. Centre

on

1 December @ 7pm

Tickets now on sale
Adults $12 Children $5

Don’t miss out...
2009 Showcase sold out quickly!
Performing Arts Showcase ‘10

Tickets for our annual showcase are now on sale for $12 per ticket. At the moment, families are limited to 4 tickets, but you may request more. Please note, if you are offered further tickets, they will not be next to your first lot of tickets. Tickets are allocated as the requests are received, beginning with dress circle seats, from front to back, then continuing with ground floor seats, from front to back. If there are any questions please direct them to the office and they will be relayed. Cheques are to be made out to Connells Point Public School.

As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, all children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing, as well as children in the selective dance groups, Performing Band, Senior and Junior Choirs, skipping team and the winners of our Speaking Competitions.

Date: Wednesday, 1 December
Time: 7.00pm until approximately 8.40pm

The Showcase 2010 Committee

PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE ‘10 - TICKETS

I would like to order ______ adult tickets @ $12 each and ______ child tickets @ $5 each (up to 4 tickets at this stage) and have enclosed a cheque/cash in payment.

My performing children are: __________________________________________ of class ______
________________________________________ of class ______
________________________________________ of class ______

If available, I would like to purchase ___________ more tickets. I understand that they will not be near my first tickets.

Signed ___________________________
Parent/Carer

Sydney Youth Writing Competition 2010

Once again, students from Connells Point Public School have been chosen, from more than 1600 entries, as finalists in this year’s contest. Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding work;

Senior Poetry
♦ 6P—Madeleine —’Family’
♦ 6C—Ashleigh —’Pets’

Junior Short Story
♦ 4/5M—Anastasia —’Torn Between Two’

Junior Plays and Scripts
♦ 4S—Olivia —’The Art of Shopping’

First, Second and Third, Highly Commended, Commended and Encouragement are awarded in each category. These will be announced at the launch of the book Thunder and Lime: Winning Entries from the Sydney Youth Writing Competition 2010 on Wednesday 24 November 2010 in the John Barnet Long Room, Customs House, Circular Quay.

All finalists will be published in this year’s collection of the best entries: Thunder and Lime.

Mark McKirdy—Teacher Librarian.
Through the eyes 1/2S

Teachers......

Teachers help us do hard work. They are very helpful. They help children who fall over. Teachers love students. If there were no teachers it would be sad. There will be nothing to learn.

Vivian

Teacher’s help students learn. Also teachers help if there is a problem. They help people who are hurt or upset then they take you to the office. They listen to us when we are talking. They let us have free play. They can also read us a book.

Anish

Teachers help children by helping them with their work. They solve problems when there is a problem. Teachers are very helpful and kind to kids. If we fall over the teacher helps you to get better.

Mary

Mr Frank......

Mr Frank fixes pipes and mows the lawns. Also he kills spiders. He makes our school’s garden nice and neat. Mr Frank also fixes the equipment if it breaks. Mr Frank fixes taps and helps teachers move heavy stuff. I like Mr Frank.

Paris

Mr Frank fixes pipes and fixes our toilets. He takes care of us. His job is to fix our property when it is broken. He also kills spiders that are on the steps and does something with dead birds or he does something with the birds that have one eye. He fixes our taps.

Noah

Mr Frank looks after the school by fixing all the buildings and taking away all the dead birds and spiders. He mows in his Frank mobile and he clears all the fallen trees and cuts them up into little pieces. He helps organise and helps make the new buildings. He organises the painters and the people that clear the gutters. He fixes the girls toilet doors and the boys bubblers. I like Mr Frank because he is always by our side.

Curtis
Through the eyes 1/2S continued

The Office Ladies......

They help you feel better if you fall down. They take the rolls and see if anyone is away. If you are late they give you a late note to give to your teacher. If you are sick they ring your mum or dad. They organise stuff and give it to the teachers and the teachers give the kids the notes.

Kristina

The office ladies help you by taking you to sick bay when you are sick. Also they spend lots of time on the phone. The office ladies can call your mum or dad if you are very, very sick. They can help you if you are new and don’t know which class you are in.

Taylor

The office ladies help people when people fall over, hit the concrete and their skin sheds. Office ladies also ring up people’s mum when the child is feeling sick. Office ladies have a hard job. I wonder if you’ll be one when you grow up.

Bilal

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NIGHT PROMOTION

Welcome to Oze Gourmet Food & Hampers! We are proud to offer:

Beautifully Presented and Affordable Gourmet Food Gift Hampers
Select from Pre-designed or Customise Hampers
Online Retail Sales of Gourmet Foods
All Products are 100% Australian Made & Owned
Providing Corporate & Individual Personal Service
Family owned business in Sutherland
Delivery available throughout Sydney and Australia from $12

Our full range of hampers, including Christmas 2010, and products are available to view now online at www.ozgourmet.com.au.

To assist with your school’s valuable fundraising efforts, I would like to offer –

10% rebate on all sales of hampers, products and gift vouchers purchased and delivered in November 2010
(eg purchase a $100 gift hamper and the school will receive a cheque for $10)
(Mention Connells Point Public School offer when ordering)

All orders and enquiries can be made by phoning 0417 460 692 or online at www.ozgourmet.com.au.

I look forward to supporting your school and assisting each of you with your gift giving requirements.

THE CONNELLS POINTER
HO HO HO
Connells Point Public School
Christmas Shopping Night!!!

ALL WELCOME ..... 
(Grown ups only)

Wednesday 24th November
7pm – late
In the School Hall

Come along and purchase your Christmas presents before the silly season!

Support local businesses as well as our School.

$10 entry fee – includes glass of bubbly;
Nibbles and a Lucky Door Prize entry.
PRE PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TO RECEIVE 2 LUCKY DOOR ENTRY TICKETS

NB – Lucky Door tickets will be issued on the night and only pre purchased ticket holders will receive 2 Lucky Door entry tickets)
7pm - start
8 pm - Fashion Parades by Frock Therapy
9pm – Raffles and Lucky Door prizes &
lots of Retail Therapy to be had!

Some Stall holders include -
~Etre Candles – the best candles ever!
~Intimo - lingerie
~Frock Therapy - designer frocks
~Handmade by Kate – framed pictures
~Nutrimetics – body care
~Impact Jewellery - unique jewellery
~Maybebaby – bubs/kids/mums clothing
~Phoenix Trading - cards and gift wrap
~Planet Yum – gorgeous soaps and more
~Envy Jewellery – beautiful jewellery
~DNM Cosmetics – BEST mineral make up
~FABZ Shoes – gorgeous ladies shoes
~Jewel Of The Table – beautiful tableware
~Pink Magnolia – Oatley homewares store
+ more, more, more. . .

Gourmet goodies, Christmas decorations,
Beautiful gifts & Gift Wrapping available

Return this section with payment to school

No of Tickets required @ $10 each _____
Your name ________________________________
Child’s name & class _____________________
Blue Flash Studios Family Portraits—CPPS Fundraiser

http://www.wix.com/ppmarketing/real-estate

Go to the above web address to download your order form. Fill it in and email back by the end of this week. Your prints and disc will be given to you by the week starting Monday 8th November.

Brett@blueflashstudios.com.au

For any other questions, please do not hesitate to call:
Nicole – 0402 767 054
Brett – 0450 224 851

Twilight Market

GOURMET FOOD DONATIONS WANTED

We are putting together Gourmet Baskets as raffle prizes at the Twilight Market.

We would appreciate donations of gourmet food, wine or gifts to include in these baskets. Baskets would also be very much appreciated!

We will also be offering a “wrapping service” on the night, so donations of Christmas wrapping paper would also be helpful.

All donations can be left at the school office.

Canteen Roster

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Canteen Reminder

Canteen Christmas Dinner

Friday, 26 November
RSVP 19 November with payment

Hope to see you there!

Pick Up Zone Supervision Roster

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