Opportunities

Monday night the Senior band performed at the Cronulla Leagues Club in the ‘That’s Entertainment’ extravaganza. The Connells Point band were one of 5 schools that, when combined with others, made up an orchestra of approximately 200 musicians. Mrs Green has reported that our students were a true credit to themselves, their families and the school. The number of opportunities presented to our students here at Connells Point never ceases to amaze me. The band alone, have performed on numerous occasions throughout the year. Each time this requires commitment of time and energy from students, their families and teachers, often outside of school hours.

The variety of experiences and activities seems to grow each year. Just off the top of my head, our students have on offer, as they progress through the years, a number of options including sports carnivals, PSSA, leisure sports, dance groups, choir, band, recorder, public speaking, languages...the list goes on. This makes us a very lucky school! Lucky that the teachers have such enthusiastic and well behaved students, who jump at every new opportunity presented. Lucky that, our parents embrace and appreciate these experiences and ensure that their children can participate in what is on offer. Particularly lucky, that our dedicated staff work beyond the call of duty, organising and providing this generous array of activities every year.

With these opportunities comes commitment. As this school year moves closer to the end, it is time for students to start considering what activities they may like to be part of in 2011. For example, Year 3 students will be asked in the coming weeks, if they would like to audition for the 2011 junior band. Please consider the level of commitment required, including training for activities, out of school hours performances and also the ongoing financial implications when making these decisions.

‘Any human anywhere will blossom in a hundred unexpected talents and capacities simply by being given the opportunity to do so.’

Doris Lessing

Values In Action

The Value of coming week is Integrity, with special focus on doing your own work.

High schools and universities are having to develop new procedures and protocols to deal with the increasing trend for students to submit work which is not their own. Technology makes it easier to plagiarise the efforts and ideas of others, and the temptation to attempt to claim credit for work done by others is very real. This is why it becomes an ethical issue: just because others do it, or you think you can get away with it, should you? Where is the pressure coming from? Why is it more important to do well, and get the mark, than it is to do your best or what is right? What are we valuing—the learning or the result?

We can start developing integrity in our children by reflecting on this when assisting with homework, assignments and projects, and helping them make good and ethical decisions about the work that they do, and seek to put forward as their own.

Dates to Remember 2010

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**Selective High Schools for Y7, 2012**

Expression of interest forms have been distributed to Year 5 students. If you would like an application for your child to apply to a selective high school in Year 7 2012, please complete the reply slip and return to school as soon as possible.

From this year, all applications should be made online through an Internet connection. A limited number of application packages will be provided to the school shortly for those parents who do not have internet access.

The website where you will find all the necessary information, including the list of selective high schools and the application portal is:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Parents will be able to apply online between 25 October and 22 November, 2010.

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**Coles Sports for Schools Program**

Thank you for the wonderful response to the Coles Sports for Schools vouchers. Please keep sending them to school. The collection closes on 31 October.

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**Performing Arts Showcase 2010**

Connells Point Public School

**Showcase 2010**

Our annual Performing Arts Showcase will commence at 7pm Wednesday, 1 December so make a note in your diary!!

For parents new to our school, this evening gives our children the chance to perform on stage at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre, and parents the opportunity to enjoy performances from a variety of age groups.

All Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be performing, as well as members of the selective dance groups, choirs, Performing Band, skipping team and winners of our Speaking Competition. Notes with details of clothes and other requirements will be sent by the coordinator of each group.

The Performing Arts Showcase Committee
Healthy Harold... through the eyes of Kindergarten

I liked going to Healthy Harold because I learned that you have to eat healthy food.

Kate

I liked going to Healthy Harold because he told us lots of things and it was funny and we got to pet him and I learned about smoke.

Rachel

I liked going to Healthy Harold because he cares and he does things, too.

Ethan
Awards

Principal’s Awards have been received by:

- Marcus
- Nicholas
- Rika
- Bristie

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

Special congratulations to **Timothy** who has received our highest award, an Outstanding Achievement Principal’s Trophy for Values in Action.

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P&C News

**P&C Roles – 2011**

**P&C Secretary**

In 2011 the P&C will sadly lose our Secretary. **Alison** has been the Secretary of our P&C Association for the past seven years and as her youngest child, Rosie, will be going into year 7 next year, Alison will also be leaving our school. Alison has been a fantastic secretary and will be greatly missed.

With Alison leaving, this position becomes vacant, so, to take advantage of Alison while she is still an active member of our school, we are calling for expressions of interest.

If you can listen, write and participate all at the same time then perhaps you would be willing to be the next P&C Secretary. The job does not take up a lot of your time; you just come along to our meetings once a month, take the minutes and then type them up.

If you think you can do this very important job and you would like to talk to Alison before she leaves then please give me a call and I’ll put the two of you in touch.

Sue
P&C President
HO HO HO!

Connells Point Public School

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NIGHT

One stop shopping for all your Christmas gifts!

TWILIGHT MARKET
WEDNESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER
7PM - LATE
IN THE SCHOOL HALL

LADIES - MARK YOUR DIARIES & BOOK A BABYSITTER NOW!
(Grown up's only)

$10 entry fee- includes glass of bubbly,
nibbles & a Lucky Door prize

Lots of stalls, raffles and merriment to be had!

MORE DETAILS TO COME IN NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER.......

~NB- If any CPPS parents have a business and would like to
have a stall, please call Eli, via the school office.

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.
**P&C News continued**

**Pick Up Zone Supervision Roster**

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**Canteen Roster**

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**Reminder**

Year 1 will be providing cupcakes for all to purchase this Friday, 22nd October.

**SPECIAL OFFER**

**Parents and Students of Connells Point Public School**

**Buy a pair of shoes and earn $5.00 for our school!**

The Athlete’s Foot Hurstville is offering the CPPS community a wonderful incentive. Every time you or your family purchase a pair of shoes from The Athlete’s Foot in Westfield Hurstville, they will donate $5.00 from your purchase to our school. When you purchase your shoes, just tell them you are from Connells Point Public School and they will send us $5.00. This has to be one of the easiest ways to raise money for our school!

This offer is available at anytime during the year!
NSWAGTC PRIMARY SCIENCE WORKSHOP
BUILDING BRIDGES

Saturday 20 November 2010
10.00am to 12.00pm

St George Community Services
72 Carwar Ave Carss Park 2221.

NSWAGTC is a non-profit, community-based organisation that provides enrichment activities for children with bright enquiring minds. Although these workshops are aimed at children who can be called ‘gifted’, there is no requirement of formal identification for children to attend. We also provide information and support to parents, educators and other concerned with Gifted Children.

Our Primary Science Workshops include a variety of different hands-on enrichment activities for children in Year 3 to Year 6 and provide an opportunity for children with ‘like minds’ to work together in a fun and relaxed environment. Bookings and payment are essential via the registration form on our website or from the event flyer in our Gifted Magazine (published 4 times per year—free for NSWAGTC members).

More information about our Primary Science Workshops or any other NSWAGTC event can be found on our website—www.nswagtc.org.au or by contacting our Events Coordinator Julie Porter-Stephens on 0408 167 249 from 10am to 2pm weekdays.
St George Girls High School
An academically selective high school for girls.

Enrolments for Year 7, 2012

Applications for entry to selective high schools are to be forwarded to primary school principals by 19 November 2010.

Interested parents and prospective students of Year 7, 2012 are invited to visit St George Girls High School commencing at 9.30am on Monday 1 November 2010.

The Principal's address in the school hall will be followed by morning tea with the Principal, Staff and Prefects.

St George Girls High School
Victoria Street
Kogarah NSW 2217
Phone: 9587 5902, 9587 4109