Welcome Back

It is hoped that throughout the school break, families had the opportunity to enjoy some relaxed time together without the pressure that is so often experienced during school terms.

We welcome new families to our school and trust you will soon feel a valued part of our school community. We also welcome back Mrs Joanne Crouch who has returned after leave.

Our Term 4 looks very hectic indeed, with ten weeks to consolidate the student's learning for the year, take part in assessment tasks, complete reports, make preparations for the Performing Arts Showcase and participate in all our end of year events. As a staff, we look forward to experiencing your continued flexibility and goodwill as we progress through the many busy weeks ahead.

It is exciting to know we have an additional 5 Interactive Whiteboards ordered for installation during this term. This will bring the total number of Interactive Whiteboards available for teacher and student use to sixteen for the school. These aids are valuable instructional and educational tools, helping to ensure our quality teaching in the 21st century!

Many of you may not have had the opportunity to have noticed the progression at the building sites of the classrooms and new library during the school holidays. From a staff and student perspective, it is most exciting to see the buildings draw near to lock-up stage. In addition, there is a new and improved wider pathway to the Performing Arts Room.

On a more personal note, I thank you for your support this week and remind you Mrs Kylie Fowler will be the Relieving Principal during this following week, and on Monday October 26th, prior to the return of Mrs Anne Hewson, on Tuesday 27th.

On behalf of all the staff, our very best wishes for a happy and most successful Term 4.

Values In Action

Our Value which has been emphasised this past week has been the ‘Personal Value of Excellence’. Staff have looked to see examples of excellence in student behaviour, manners, personal and academic presentation, sportspersonship and achievement. It is wonderful to be able to “catch” students aiming for excellence.

The value for the following week is the ‘Social Value of Respect’, with an emphasis on listening to the views and opinions of others.

Students have numerous occasions throughout their school day to interact with others in both an academic and social manner. It is most important that they reveal their courtesy and respect by taking the time to actually listen to the views and opinions others express. By actively listening, students have the opportunity to learn, not only academically, but also to grow in understanding and empathy. In the fast pace of everyday life, the value of a peer, friend or family member actively listening and valuing the input of others cannot be regarded highly enough. The school environment is a great place for students to practise this highly valued character trait.

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Then they showed us how we can use compost bins to recycle food scraps and how over time, by not caring for the environment, our water can become polluted.

The second day, we went on an excursion to Donnelly Park Reserve and they showed us how the street sweeper worked and the pit litter baskets.

Next we went to Carss Park and saw the gross pollutant trap. After that we went on a bushwalk through the mangroves and saw toads and frogs.

Then we went to Seymour Reserve and saw the wetlands, which was built on top of a reclaimed landfill area. There we saw ducklings.

Finally we arrived at school and spray painted “ONLY RAIN DOWN THIS DRAIN” together with a frog and an Australian map.

It was an educational experience.

By Jessica

On Thursday August 19th and September 16th all of Year Four attended Catchment Crusaders.

Firstly, the Kogarah Council dad a program where they told us what a catchment was, told us the difference between a storm water drains and a sewerage drain and they showed us how dirty and polluted water can get.

On Thursday September 16th, the Year Four children went to Kogarah Council areas. We went to Donnelly Park, Carss Park, Poulton Park Bush Walk and to Seymour Reserve. At Donnelly Park we saw a pit litter basket, Carss Park a gross pollutant trap, at Poulton Park we observed mangroves and at Seymour Reserve we saw feral ducks and duck families. (A gross pollutant trap is a box which catches rubbish and things which pollute the rivers.)

When we returned to school, some children got to spray paint words and a picture near a drain and the words said “ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN”.

The two days were excellent, although tiring. It was so interesting to see what happens when nobody cares about where they put their rubbish!

I had an excellent time with Kogarah Council and the Catchment Crusaders.

By Lefteri
On the first day of Catchment Crusaders, two people from Kogarah Council came to our school to tell us about rubbish, pollution and lots more.

They talked about gross pollutant traps. It was very fascinating and I started wondering if I could make one. As some games in the performing arts room, we played a rubbish sorting game and that was fabulous.

We also learned how clean the water is and that is called its turbidity. Then we had to work out where different waters came from. The water was in bottles. We split up into four groups and each person had a job. Every group was correct in what they guessed.

Everything was enjoyable and I learned a lot. I found one thing challenging, but that was it. I would recommend that the school does it again!

By Lauren

On Thursday August 19th and September 16th, we had some members of the Kogarah Council come to our school to teach us about many things.

First they told us what a catchment was. It is a place where rain comes from the highest point to the lowest point. They also taught us about storm water drains and sewerage pipes. The difference between them is that storm water drains lead straight into the waterways and sewage water gets treated at the sewage treatment plant.

Then we all did a rubbish relay race which was lots of fun and educational.

Next we tested some water and had to decide what area it would come from. We had to test the PH and turbidity and that was the best part of the day. It was a very, very interesting day.

On day two we went on an excursion throughout the Kogarah Council area. First we went to Donnelly Reserve and was the river, to see if it was dirty. We also saw an end of line pipe, a pit litter basket and a street sweeper.

Next we went to Carss Park to play and have lunch, although we did see a gross pollutant trap where they catch rubbish in a canal, before it heads out into the river water.

After that we went to Moore Park Wetlands and we saw ducks and we learnt what happened to that area in the past.

Finally we did a stencil in the school grounds which said “ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN.”

That was an amazing and tiring day!

By Daniel

In August of this year the Kogarah Council taught Year Four about catchments, pollution and what goes in which bin. It was a very fun day!

One month later we were taken on a tour around the Kogarah Council area to the wetlands, parks and some bush walks. It was very exciting when we saw the ducklings. Everyone wanted to see them. I did too, but I was at the very back, so I didn’t see very much.

Finally we arrived back at school and we split into two groups and spray painted near one of the drains. Only five people from each group got to spray paint and I was one of them. There was writing and a picture. I spray painted the frog. The writing said ‘ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN’.

I think the school should do the program again. Future Year Fours, have a tour and learn how to prevent pollution by taking a tour with the Catchment Crusaders!

By Sara

On Thursday, the 19th of August the Catchment Crusaders came to our school to teach us all about catchments. They said that a catchment was when the water goes from the highest point to the lowest point.

David, the Kogarah Council man, a lady and all of Year Four talked about pollution. We should never pollute because it is killing our wildlife—don’t you agree? We played games where we were separated into four groups. Two groups went at a time. We had to separate rubbish into the correct bins, rubbish or recycling.

I really like the next part when we did an experiment.

On Thursday, the 16th of September we went on a bus and travelled to many different parks. The first park we travelled to was Donnelly Park. We saw a storm water drain and a pit litter basket there. Then we went to Carss Park where we saw a gross pollutant trap in the canal. We saw a lot of rubbish there. We also had recess there.

The next place we went to was Yurra Burra Bush Walk to see the mangroves with their pneumatophors.

Finally we went back to school and did some kids’ friendly painting.

I had a great time!

By Sally
**Year 2 Parent Information Session**

Parents of students who are currently in Year 2 are invited to attend an information session about the transition to Year 3.

In the past, some parents have indicated that they would appreciate some general information to help them understand both the academic and routine implications associated with the transition to the primary department of the school. This will include explaining the procedures relating to support, band and choir as well as an overview of Year 3 classroom expectations and NAPLAN.

This session will be held on **Tuesday, 26 October at 7pm** in the Performing Arts room and will be run by Mrs Fowler. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Coles Sports for Schools Program**

Thank you for the wonderful response to collecting Coles Sports for Schools vouchers.

Please note collection closes on **31 October**.

**Our Record Breaking Attempt**

Connells Point Public School and The Weather Channel smashed the Guinness World Record for the world’s largest interactive weather report as part of National Science Week.

To break the record, 502 schools measured the temperature in their playground at midday on August 18th and submitted the readings to The Weather Channel, who broadcast the results as part of The Big Report and on Nickelodeon.

The Weather Channel trounced the previous record held by the BBC, in the UK, who had 261 schools submit the temperature.

Chris Sheedy, from Guinness World Records said, “I have seen hundreds of records being broken, but nothing thrills me more than one that involves thousands of children who not only experience the joy of taking part, but who also gain valuable knowledge along the way. The Weather Channel has done an incredible job in helping Australian kids smash the Poms out of the park.”

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**Band News**

**Senior Band “That’s Entertainment”**

**Concert Performance 18 October 2010**

We wish our Senior Band every success in their upcoming performance on Monday evening.

There are still some tickets available for those families who would like additional tickets to watch the concert. Tickets are $12.00 each and will be made available on a first come, first served basis.

**Junior Flutes — Tutorials**

Please be advised that Junior Flute tutorials will be held at 8:30 am on Wednesday in Week 2, due to the Tutor having additional commitments. The tutorials will return to their normal 9:00 am timetable in Week 3.
**HAROLD MERCHANDISE**

Dear Parents,

Life Education NSW is a not for profit community-based organisation that relies heavily on the raising of funds within the community to assist in meeting the shortfall left after receiving assistance from Government funding.

The sale of Harold merchandise to the children whilst the program is visiting each school supports the fundraising activities of local committees and all proceeds support Life Education within each local area.

These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Education session and have either a picture of Harold or the Life Education logo on them.

The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. Please provide the **correct money** in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child’s name and class. This allows the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately.

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**ALL MONIES ARE TO BE RETURNED BY MONDAY, 18 OCTOBER, 2010**

**NB Harold Products are subject to availability**

Life Education NSW thanks you for your support.

☐ I would like to donate ___________ to Life Education NSW.
   Gifts of $2.00 or over are tax deductible.

☐ I would like more information on Life Education NSW

Name: ___________________________ Phone (optional): ___________________________

Address: ________________________

Suburb: _________________________ Postcode: _________________________

Email (optional) __________________________ Age: _____________

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THE CONNELLS POINTER
Performing Arts Showcase 2010

CLAIM THE DATE
PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE 2010
WEDNESDAY, 1 DECEMBER

Details to follow
Tickets will be made available in the next 2 weeks

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

Parents and Students of Connells Point Public School

SPECIAL OFFER

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!
International Food Fair - Expressions of Interest

International Cooks Wanted!

The P&C is looking to hold an International Food Fair in 2011 and would like to gauge interest from families in having our international community cook for us.

Can you cook? Do you like to eat food from around the world? We are looking for groups of people who can get together and cook food from their country of origin. If you are interested in participating, please fill in the form below and return to school. We would like to involve more families in our school events and to celebrate our great multicultural community.

- Italian Food
- Indian Food
- Chinese Food
- Lebanese Food
- Greek Food
- German Food
- Anything delicious!

I’d like to be part of an International Food Fair! I can help with food from _______________________.

Name: _________________________________ Contact Number: ________________________

Please Print

Yes, I will be attending the Cyberbullying P&C talk.

Name: ...............................................................
No of people attending: ..............................................
Community News

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CALLING ALL DRAMA & ANIMATION LOVERS

A new term of 8 week workshops are open for enrolment for 8-12s to suit all levels of experience.
For full details visit www.shopfront.org.au

Enrol Today!

Term 4 Workshops: 19 October—11 December

**Wednesdays 4:30-6:30pm (8-12s): Animal Kingdom.** Creep and crawl like your favourite animal or insect. Create your own dance as the King or Queen of the Jungle or perhaps a flying fish. Jump, leap, growl and prey… Learn skills in movement, rhythm, contact, support and ensemble. Come and join the dancing jungle! Director: Margot Politis

**Thursdays 4:30-6:30pm (8-12s): Ani-Play-Mation.** Create characters from all sorts of things, clay, plastecine, paper, pipe cleaners...anything. Animate them to dance, tell stories, monologues, action scenes and scenarios. Make ‘ani-play-mations’ and upload to the web to share to the world. Director: Eddi Goodfellow

**Saturdays 10-12pm (8-12s): Invisible People.** This workshop is about creating short stories about the mysterious world of invisible people. Work with mime/movement, props and puppetry. Bring to life on stage, everyday environments that reveal an invisible character. Director: Justin Buchta

**Saturdays 1-3pm (11-14s):** Explore the world of the Olympics—from the ancient to the modern games. Create fantastic stories, using actions of sporting events, and the conflicting seasons of summer and winter. Work with basic stage acrobatics, mime, movement and chorus work. Director: Justin Buchta

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