14 March 2012

Dear Parents and Carers

The School Council is a representative body whose purpose is to formalise school community participation in the planning and governance of Connells Point Public School and foster closer links between the school and its community.

The School Council is comprised of the Principal as Executive Member; the President of the P&C (or an identified alternative executive member); three parent members elected from the parent community; three school staff members; and one appointed community member.

The School Council meets no less than five times per year, in the evening. Meetings currently commence at 6.00 p.m. The term of office for elected/appointed members is two years, and an elected/appointed member may hold office for no more than four years consecutively.

Mrs Poppy Kostantakis has held her position for the maximum four consecutive years as an elected parent representative and can no longer serve on our School Council. Therefore a position for a parent representative on our School Council is now available. All members of the parent/guardian community as per the current school records are eligible to stand as, and to vote for, their parent representatives on the School Council.

In addition, a position is available for the role of community representative. The school principal and the president of the School Council will recommend a member from local government, business or industry for the role of community representative.

Nominations for a position as a parent representative are to be submitted to the office by 3.30 p.m. Tuesday 27th MARCH 2012. Nominations must be in writing on the form provided. Each nominee must be PROPOSED and SECONDED by members of the parent community of Connells Point Public School. The nominee must sign the nomination form indicating willingness to accept the nomination.

If more than one nomination is received, an election will be held in which all families will be eligible to have one vote. Details of the voting procedures and candidate information sheets will be provided if an election is required. The Nomination Form is attached. Completed forms should be lodged at the front office by 3.30 p.m. on 27th March. Late nominations will not be accepted.

My thanks to our outgoing parent representative Mrs Poppy Kostantakis and our community representative, Mrs Soula Tsiilimos for their committed and proactive contribution to important school issues. This is a significant and valued role and I encourage parents to consider contributing in this way.

(Mrs) Anne Hewson
Principal
School Council Nomination Form

Completed nomination forms must be submitted to the school office no later than 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday 27th March 2012. Late nominations will not be accepted.

Position: Elected Parent Member (1 position available)

1. Nominee’s Name: ________________________________________________  
   (Please Print)  
   Parent/Carer of: ________________________________________________  
   (Child’s/children’s name/s and class/es)

2. Proposed By: ________________________________________________  
   (Please print name)  
   Parent/Carer of: ________________________________________________  
   (Child’s/children’s name/s and class/es)

3. Seconded By: ________________________________________________  
   (Please print name)  
   Parent/Carer of: ________________________________________________  
   (Child’s/children’s name/s and class/es)

I am happy to accept this nomination for the position of parent representative on the School Council of Connells Point Public School. I understand that if more than the required number of nominations are received, an election for the position will be held.

Signed: ________________________  Date: ________________________  
(Nominee)