SENIOR CHOIR AUDITIONS

13 March 2013

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a large number of Year 5 and Year 6 students interested in joining the Connells Point Public School Senior Choir. Our Senior Choir is limited to approximately 40 students (20 Year 5 and 20 Year 6). Therefore, this year it will be necessary for students to audition.

The auditions will take place next **Wednesday, 20 March** at lunch time. Students will be asked to sing a verse of the Australian national anthem in small groups.

Senior Choir is an enjoyable group to be involved in. Students, who audition and are selected, **need to understand the commitment they are making**. The following points outline the commitments involved:

- Choir practise will alternate between **Thursday** afternoon (CAPA Groups) and **Wednesday** lunch time (first half).

- Choir is a **yearlong commitment**. Students need to understand the responsibility to perform and behave correctly, bringing credit to their school and themselves.

- Students will learn **valuable singing skills**, such as singing in tune, singing in parts to create harmony and singing rounds.

- Students should spend approximately **20-30 minutes per week** learning and practising songs at home.

- There is a **fee** to cover the cost of the copyright for the music, as well as for the CD of the music (approximately $7).

- **Year 5 students** will have an opportunity to perform at school events throughout the year including the school’s Showcase evening. They will **not** perform in the **Sydney Public Schools Massed Choir, Expanding Horizons Opera House Concert**, as we are limited to approximately 20 students to send to this event. As a result, it is the Year 6 choir members who attend.

- **Year 6 students** will have an opportunity to perform at school events throughout the year including the school’s Showcase evening. They will **perform** in the **Sydney Public Schools Massed Choir, Expanding Horizons Opera House Concert, on Friday evening 19 July**. The Expanding Horizons project began in 2009 with a Sydney Opera House Gala concert, involving performers from both China and Sydney Region schools. In 2013, it will be the third visit by Chinese schools to Sydney. This concert will involve performances by students from China and Sydney schools, featuring the Student Massed Choir of 700, performing with Orchestra. The Australian Folk Song Suite by Dennis Vaughan and a terrific arrangement of Beatles songs with Wind Band will also feature. Please be advised that there will be transport costs involved for two rehearsals at Burwood Girls High (in school time) and the Opera House performance (one way). Details outlining transport costs, concert details and ticket sales will be provided closer to the event. Parents will be responsible for collecting their children after the concert.

- If selected as part of the CPPS Senior Choir, students will be asked to sign a **Code of Conduct** to acknowledge their commitment and responsibility. **Parents** will also be asked to give permission and sign to acknowledge they understand what is involved.

These above guidelines were discussed with students today. Please go through them with your child and if they would like to audition, please sign the form below and have them bring it along with them to the auditions next Monday. Please note, **they will need a signed permission note if they want to audition**.

Mrs A. Hewson
Principal

Ms N. McCain
Senior Choir Coordinator
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I give permission for my child ________________________________ of class __________ to audition for the Connells Point Public School Senior Choir. I understand that if selected there are extra commitments involved.

Signed ________________________________ Date _________________