Notes from Office

- Thank you to all families who have sent in their Invoice payments to the office so promptly. The response to the new credit card facility has been very successful – 50% of payments so far have been made this way. We would hope to have all school accounts finalised by the end of March.

- New families to the school – please sign and return the General Permission Note and Volunteers note if you have not already done so.

- **G3/4 Excursion to Taronga Zoo**: Permission note sent home Monday 25th – all permissions and excursion fee to be in by Friday 1st March!

- For parents that want to make contact with our School Learning Support Teacher, Jeri Apter, please contact the school office to make an appointment. Jeri works at SIPPS on a Monday and Tuesday.

Principal’s Report

Dear Parents,

Last week we had two major events in the evening – the initial P&C meeting for the year and the Parent/Teacher night, both of which were well attended and I would like to thank those parents who were able to attend.
Thanks to Tara Russell and the P&C executive, the P&C has got off to an excellent start for the year. It was very exciting to welcome new parents and see such interest shown in the P&C. The President Tara Russell reviewed the A-Z Website – an excellent on-line website for parents keeping you up to date on all the activities and learning around your child’s schooling, as well as reviewing the P&C activities for the year and encouraging everyone to play a part in the major fund raiser for the year – the Bare Creek Run. Dates were also set for:

- Working Bee Sat 2nd March 8.00am onwards
- Parent picnic Sun 10th March 4.30pm

Please see the P&C section of this Patter for more information on both these events.

We look forward to as many parents/families as possible attending these activities.

The Parent/Teacher night was also very well attended giving you an overview of the year’s program in the respective classrooms as well as an understanding of the teacher’s classroom management and expectations. If you were unable to make the evening or if you have any aspects of your child’s learning that you would like to raise with his or her teacher please do not hesitate to make an appointment with their teacher. Appointments can be made with the teacher direct, by email or through the office.

A very big thank you to Keith Oliver and Carl Sparre who gave up their weekend (including working through the rain on Saturday) to re-roof the Gazebo. They are doing a superb job and it is going to look very smart indeed.

Janet King
Principal

PSSA Sport

*All Modball games at St Ives Village Green

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P&C

SIPPS Tennis Courts available for permanent and casual hire
To arrange a booking please call Nadine Foley 0403 500 301

P&C Calendar

Saturday 2\textsuperscript{nd} February – Working Bee.
8.00am ……

Works to be done..

- Plants to be cut back from the Library and main verandah to the Year 1/Kindy classrooms;
- Hall bank to be mowed/whipper snipped;
- Lots of whipper-snipping around the fence line, centre fence on tennis courts;
- Outside lawns to be mowed or whipper-snipped;
- Gardens to be weeded especially library, path from old hall to COLA and near where the demountable was;
- Mulching;
- Raking branch debris under the play equipment; and
- If anyone has a chain saw – chop up fallen tree by eco garden.

It is a good idea to bring your own equipment. If there is no one on site when you arrive please ‘sign on’ on the sign on sheet in the plastic holder by the main door to the office.

Keith Oliver will be coordinating the day and will be available on site from 10.30. (Hence the availability of the sign-on sheet for early starters) if you are able to give some time on Saturday please contact Keith on….
M: 0423 877 280 or keitholiver@hotmail.com

Please join us for a Parent Picnic on Sunday 10\textsuperscript{th} March at 4.30pm.
This is our first social event for the year and a good way to get to know the parents of your child’s class mates. The fun filled activities will include the traditional tug-o-war as well as fun relays for the children.
| Week | **MONDAY SHIFT**  
|      | 10-2pm | **THURSDAY SHIFT**  
|      | 10-12noon |
| 5   | 25th February  
Lottie Hamman (10-2pm)  
Helen Britton (10-2pm)  
Susie Bright (11-1pm)  | 28th February  
Kerren Lumsden & Ange Sposari |
| 6   | 4th March  
Amanda Vince (11-2pm)  
Catherine Salisbury (10-12noon)  
Monica Shin (10-2pm)  | 7th March  
Devi Ramakrishnan & Jenni Dowzell |
| 7   | 11th March  
Tara Russell (10-2pm)  
Kim Crawford (10-2pm)  
Debbie Virdi (11-1pm)  | 14th March  
Rick Samimi & Jackie Samimi |
| 8   | 18th March  
Lisa Grimmond (10-2pm)  
Peta Rostirola (10-2pm)  
Jackie Samimi (10-2pm)  | 21st March  
Sony Robson & Carla Wilson |
| 9   | 25th March  
Jenny Geddes (10-2pm)  
Amanda Vince (10-2pm)  
Susie Bright (11-1pm)  | 28th March  
Carolyn Bastock & Melissa Lee |
| 10  | 1st April - closed Easter Monday | 4th April  
Devi Ramakrishnan & Stephen Atkins |
| 11  | 8th April  
Andrea Diamond (10-12noon)  
Thiru Ramakrishnan (10-2pm)  
Jenni Dowzell (11-2pm)  | 11th April  
Carla Wilson & Kerren Lumsden  
Susie Bright (Stocktake) |
CANTEEN INFORMATION

Parents, when ordering **hot noodle cups** for lunch could you please remind your children that they need to come to the canteen when the lunch bell rings to pick up the cups. Also when ordering **frozen items such as ice-cream or frozen yoghurts**, after they have eaten their lunch, children need to come back to the canteen with their lunch bags to collect their frozen treats. All lunch orders should be put in the class lunch box in the morning but the above items will not be sent to the classroom with the other lunch orders. It would be much appreciated, if you could remind your children of this so we can ensure that no-one misses out on the things they have ordered. Thank you.

Community Notices

Mungarra kindergarten is a high quality purpose built Early Education Facility. Specialising in excellent infant and toddler education and care, Mungarra Kindergartens provides a small, nurturing and intimate environment as a first step from home to a kindergarten setting.

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- 8:00am-6:00pm Monday to Friday
- Children aged 5 weeks to 4 years
- 50 weeks a year
- Morning tea, Hot lunch and Afternoon Tea provided.
- On site parking for safe drop off and pick up
- High Teacher to child ratio
- University qualified, caring and experienced staff
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