Dear Parents,

Thank you from Mrs G

At the end of last term we had a special assembly and presentation to recognise and thank Mrs Geraghty for her outstanding contribution to public education and our school over many years of teaching at SIPPS. In response, she has asked me to pass on this message to the school community.

Thank you children and parents of S.I.P.P.S.

I thoroughly enjoyed my special assembly and appreciated your comments on my recent retirement. It was such a thoughtful gift. I am proudly hanging my ‘little piece of S.I.P.P.S.’ Thank you to the P. and C. for the lovely flowers. I have really appreciated your ongoing support during my involvement with your children’s education.

Best wishes for the rest of this year and in your future endeavours.
You will always be very close to my heart.

Mrs G

Musical Highlights

Recently at our K-6 assemblies we have enjoyed lovely performances from our students. Last week class 1/2BF gave us a delightful performance of Mr R’s Butterfly Metamorphosis. Another great performance was 1C’s rendition of Morning Town Ride by the Seekers. They are pictured below in their performance costumes with percussion instruments.

Also, as part of music education this term, students from K-6 have been participating in the Music, Count us in Program. This year the song is called “Paint you a song”. Students have been enthusiastically involved in exploring the structure of the song through body percussion and instruments as well as vocal techniques to sing the lyrics. On Thursday 30 October, we will celebrate our learning by joining with schools across Australia to perform this year’s song.

ICAS Mathematics

The results for the ICAS Mathematics Competition have been delivered. Congratulations to the following SIPPS students who were awarded:

Merit: Alec Baele, Corbin Bahlmann, Joanna Peiser-Oliver
Credit: Claire Shin, Darcy Frew, Michael McRae, Lua Otim, Alex Wayne, Sean Simunovic, Jane Shin and Lochie Simunovic
Distinction: Yile Tseng
High Distinction: Iris Lee
These students will receive their certificates at our K-6 assembly in Week 5. Participation certificates and individual performance reports will be sent home with students this week.

Leading 21st Century Learning

Last week Miss Moggian and Mrs Swift were part of an innovative sharing session where teachers and University of Sydney teaching graduates shared their recent experiences in action learning, school-based projects and new pedagogical ideas. Miss Moggian’s and Mrs. Swift’s presentation was on Ipads and 21st Century Learning Capabilities. They shared their experiences in using iPads to implement the new English curriculum, using the 21st Century learning capabilities Critical thinking, Creativity and Collaboration. This looked at the ways we have changing our teaching to create a collaborative and
creative environment. They discussed the apps students and teachers are using to create, share and facilitate learning including augmented reality. Students at SIPPS are enjoying enormous benefits from the expertise, talent and creativity of our teachers.

**BCTR**

With only 13 days to go until our major fundraising event, The Bare Creek Trail Run, the committee needs all members of our school community to be involved in this event either as a participant or volunteer. Please go online to [www.barecreektrailrun.com](http://www.barecreektrailrun.com) and nominate "Volunteer". You can even allocate where you want to help! It couldn’t be easier. Alternatively, please email Jemima directly on [sharpedesign@optusnet.com.au](mailto:sharpedesign@optusnet.com.au) and she will add you to the list.

Thanks to our major sponsor Telstra, all entrants in this year’s BCTR will receive a medal which Jack and George are holding in this photo.

**Australian Decathlete Visiting SIPPS**

Next Monday, **27 October at 12:30pm** we will be joined by Australian Decathlete Jake Stein. He will give students a short presentation on health and involvement in sport as well as pass on some tips to those participating in the Bare Creek Trail Run on **Sunday 2 November**. Parents and carers are welcome to attend. He is brought to us by the Sanitarium Weet Bix Kids TRYathlon. You can find more about Jake Stein at [http://www.iaaf.org/athletes/australia/jake-stein-255169](http://www.iaaf.org/athletes/australia/jake-stein-255169)

**SIPPS Choir – On Song!**

Our school choir will be performing on Wednesday at The Concourse Chatswood in the Festival of Children’s Music this **Wednesday 22 October 2014**. There will be a matinee performance at 12 noon and an evening performance at 7:00pm.

The students have worked very hard on the repertoire under the guidance of Madame Smith and had a chance to rehearse all the songs with the massed choir at last week’s rehearsal at Pymble Public School. As president of this festival, I couldn’t be more proud of our choir and the way they have prepared for this special concert.

They will be performing with choirs from 11 other DEC schools in our local and adjoining networks. Our school captains, Emily Bright and Nick Bednorz will join me as co-comperes of the show. What a spectacular occasion for SIPPS! There are a limited number of tickets still available for the evening concert but there are still plenty for the matinee. They are on sale from The Concourse box office or online at [www.theconcourse.com.au](http://www.theconcourse.com.au) or through Ticketek 1300 795 012

**Year 7 selective high school placement in 2016**

This year, parents must apply online at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement)

Applications for entry in 2016 can be made online between **14 October 2014 and 17 November 2014**. Late applications will not be accepted. No paper application forms will be printed. All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on **Thursday 12 March 2015**.
A note was sent home last Monday with our Year 5 students for parents/carers to register their intention to make an application for their child for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2016. Please ensure that this is returned to the school by this Friday 24 October.

Enjoy your week

Gillian Tegg
Principal

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**Notes from Office**

- Order forms for scholastic book orders will be distributed today and will close this Friday 24th October 2014.
- Students will need to wear their sports uniform on Monday 27th October for the Dance 2B Fit Program. Dance 2B Fit has been changed for week 4 due to the League Tag Gala day (years 3-6) on Tuesday 28th October.
- Years 3 & 4 – Excursion note for IMAX theatre will be sent home today.
- Kindly forward any outstanding permission/payment notes as soon as possible.

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**PSSA**

**Term 4 PSSA Results**

**Week 2**

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**P&C**

**BLING YOURSELF ALONG TO THE BARE CREEK TRAIL RUN!!**

Everyone crossing the finish line will get a fantastic medal sponsored by our local Telstra stores. Here’s George modelling one!
13 days to go!!

Why do we do the run? This is a major community and fundraising event for our school.

What is the money for? This goes to the school to purchase equipment for our children to enhance their education. At the top of the wish list is iPads for the classes.

How do we get more iPads? It’s a simple formula, the more entries we get, the more funds there are for iPads (race capacity is 1,000 entrants).

What can I do to help? (We are glad you asked). Encourage everyone you know to enter the race (family, friends, work colleagues and every group you know). If every school family encouraged 10 entries each then the race would be full and we would make maximum profit, how easy is that!

So what are you waiting for? Email people, Facebook them, speak to them and get them to enter now, you the school community are our marketers and ambassadors. If you want posters or flyers (hard or soft) then please email us at info@barecreektrailrun.com

Keith Oliver
keitholiver@hotmail.com

SIPPS Tennis Courts available for permanent and casual hire.
To arrange a booking please call Vera Dedijer 0403 500 301 or sippstennis@gmail.com
### 2014 – TERM 4 CANTEEN ROSTER

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**BAKING NEEDED for BCTR** –

We will be holding a cake stall at the BCTR this year.

All baking gratefully received.
Smaller items such as cookies, cupcakes and single-serve slices.
sell better than whole cakes and slices.

Remember ALL baking MUST be NUT-FREE.
An ingredient list is essential, even if it's on a post-it note!

Gluten-free & other special dietary donations most appreciated so everyone is catered for.

Cake boxes will be available in the admin foyer but any (unused) take-away container is acceptable.

**MYSTERY PRIZES**
will be awarded to the most creative BCTR-themed baked goods.

Please contact **CARLA WILSON** (carlawilsonsipps@gmail.com) if you have any queries.

Donations will be taken from 6am on RACE DAY. See you there!

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**Uniform Shop**

It is now time for everyone to be wearing their *full* summer uniforms! With warmer weather coming, the summer uniform will be cool and comfortable for you.

The uniform shop will be open this Wednesday October 22 from 0845, so come and see me for any items you may require.

Uniform orders will still be processed on a **Wednesday** - email me, sms, or leave an order with Mrs Morris in the office and I will have it ready for payment and collection from the Office on a Wednesday afternoon. Cash or cheque only, please.

All second hand items in the shop are still at their *sale* price, so grab some bargains!!

I am still very happy to take your second hand uniform items which no longer fit on a donation basis. The only exception to this is the girls' tunics, which attract a $10 rebate per good quality dress (belts must be included with winter tunics for the rebate).

Please find the Term 4 Roster attached - and if you would like to join my merry band of volunteers, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Uniform Shop Roster, Term 4, 2014

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See you in the red and green!!!!

Amanda Vince
SIPPS Uniforms Coordinator
0417 083650

Community Notices

Happy 50th
St Ives High School
Celebratory Dinner November 21
Tickets: www.trybooking.com/GCTR

SUMMER SWIMMING LESSONS
CROWN ROAD, PYMBLE

LEARN TO SWIM / STROKE CORRECTION / SQUADS
EVERY WEEKDAY AFTERNOON AND SATURDAY MORNING

FOR BOOKINGS AND MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CHRIS:

chris@pymswim.com.au / 0438831066
2014-2015
Family Energy Rebate

$150* TOWARDS ENERGY BILLS

Apply before Midnight 18 June 2015

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

• A $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
• A $165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:

• Be a NSW resident; and
• Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
• Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?
Before you apply, here's a quick checklist. Have you:

• Lodged your tax return for 2013-14 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
• Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

HOW TO APPLY
• ONLINE – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
• PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE
PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au

2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM
* eligibility criteria apply

APPLY ONLINE NOW!
**Soccer Fun For Girls & Boys Aged 2 to 12!**

**TERM 4 PROGRAM – 8 WEEKS**

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<td>Pint Size Soccer (4-5yo)</td>
<td>They'll be introduced to shooting, dribbling, goal keeping and more! Children get to play lots of fun, skill-based games. Grasshoppers get introduced to the Pint Size 1v1 Big Game! 50 minute classes $125 for 8 weeks</td>
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<td>Micro Plus (8-12yo)</td>
<td>This program focuses on skill development and teamwork in preparation for club soccer. Children will enjoy all the favourite soccer board games, fine tune their skills as well as play the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game! 75 minute classes $145 for 8 weeks</td>
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**Contact Information**

- **Phone:** 0456 086 646
- **Website:** [GRASSHOPPERSOCCER.COM.AU](https://www.grasshoppersoccer.com.au)
- **Facebook:** [https://www.facebook.com/grasshoppersoccerIns](https://www.facebook.com/grasshoppersoccerIns)