Dear Parents,

**SIPPS Community Shines**

Perfect weather conditions heralded a glorious day for our Bare Creek Trail Run. The 6km runners were away first at 8:00am followed by the 10km competitors at 8:20am. I would like to thank our wonderful BCTR committee, school P&C and Mildren Events for the amazing job they did to stage such a positive community event for our school.

Many other parent, teacher and student volunteers contributed a huge amount of time and effort to make the day such a wonderful success. I would like also to thank the SES and St John’s Ambulance volunteers for their wonderful contribution.

This year for the first time, all runners received a medal thanks to the Telstra Hornsby and St Ives stores. I would also like to thank the many other great sponsors of this year’s BCTR. They include: Bendigo Bank St Ives, Snap Printing Lane Cove, Vision Personal Training, The Athletes Foot St Ives, Brooks, Lorna Jane, Runners World, Sony, Pedals Plus, St Ives Shopping Village, Fruit at Work, Kur-ing gai Council, St Ives Physiotherapy & Sports Therapy Centre, Lions Australia and Snow Goose.

Also for the first time the BCTR hosted a mob match competition between St Ives High School and Killara High School students. On this occasion Killara HS were the inaugural winners of a trophy sponsored by The Athletes Foot at St Ives.
Music Count Us In

Last Thursday 30 October, our school tuned into the live screening of Music Count Us In from Parliament House in Canberra to sing this year’s song Paint You a Song with other students from all over Australia at precisely 12:30pm. At the same time, Stage 2 were at Tumbalong Park in Darling Harbour where they joined 600 other students to perform the song with singer, Casey Donovan and student songwriter Angus Gill.
**World Teachers’ Day**

SIPPS teachers and staff would like to sincerely thank the P&C, Mrs Colley and a wonderful team of parent volunteers for hosting a special lunch for our staff to mark **World Teachers’ Day** last Friday 1 November. The pleasure of a gourmet school luncheon is something that is a very rare treat indeed for busy teachers. It was very much appreciated. Thank you!

Enjoy your week  
Gillian Tegg

**Cybersmart**

Last week Year 5 and 6 took part in a video conference called GameOn produced by Cybersmart. Cybersmart is a national cybersafety and cybersecurity education program managed by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), as part of the Australian Government's commitment to cybersafety. The program is specifically designed to meet the needs of children, young people, parents and teachers. This was to coincide with the launch of GameOn a series five intertwined stories for 8 to 12 year olds that follows a group of school friends who find themselves in situations that catch them off-guard and shows them the consequences of making poor decisions online. The stories tackle topics including cyberbullying, excessive gaming, sharing passwords, free downloads and online friends. Further information for parents on cybersafety is at [http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents.aspx](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents.aspx)

**Love in a shoebox**

Students from 5S collected and filled shoeboxes with gifts to send to underprivileged children through Operation Christmas Child. This started as a MoneySmart called “How much love can fit into a shoebox?” In this unit students used equivalent fractions, made connections between fractions and decimal notation, and solved problems involving purchases and the calculation of change while comparing prices of items across a range of vendors. Students also discussed the differences between needs and wants, and compared the needs of others to their own. Students wanted to make this more than a Maths unit and we filled five shoeboxes which were sent last week.

Sarah Swift  
Assistant Principal
Year 7 selective high school placement in 2016

This year, parents must apply online at [www.schoolsnsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schoolsnsw.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**.

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**Notes from Office**

- **G3-6 Surf Safe Program.** As a follow up to the Surf Safety talk to all SIPPS students on Thursday 23rd October the students in Grades 3-6 are to participate in a Surf Safe Program at Freshwater Beach on **Thursday 20th November**. Permission notes were sent home last Friday. Completed permission notes and program fee for all children wishing to attend need to be returned by **Thursday 13th November**.

- **Sports/Specialty Photographs:** These photographs are now displayed in the office foyer. These are available to order online at $14.00 per group or manual order (cash/credit card) at $18.00 per group. Manual order envelopes are available in the foyer. Manual orders will close on **Friday 14th November**.

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**PSSA**

**PSSA Results Week 4**

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A great day for SIPPS!

Yesterday's Bare Creek Trail Run was a truly great day for SIPPS, a day when the whole school community felt so proud, and when many more from beyond our community shared this experience. We are all indebted to the BCTR Committee - Jenny Geddes, Sonya Acton, Linda Croft, Sony Robson, Kerrie Bahlmann, Nadine Foley, and our star presenter Jemima Sharpe-Holdich, all of whom put in so much time and effort over the last few months, as well as to all the volunteers who provided essential services on the day, including breakfast, registrations, information and marshalling. Even so, it could not have happened if Tongy, a new parent, and with only half the normal preparation time to go, hadn't agreed to head up the team. And no-one would have guessed, arriving in the morning, that Ben & Kylie of Mildren Events, had been up all night... You are all legends!

A Thank You for our teachers and staff

Friday 31st October was World Teachers' Day, an appropriate time to say Thank You to our wonderful teachers and staff. They all do so much for our children, and really care about their welfare. On behalf of all the parents and carers, I should like to thank Susan Colley and her team for preparing and serving a superb 3-course lunch on a beautifully decorated table by the Canteen.

Kindy Orientation

It was good to meet 15 of the new Kindy parents on Thursday evening (more to come on Tuesday). Word is obviously spreading about our school, judging from the comments and the numbers. We look forward to welcoming them to our school, and hopefully to the P&C, in 2015.

P&C AGM Wednesday 19th November

Our next P&C Meeting is the AGM which will take place in the School Library on Wednesday 19th November.
It will begin at 7.15 (refreshments) for 7.30 - 9.00. All positions are up for re-election. An e-mail with more information will be sent out in the next day or so, otherwise please contact keitholiver@hotmail.com if you would like to nominate.

Keith Oliver
P & C President
BLAST AT THE BCTR

The Bare Creek Trail Run was a huge success again this year! Over 500 runners/walkers completed the course and masses of prizes were awarded to many happy faces. All the kids finishing the course and receiving their medals were so proud of themselves – it was a fantastic sight.

GeoSnapshot were there. Get all your action shots at www.geosnapshot.com/e/bare-creek-trail-run

Jemima did a wonderful job on the mic keeping our punters entertained through the prize giving.

The bushfire on the trail the night before meant that the course had to be revised at the very last minute. This did not affect the enjoyment on the day – our runners and walkers had a blast.

The results can be viewed at http://my2.raceresult.com/details/index.php?page=4&eventid=32656&lang=en

More photos and comments to come.

Check out the Facebook page for event fun and games. https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bare-Creek-Trail-Run/154510074618371?fref=nf

A very big thanks to everyone involved - there were lots of people on the committee and others behind the scenes working to make this event a success. We also had many families who have already left the school coming back to help on the day, answering our call out for volunteers and it was fantastic to see them all.

The Bare Creek Committee
Uniform Shop

ROSTER:

Wed 5 Nov: Amanda, Rebecca, Kerry
Wed 19 Nov: Amanda, Matt (til 9.15), (2 vacancies)
Wed 3 Dec: Amanda, Mijeong, Monica, (vacancy)
Wed 17 Dec: Amanda, Matt (til 9.15am), 2 vacancies

The Uniform Shop is open again this week on Wednesday from 8.45, so come and see us for any items you may still require for summer.

And also, don't forget that you are able to place orders via the email address sippsuniforms@yahoo.com.au by the form available on the school website or outside the office in the foyer. Cash or cheque only.

See you in the red and green!

Amanda Vince
SIPPS Uniforms Coordinator
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Kids Triathlon swim/ride/run
Or
Kids Aquathon swim/run

7 – 11 Years (100m / 2km / 500m)
12 – 15 Years (200m / 4km / 1km)

Sunday: 23rd November / 8th & 29th March
Safe event conducted in Manly Dam King St,
Manly Vale.

For more information visit:
www.mildrenevents.com.au