Principal’s Message

Dear Parents,

2014 a great year!

Thank you to all those who attended our Presentation Award’s night last Thursday. It was a great occasion where our students’ learning and 2014 school achievements were celebrated. Congratulations to all students and the band, choir and dance group for their wonderful performances. Thank you to Mrs Swift, Mrs Morris and all SIPPS staff for all their hard work in producing this special night.

2015 BYODD implementation

Our Bring Your Own Designated Device pilot program for students in Years 5 and 6 will go ahead next year thanks to overwhelming support from parents, students and teachers. A note will be going home with Year 5 and 6 students tomorrow to confirm details.

Dates to Diary

No. 38 Term 4, Week 11, 15th December 2014

Mon 15th Dec............. Year 6 Farewell
Tues 16th Dec........... Class Parties
Wed 17th Dec............. SIPPS Factor Talent Quest and Last Day of School
........................................ Uniform Shop 8.45am – 10am School Hall
........................................ 3.10pm Eco Facts Books on sale outside Canteen
2015
Wed 28th Jan........... Students 1-6 return to school
Thurs 29th Jan......... Kindergarten commence school

School Security No. 1300 880 021
Mystery Day Out for Waratah House

Waratah enjoyed their Mystery Day out at Camp Kedron last Friday thanks to the generosity of our scripture teachers who offered this venue for the occasion at no cost. Thank you to Mrs Swift, Miss Beaumont Jones and Miss Moule for coordinating this excursion.

Congratulations and farewell Year 6!

Tonight, a special evening is planned to farewell the graduating Year 6 class of 2014. They have been an outstanding group of engaged learners, respectful and responsible individuals and leaders in our school community. We all wish you a successful transition into high school and a very bright future. Thank you to the P&C coordinators Lisa Edwards and Tania Gosling for organising tonight’s Year 6 farewell event.

Final week at SIPPS

Classes will have class parties on Tuesday 16 December.

The last day for students is Wednesday 17 December. This is also the day when students can perform in the SIPPS Factor talent quest. Mrs Cameron and Mrs Apter are coordinating this event.
This Thursday 18 December is a pupil free day and an opportunity for teaching staff to undertake professional learning. On this occasion teachers will continue planning for the implementation of two major initiatives: Positive Behaviour Engaging Learning (PBEL) program and the New NSW Mathematics Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum.

Chickens

Thank you to Ann Young for co-ordinating the timetable for the care of our chickens during the holidays. It is very much appreciated and I hope our carers enjoy the supply of fresh eggs!

Happy Holidays

Best wishes to all members of the SIPPS family for the festive season and the New Year. I do hope that everyone enjoys a revitalising and restful holiday before school resumes for 2015.

Years 1 to 6 return on Wednesday 28th January 2015.

Kindergarten will start on Thursday 29th January 2015.

Gillian Tegg

P&C

SIPPS Tennis Courts available for permanent and casual hire.
To arrange a booking please call Vera Dedijer 0403 500 301 or sippstennis@gmail.com

It's here! The Year 6 Farewell Dinner & Dance

The excitement is mounting for our Year 6 students and their Year 5 hosts. Tonight's the night for the Year 6 Farewell Dinner & Dance. They're going to have a wonderful time - I can't give any more away at this stage.

On behalf of them all, I should like to thank Tania Gosling, Lisa Edwards, Jenny Geddes, Barbara Read, Mel Buckley and Andrea Peiser for their imaginative planning and months of hard work in putting together this fabulous event in our school hall. And Richard Kilpatrick will be there looking after the light and sound.

Thank you Year 5 team, you have done a wonderful job!

Eco Facts available this week

Eco Facts is a booklet of information on environmental topics which was compiled by the whole school. Each class brainstormed one or more topics and put together a fact sheet - 12 topics in all. Class 1/2BF then produced a beautiful set of cover designs which are
reproduced in colour - we are using them all so you have a choice. The selling price is just $5, every cent of which will go towards Eco projects at SIPPS. This is possible thanks to the generosity of Linda Croft, who is printing and binding these free-of-charge for the school. The books will be available outside the Canteen on Wednesday after school. They would make great presents...!

**Uniform Shop**

Well, this is my last Patter Uniform Report :-(

I would like to thank the fantastic volunteers who have helped me willingly and tirelessly all year. Without them, the shop could not have operated.

I would like to thank Trudi and the office staff too, for being the 'go betweens' for me with customer orders and money collection. They provided a valuable service to us all by making the Uniform Shop much more accessible to everyone.

I would like to wish Matt Churchouse and Lisa Genna all the very best in taking on the role of Uniform Shop Coordinator and Finance Guru next year. I know they will do a fantastic job, and our children will continue to look as smart as ever.

And lastly, thankyou to the entire SIPPS community for being so lovely and friendly. It has honestly been so much fun being a part of this amazing school and I will miss you all.

See you (out in the community) in the red and green............

_Amanda Vince_
_SIPPS Uniforms Coordinator_
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Keep up the good work and see you in the red and green!!

**Uniform Shop Roster Term 1, 2015**

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Community Notices

School holiday Fun - December/January

10am to 11am (unless stated otherwise)
Monday 22 Dec – Christmas craft
Tuesday 23 Dec – Christmas craft
Wednesday 24 Dec – Christmas craft

10am to 11am (unless stated otherwise)
Monday 29 Dec – Grassy heads
Tuesday 30 Dec – Herb fanatic
Wednesday 31 Dec – Potted colour fun!!!

Thursday 1 Jan – New Year celebrations
Friday 2 Jan – Peg fun

10am to 11am (unless stated otherwise)
Monday 5 Jan – Collage abstract
Tuesday 6 Jan – Fairy garden
Wednesday 7 Jan – Creative masks
Thursday 8 Jan – Beading and binding

Friday 9 Jan (10am to 12pm) – Under the Sea
Touch, feel and learn about Under the Sea creatures

10am to 11am (unless stated otherwise)
Monday 12 Jan – Mosaics with shells
Tuesday 13 Jan – Liquid water colours
Wednesday 14 Jan – Sand art (summer)

Thursday 15 Jan (10am & 11am bookings, limited spaces) – Get Kids Cooking
Hands on kids cooking class….learn fresh and easy recipes

Friday 16 Jan – Scrunch art

10am to 11am (unless stated otherwise)
Monday 19 Jan – Paint a pencil case
Tuesday 20 Jan – Sea creatures

Wednesday 21 Jan (10.30am-12pm) – Crazy Scientist
Learn some cool science tricks with the Crazy Scientist

Thursday 22 Jan – Beaded key rings
Friday 23 Jan – Australia day fun

10am to 11am (unless stated otherwise)
Monday 26 Jan – Australia Day fun
Tuesday 27 Jan – Back to school craft

Bookings are essential: reply to this email or call 9486 5700