Dear Parents,

**SIPPS Gold Achievement**

Last week’s Gold Assembly showcased the academic, social and personal learning success of many SIPPS students. Congratulations to all award winners. Special thanks to 4BJ and 2M for their entertaining items and thank you to Carla Wilson for organising the special afternoon tea for gold award winners and their families.

Our school was also recognised with a Platinum award from our first year of involvement in the Premier’s Sporting Challenge. This means that our students were engaged in physical activity, including sports programs for 8 to 10 hours each week. Please enjoy some photos from this event.

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**Dates to Diary**

No. 37 Term 4, Week 9, 1st December 2014

- **Wed 3rd Dec** ............... Uniform Shop 8.45am – 10am school hall
- **Fri 5th Dec** ................... Year 6 Mini Fete 1 pm
- **Mon 8th Dec** .............. Parent afternoon tea and planning sessions 2.30pm Library
- **Thur 11th Dec** ............... Presentation night 6.30pm
- **Fri 12th Dec** ............... Mystery Day out
- **Mon 15th Dec** .............. Year 6 Farewell
- **Tues 16th Dec** ............. Class Parties
- **Wed 17th Dec** .............. SIPPS Factor Talent Quest and Last Day of School

School Security No. 1300 880 021
Congratulations to Anastasia on her outstanding success in representing our school at the Girls Tennis Tournament at Pennant Hills last week. She won both the Year 5 and Year 6 girls’ competition and was runner up in the open doubles competition. Well-done also to Tyler W who was selected to compete in the school boys’ tournament.

**2015 BYODD implementation**

We received very positive feedback from parents attending last week’s ipad information evening where we shared current and future plans for the successful incorporation of ipad technology and 21st Century learning in our classrooms. The very positive support from these attendees and parent/student survey results means we can now move ahead with implementing our 2015 BYODD ipad initiative. This week we will send home with Year 4 and 5 students a parent consent form and draft student/parent agreement and app list.

Parents may wish to visit the school app and see new videos of this year’s ipad programs.

**Learning Innovation at SIPPS**

We are celebrating Stage 3 project-based learning next Tuesday 9 December. All interested parents from the whole school community are invited to the Stage 3 Stop-motion showcase at 9:30am in the school hall. This is a celebration of our success in implementing 21st learning capabilities at SIPPS. Congratulations to Stage 3 students and teachers.

**Election of 2015 student leaders**

Best wishes to the candidates for our 2015 student leadership team. Election posters and speeches have been prepared for the election process to take place this Thursday 4 December.
Parent Survey Results

Thank you to the 61 respondents who completed the parent survey. Careful analysis of all responses has provided the following feedback.

Top strengths of SIPPS:
- School size, ratio students to staff: 38
- Family friendly community feel: 23
- Large school grounds, facilities, location & environment: 23
- Quality, Caring teachers/leadership & communication: 22
- Access to quality teaching/learning programs & opportunities: 17

Impact that SIPPS has had on your child:

88% of participants said SIPPS has had a positive impact on their child/children including:

- positive Social skills
- increased confidence
- academic learning and opportunities
- engagement in learning

12% or survey participants gave other or no response to this question.

The top priorities areas for SIPPS in the future:

- Enhanced Creative Arts programs including Music and Dance: 20
- Focus on academic results: 15
- Communication: 12
- School branding to increase enrolments: 10
- Personalised learning and quality teaching: 10
- Enhanced technology including ipads: 6

Top responses for areas where SIPPS can improve:

- Happy, no improvements needed: 10
- Technological enhancements including ipads: 6
- Improved communication: 5
- Improve Music programs and performance opportunities: 5

Overall 94% of respondents indicated that they would be likely to recommend SIPPS to others.

Additional comments included the following endorsements for our school.

“It is the best Primary School in the Northern Suburbs of Sydney. My kids have had a great learning environment and feel comfortable going to school there”.

“St Ives Park has an inspiring community spirit, committed and enthusiastic teaching staff, parent involvement that outstrips the other schools that we have been involved with...”
Reminder Parent/Carer Afternoon Tea

Our next Parent/Carer afternoon tea will be next **Monday 8 December**. Once again, all parents are welcome to meet in the library at **2:30pm**. These regular meetings are designed to give parents the opportunity to help the school develop a vision for the future. I look forward to seeing regular participants and newcomers next Monday afternoon. Please contact the school office on 9144 4085 if you can attend.

Thank you and have a great week

Gillian Tegg

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Notes from Office

- Kindergarten 2015: Reminder – we have a few outstanding Immunisation updates to come in to complete enrolment procedures. Please bring to the office as soon as possible.

- If you know that you will not be returning to St Ives Park PS next year, please complete the form below and return to the office as soon as possible so we can plan our classes more accurately.

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**K-5 STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO SIPPS IN 2015**

To: The Principal, St Ives Park Public School

My child / children will not be attending St Ives Park Public School in 2015.

Please print student names below.

NAME:______________________CURRENT CLASS: ___________

Last day of attendance: _________________________________

Name of new school: _________________________________

Signature: ___________________________________________

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**The Year 6 Mini-Fete is coming soon...**

Students in Year 6 will be running a Mini-Fete on **Friday 5th December**. This event is run every year by students in Year 6 to raise money for their graduation gift to the school. There will be lots of exciting games, fun activities and tasty treats for all students in K-5 to enjoy, so don’t forget your money!
SIPPS Tennis Courts available for permanent and casual hire.
To arrange a booking please call Vera Dedijer 0403 500 301 or sippstennis@gmail.com

Uniform Shop

| Wed 3 Dec | Amanda, Mijeong, Monica, |
| Wed 17 Dec | Amanda, Matt (til 9.15 am), Sophie A, Felise |

Thankyou to everyone for all of the fantastic uniform donations you have brought in. I am always keen for good quality items as they sell really well.

Please could I ask for any wire coat hangers (like the dry cleaners kind) that you may have lying around?? I could always use more (and more!) to hang 2nd hand items.

Come and see me in the uniform store this Wednesday (3 December) from 8.45 if you find you need more school uniform items to see you into the New Year. It certainly avoids the ‘peak hour’ of the first few weeks of Term 1 when the uniform shop is particularly busy.

Remember to email me if you would like to join our merry band of volunteers for term 1, 2015. We have a lot of fun and it is a great way to get to know people around the school - children and parents alike. The uniform shop is on a Wednesday in the odd weeks of term (ie week 1, 3, 5 etc).

It is great to see children wearing their uniforms proudly. They really do look fantastic!

Keep up the good work and see you in the red and green!!

Amanda Vince
SIPPS Uniforms Coordinator
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#### Community Notices

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Dear Parent,

Looking for activities for your child these school holidays that are fun and educational? Sign your child up for the Junior Science Academy at Macquarie University!

The Junior Science Academy is a new program offered by Access Macquarie Limited to help children develop their understanding of science concepts and knowledge. It aims to support their science understanding and enhance and extend their school science learning.

To find out more, visit: [www.juniorscienceacademy.com](http://www.juniorscienceacademy.com)

The Junior Science Academy is supported by the Faculty of Science academic staff at Macquarie University and delivered by final semester student teachers.

JANUARY 2015 SCHEDULE

- Forces (including magnets and gyroscopes)
- Chemistry
- Wild Weather & Wind
- Living Things
- Robotics and magnets: Advanced (for children with a keen interest in science and who already have an understanding of basic scientific concepts).

Children may attend any day or days of each program, or all days. Our program runs from 9.30am to 4.30pm. Drop off is from 8.30am to 9.30am and pick up is from 4.30pm to 5.30pm at the Macquarie University campus, North Ryde. Drop off and pick up times are supervised.

Please see [website](http://www.juniorscienceacademy.com) for more details, including the activities on each day, and to book your child’s place for the January school holidays.

Please share with colleagues, friends and family who you think could be interested.

See you in January!
The Junior Science Academy team

[www.juniorscienceacademy.com](http://www.juniorscienceacademy.com)