Dear Parents,

Happy St Patrick’s Day
Green was the canteen’s theme today in recognition of St Patrick’s Day. Thank you to Carla Wilson and Linda Croft for coordinating some green treats for students and staff to enjoy.

Value of the Month - Respect

Respect is having regard for yourself and others, lawful and just authority and diversity within Australian society and accepting the right of others to hold different or opposing views

In school communities, evidence of this value includes:

• regarding as important the opinions of parents
• implementing government education policy

In classrooms, evidence of this value includes:

• accepting the right of others to hold different views to your own
• listening to others without interrupting
• obeying school rules
• acknowledging the strengths and abilities of students
• affirming cultural diversity within the school community.

Today at SIPPS, I spoke to students about how they can show Respect towards other people, the school and the environment. They can do this by:

• speaking politely and in a friendly manner
• playing safely and fairly
• looking after personal belongings and school property and
• putting rubbish in the bin and keeping the school environment clean and tidy
• wearing their school uniform correctly (minus jewellery)

Harmony Day – ‘Together we can’

This Friday March 21, we will be celebrating Harmony Day. Harmony Day is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. The key message of Harmony Day is ‘Everyone Belongs’. It’s about community participation, inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. This Friday, our students are encouraged to wear something orange. They will also be working on an artwork to express the Harmony Day theme. Our student leaders will be joining in Harmony Day celebrations at Sir Eric Woodward School as SIPPS ambassadors.

Tree Safety

Here at SIPPS we have a history of being proactive on the issue of tree safety. Each year we have engaged Forest Tree Services to audit trees on our site and attend to any identified risks. This Thursday, in accordance with a recent DEC directive we had an accredited arborist inspect the trees on our site and prepare a tree safety report.

Student Wellbeing before School

There have been a number of students arriving at school before playground supervision is available in the mornings. Parents are kindly reminded that students are not to arrive before 8:40am in the morning unless they are booked into the OOSH or have another organised activity such as sports/tennis training that is scheduled and supervised by the coach/manager.

Regular School Attendance

From time to time I have requests from parents and carers relating to school attendance and its administration. To be of assistance in this area, I have sent home today an information sheet for parent and carers. This document can also be accessed through the following link:
Please don’t hesitate to contact the school on 9144 4085 or your child’s class teacher if you have any questions about school attendance.

**Grand friends/Easter Hat Parade**

On the last day of this term, Friday April 11, SIPPS will be holding our annual Easter Hat Parade/Grandfriends’ Day. We have also invited some students from the Sir Eric Woodward School to share in our celebration. The program is as follows:

12:00 – 12:20pm Grandfriends visit classrooms
12:20 – 12:30 Classes and visitors assemble underneath COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area)
12:30 - 1:15 Easter Hat Parade
1:15 – 2:15 Picnic lunch (families are invited to bring a picnic lunch to share together)
2:15 – 3:10pm Return to classrooms for pack up and home time preparation

Please see the note that has been sent home today regarding this event.

Best Wishes

Gillian Tegg
Principal

**Notes from Office**

- Moving into Year 7 – Expression of Interest forms for all Grade 6 students (excluding International Students) are due back by **Friday 21st March** – there are one or two forms still outstanding.

- Permission note for Yr 1 & 2 excursion to the Australian Maritime Museum to be returned to the office, with excursion payment, by Friday 21st March.

- The Term 1 Family Invoice payments have been coming in to the office at a steady rate. Please send in your Term 1 payment if you have not already done so.

**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

Our next P&C meeting for 2014 is this Wednesday 19 March, and will be held in the Library 7.15 pm for 7.30 - 9.00.

All parents and carers welcome - we look forward to seeing you there.
Agenda

FORMALITIES
Attendees (present/apologies)
Approval of previous minutes
Communications

REPORTS
President's report
Principal's report
Treasurer's report

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Uniform Shop
Canteen - new equipment requirements
PR
Tennis Courts - developments in booking opportunities
Class Parents
Environment

FUNDRAISING
Bare Creek Trail Run update
Fundraising opportunities and targets

ANY OTHER BUSINESS
Coffee machine and supplies
School rules and policies which apply to us all

POSITION VACANT: Bare Creek Trail Run Coordinator

The 2014 P&C is looking to find a volunteer (or 2 parent volunteers who could work together) to
Coordinate the Bare Creek Trail Run this year. The P&C is looking into outsourcing several areas of the
run and would like to work with a Parent Coordinator to deliver the Event in 2014.

It would be ideal but not necessary, if the parent volunteer/s has experience in the following areas:

* Working with and managing a volunteer organisation
* Event management/organisation

The Parent Volunteer would work as a Committee Chair as a part of the fundraising arm of the P&C.

If you think you might be interested in filling this valuable role please contact Linda Croft at
lindapeatling@gmail.com or 0421 229 833.

Keith Oliver
P&C President
keitholiver@hotmail.com
Uniform Shop

Just as a reminder, you are able to order uniform items using the form in the office, or sms me on 0417 083650 or email on sippsuniforms@yahoo.com.au, and Mrs Morris will happily take cash or cheque upon uniform collection.

See you in the red and green!

Amanda Vince
Uniform Shop Coordinator
sippsuniforms@yahoo.com.au

Uniform Shop Roster for Term 1, 2014

Wed 26 Mar – Amanda, Kerry Balmanns, Daniella O’Leary

Wed 9 April – Amanda, Jemima Sharpe Holdich, Matt Churchouse, Anima Rajbhandari

Community Notices

DRAMA WORKSHOPS
Mon 14th – Thurs 17th April 2014

Marian Street Theatre for young people

for 5-12’s year olds
fun action-packed 4 days!
Something for everyone
Voice & Movement
Improvisation & Script Work

call 9498 7671 or info@mstyp.org.au
MSTYP Level 1/25 Merriwa St Gordon.
www.mstyp.org.au

FREE Child restraint safety check

DATE: Tuesday April 8, 2014
TIME: 9am to 2pm
LOCATION: Middle Level
Wade Lane Council Car Park
Gordon

You can have your child car restraints, harnesses and booster seats checked for safety and correct fit.

Children’s car restraints will be inspected by Authorised Restraint Fitters.

Bookings are essential and open
9am on Monday March 17, 2014
Contact Diane on 9424 0798

Pymble Swim School

TERM 1 SWIMMING LESSONS 2014

COMMencing TUESDAY 29TH FEBRUARY

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

For further information or bookings please contact Chris
chris@pymleswim.com.au / 0419 887 229

NSW Transport for NSW

An initiative of your local council as part of the Local Government’s Road Safety Program.
Parenting Programs

Child & Adolescent Parenting

WHAT’S ON IN TERM 2 - COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Tuning in to Kids Course (3-10 yrs)
Help your child develop emotional intelligence, manage emotions & deal with conflict.
Chatswood 5 wks/2.5 hrs (22/5 - 19/6, 7.00-9.30pm)

Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Course (3-8 yrs)
Strategies to encourage desirable behaviour and manage persistent misbehaviour.
Chatswood 7 wks - 5 group & 2 telephone (14/5 - 25/6, 7.00-9.30pm)

NEW Communicating with Kids Workshop (based on PET) (4-12 yrs)
Communication skills for building effective long term relationships with your children & family.
Chatswood (18/6, 7.00-9.30pm)

Tuning in to Teens Course
Emotional intelligence & communication skills to understand your adolescents’ needs & behaviour.
Chatswood 5 wks (19/5 - 23/6, 7.00-9.30pm)

Toddlers Workshops (1-3 yrs)
Series of 3 workshops on Discipline, Tucker & Toilet Training, Speech & Sleep
Chatswood 13/5, 20/5 & 27/5 (3 wks/2.5 hrs each, 7.00-9.30pm)

Resilient Kids Workshop
Strategies to accept & express feelings, develop optimistic thinking & coping skills
Chatswood (15/5, 7.00-9.30pm)

Dealing with Teen’s Backchat Workshop
Learn how to restore a respectful & positive relationship between you & your teenager
Chatswood (12/5, 7.00-9.30pm)

WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST – PHONE 9887 5830 (2-2.5 hours)

* Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums
* Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training
* Speech & Language Development/Sleep
* Older Sibling - New Baby
* Bully Busting
* Resilient Kids
* Transition to School
* Transition to High School
* Triple P Seminar Series 1-12 yrs & Teens
* Communicating with Kids
* Dealing with Teen’s Back Chat
* Grand Parenting

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting 9887 5830

NSW Health
Northern Sydney Local Health District

Dash and their child on
Graze from time to time...