Dear Parents,

**Harmony Day – ‘Together we can’**

Last Friday was our celebration of multiculturalism at SIPPs when we acknowledged Harmony Day. The students wore orange, the official Harmony Day colour, and painted a self-portrait that will form a school based mural representing all the different cultures represented in our school community. I would like to thank Mrs Apter for initiating and organising this project.

Also on Friday, our school captains, prefects and senior SRC members attended the Harmony Day celebration at Sir Eric Woodward School. This opportunity enabled them to enjoy and respond to a wonderful program of international music, multicultural displays and traditional ‘aussie’ barbecue. They were great ambassadors for our school and I was very proud of the way they participated enthusiastically in all aspects of the day. I would like to thank the principal, staff, students and parents of Sir Eric Woodward School for their generous and warm hospitality. We look forward to welcoming Sir Eric Woodward students to some or our school events this year.
Thank you to class 5S and Mrs Swift for last week’s assembly item which featured a complicated body percussion routine which the students performed with style and precision. It was a very entertaining performance. The class artwork also provided a decorative backdrop for the occasion and showcased the artistic talent of the students. Congratulations 5S.
ANZAC Assembly
An invitation is extended to members of the school community who would like to participate in a special assembly to commemorate the ANZAC tradition. This will take place on Tuesday 8th April at 9:30 in the area adjacent to our school hall. Our House Captains will be attending the memorial service in Hyde Park Sydney on Wednesday April 9.

Student Assistance Scheme
Schools have at their disposal a very limited amount of funds to support students and families. These funds are to assist with educational activities and materials throughout the year. Parents are welcome to speak to the Principal, in confidence, regarding this support so that all children are able to enjoy all aspects of the educational programs offered at SIPPS.

P&C
Last Wednesday evening, I had the pleasure of attending an OOSH staff meeting and P&C meeting. It was good to meet staff and parents who make such a positive difference to the school experience for all our students. We have had a very successful start to the 2014 school year with projects well underway to achieve a shared vision of how to enhance learning opportunities and experiences for SIPPS students. At the P&C meeting, I reported on the following projects/areas:

Technology

- A new Interactive Whiteboard has been successfully installed in 4BJs classroom.
- Wifi installation will get underway shortly with one of three quotes being accepted. The cost of components, cabling and installation will be $16, 525. Once this is completed then we will be able to utilise our ipads.
- We will receive three more computer tables for our computer lab for a more functional and cohesive learning space.

Curriculum focus
The New NSW English syllabus, for the Australian Curriculum, is being implemented in all classrooms in 2014. New aspects include objectives relating to students responding to texts that are multimodal including digital; creativity and reflection on learning.

Improvement in Spelling is a target this year. Teachers have recently attended professional learning to develop strategies and explicit instruction in the four forms of spelling knowledge:

- **Phonological** – How words sound
- **Visual** – How words look
- **Morphemic** – How words change form
- **Etymological** – Where words come from
Learning and Support

The Learning and Support processes are focussed on building capacity and supporting teachers to make learning accommodations and adjustments so every student has access to the curriculum on an equal basis. Visual timetables are being provided for every classroom as a strategy to be more inclusive. Two Student Learning Support Officers (SLSOs), Mrs Tan and Mrs Tysoe are working at SIPPS this year as well as our permanent Learning and Support Teacher 3 days a week Mrs Apter.

Grand friends/Easter Hat Parade/Book Fair

Here is a reminder about our special event for the last day of this term, Friday April 11. SIPPS will be holding our annual Easter Hat Parade/Grandfriends’ Day.

We will also be holding a Book Fair in the school library. Parents and friends are invited to visit the Library and purchase books, posters and novelty stationary to benefit our library. Thank you to our Mrs Allman and Ms Russell for organising this important fundraiser for our school. The program times are:

8:00am – 3:30pm  Book Fair
12:00 – 12:20pm  Grandfriends visit classrooms
12:20 – 12:30   Classes and visitors assemble underneath COLA
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

Best wishes for a great week

Gillian Tegg
Principal

Notes from Office

- 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.

Bendigo Banking is available for students. Forms are available through the school office to open an account and once a week the bank collects deposits from students.
Modball – Tanya Moggian

The 2014 Modball season is off to a fantastic start for both our Junior and Senior teams who play each week with enthusiasm, vigour and of course some serious skill! Our senior team has come away with excellent results yet again this week to remain undefeated all term.

The junior team have demonstrated outstanding team work and fair play throughout their games, quickly recovering from their first game jitters against Pymble to come away with successive wins.

This week was a very close game against Beaumont Rd where the Junior team thought they had met their match - but all their hard work paid off as they maintained their lead to win the game. The results so far...

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Touch Football – Sarah Beaumont-Jones

Junior - The first match for the season was a nail biter between St Ives Park A vs St Ives Park B. Both teams worked hard on their defence and it showed! The game remained even at 1 try a piece until the last 3 minutes when a long pass to Sean Simunovic led to a late try and victory for the A’s.

Both teams worked extremely hard in their second matches, with the A's defeating Beaumont Road 7 -0 and the B's holding off Lindfield to achieve a 1 all draw. A special mention to Matthew Bright and Alec Baele who were called "players with heart" by the coach of the opposition.

Senior - This week the seniors were very excited to get into their matches and it showed. The boys worked hard to hold off St Ives North for a 0 - 0 draw. While they were unfortunate to concede a try to Chatswood in the early minutes, they played on and defended their line with passion to ensure that no more points were awarded. Unfortunately the Chatswood defence was too strong and the boys lost 1-0 but the boys should be commended on their ability to work as a team in tough games.

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
St Ives Park will host the Scholastic Book Fair on Friday April 11th

On Friday April 11th our Library will be transformed into the 'Oasis of Reading'. You are invited to visit the Library and purchase books, posters and novelty stationary to benefit our Library.

The Book Fair is an important event for the school. All of the proceeds raised go directly to supplying the Library with literary resources for our children. Each year the Librarian relies on the Book Fair to be able to stock the Library with the most popular books to keep our Conspiracy, Pokemon, Beast Quest, and EJ12 reading children up on the newest and greatest books! Each year this event provides in excess of $1000 for our Library.

Your children will have an opportunity to peruse the books during Library Class that week.

The Book Fair will be open from 8.00am - 3.30pm
Where: The Library
When: Friday April 11th

For questions contact tararussell97@yahoo.com or sony55@hotmail.com

P&C Opportunities: Fundraising Coordinator and Entertainment Book Organiser
The P&C would like someone to take on the role of Fundraising Coordinator. Please note, this does not involve running the fundraising activities, but rather keeping track of them.

In addition, we do need someone to run one of these activities - the Entertainment Book, which for many years has generated significant funds for very little effort, and has been very beneficial to families who have bought these through the school. The new edition has some exciting developments.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Keith Oliver at keitholiver@hotmail.com

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Uniform Shop

They've arrived!!! The new winter Polar Fleece jackets are here for winter!! They are warm 300 gsm anti pill polar fleece, embroidered with the school logo. They are available NOW by order (sizes 4,6,8,10,12, 14) and are $30 each.

I have almost filled my roster for Term 2 with my wonderful helpers, but if you would like to help out in the Uniform shop for the few remaining spots (Wed 14 May and Wed 25 July x 2), please contact me at sippsuniforms@yahoo.com.au

The next uniform shop is this Wednesday, 26 March from 0845, so come and say hello, stock up or be one of the first to snaffle a new winter Polar Fleece!!!

See you in the red and green!

Amanda Vince
Uniform Shop Coordinator
sippsuniforms@yahoo.com.au
To coincide with Grandfriends’ Day and the Easter Hat Parade on Friday 11/4/14, the Library will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair.

This Book Fair provides an opportunity for families to visit the Library on this day to purchase books and other items, from a huge display, for their own family and friends. The SIPPS Library benefits from all purchases made by families at the Book Fair. We are given a percentage of the total sales collected on the day as either cash or books. The money raised will purchase much needed resources for our Library. The Book Fair will run from 8am-3.30 pm in the Library.

Students will be able to preview the items for sale and create a wish list prior to the event.

We look forward to meeting you on the day.

Virginia Allman
Teacher-Librarian

Brochures for MindQuest are available from the office foyer.
Information for Newsletter

MindQuest 2014
Glenwood HS
Cnr Forman Ave and Glenwood Park Ave
Glenwood 2768
Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 June 2014 9.30am-3.30pm

On Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 June the 72nd MindQuest program will be held for gifted and talented primary students from Years 1-6 at Glenwood HS. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with well above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 36 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, chemistry and much more. Most of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students’ evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is $175 (including GST).

Glenwood HS is in the Baulkham Hills area close to the M7 and is easy to get to from most parts of Sydney. 20 mins Beecroft, 35 mins North Sydney, 25mins Strathfield, 30 mins Richmond, Penrith and Hornsby.

Contact your school for a brochure or call Shelagh 02 4232 2494 Closing Date: Friday 16 May

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Active Kuring-gai

Junior Golf
North Turramura Golf Course
361a Bobbin Head Rd
North Turramura

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

• For girls and boys 5 - 12 years
• All skill levels welcome: cadets and intermediate
• Learn driving, pitching and putting
• From our golf pros

Week 1: Monday 14 April - Thursday 17 April
Week 2: Tuesday 22 April - Thursday 24 April
Time: 10am - 1pm

Wet weather: Golf will be cancelled and refunded
Bring: sunscreen, small lunch, drink and a hat

Book fast - limited spots available

COST
$40 PER DAY - Per child

HOW TO BOOK
Ku-ring-gai Council, 910 Pacific Hwy, Gordon
North Turramura Golf Course
Bobbin Head Rd, North Turramura
9424 0802


CHECK OUT THE TERM 2 SCHOOL PROGRAM DATES
Tuesday 29 April - Tuesday 24 June
3.45pm - 4.45pm - $135 FOR 9 WEEKS