Dear Parents,

Thank you to
Class 2M for creating their artwork, ‘Marvellous Monsters’ that is now on display in our administration office.
Class 1/2BF for their lovely rendition of “Catch a Falling Star” at last week’s K-6 assembly.
Jane for her wonderful piano accompaniment of school singing at last week’s K-6 assembly. It is great to have such a talented piano player to enhance our formal assemblies.

Dates to Diary

No. 5 Term 1, Week 6, 3rd March 2014

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School Security No. 1300 880 021
Class Parent volunteers. This system is important in assisting effective communication across the school and organising important fundraising events. This group will be meeting soon with coordinator Mrs Holdich to discuss this year’s program. I would like to thank Jemima for coordinating this team.

Parent Survey Feedback
Thank you once again to all parents who participated in the recent Parent Survey. The following is a summary of the findings. Altogether we had 45 returns.

What people like most about SIPPS included all some or all of the following:

- Small size school
- Large grounds
- Friendly school community feel
- Helpful staff
- Great teachers
- Informative newsletter
- Close to home

The above features were also reasons parents gave for enrolling children to SIPPS.

The main areas for improvement that were identified were:

- Communication 31%
- Sports facilities/programs 17%
- Technology 12%
- Gardens/grounds 9%
- Air conditioning 5%

The main ideas suggested for improving communication at SIPPS was through:

- Website, regular maintenance 24%
- Email updates 20%
- Timely notification of upcoming events 9%
- Hard copies of weekly newsletter 7%
- New parents orientation strategies 7%
- School calendar updates and distribution 7%
- Notice board, regular updates 7%

We have already been working with members of the school community to build upon our school’s strengths in order to implement continuous improvement processes at SIPPS. Thank you for to everyone who has and will continue to contribute.
**SRC News**
Our Student Representative Council contributes to the appropriate process of decision making in our school. The SRC have recently reached a decision on how students can use high-bounce handballs safely in the playground. The rules devised by our SRC are now being trialled on our handball courts. All students have been reminded of the following rules:

- No hard bounces
- Use for handball only – not kicking games
- Play must stay on the handball court
- Don’t throw balls at people or buildings
- If the ball rolls out of bounds, leave and claim only with adult supervision

**SIPPS Working Bee**

We are having a Working Bee on **Sunday, 9th March** from 8am to 12 noon.

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING THE KIDS!** BBQ lunch afterwards for all volunteers

**CALLING FOR DADS & MUMS to:**
- Remove old furniture and rubbish from container
- Relocate equipment
- Tidy Eco garden
- Whipper-snipper oval bank and garden edges
- Repair, sanding and re-coat outdoor furniture
- Clear weeds around tennis court area

To register please contact Mr Keith Oliver (Environment Coordinator) on 0423 877 280 or koliver@hotmail.com

**SIPPS ‘Clean Up Day’**

Last Friday wet weather prevented our school clean-up day. Better weather today made this activity possible and as a result our school is free from playground rubbish. We will be purchasing some new bins to encourage students to maintain a rubbish free playground environment. Parents and carers can support the students by providing waste free lunches.

**Canteen**
The new look canteen menu has now been uploaded onto the school’s website. Also please be reminded that from today there are no counter sales available on Mondays during lunchtime. Students who wish to purchase food for lunch on Monday must pre-order their lunch. The canteen will operate as usual on Thursdays.

**Zone Swimming Carnival**
This **Thursday 6th March**, SIPPS swimmers will compete in the Zone Swimming Carnival at Lane Cove Pool. I would like to thank Mrs Byatt, Miss Moggian and Miss Beaumont Jones for coordinating our school’s participation and parents who have volunteered to transport students to and from the event. Miss Moggian and Miss Beaumont Jones will be attend the carnival with our students. Congratulations to those students who have qualified for this event and best wishes for a successful swim.

Best wishes for a great week.

Gillian Tegg
Principal
Notes from Office

- SIPPS woodwind tuition – all payments due to the school by this **Friday 7th March** (in a labelled sealed envelope).

- Stewart House School clothing appeal closes this **Friday 7th March** – this is a good time of the year to have a change-of-season clean-up of clothing and linen so check your wardrobes and pass on anything you, your child, or anyone in your family, have out-grown, out-loved or will not wear again, fill up the Stewart House bag and return it to the office – your donations are much appreciated.

- Permission note for Grade 5/6 Excursion to the Birdlife Discovery Centre at Olympic Park on Thursday 13th March PLUS a permission note for the Grade 5/6 excursion to CARES for bicycle education on Thursday 27th March – all notes to be in by **Tuesday 11th March**.

- Moving into Year 7 – Expression of Interest forms for all Grade 6 students (excluding International Students) are due back by **Friday 21st March**.
SIPPS Tennis Courts available for permanent and casual hire. To arrange a booking please call Vera Dedijer 0403 500 301 or sippstennis@gmail.com

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th March at 7.30pm in the School Library.

Library

Dr Seuss
Some of the classes have been enjoying and discussing the works of Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr Seuss. Dr Seuss (1904-1991) was an American author and illustrator of such well known children’s books as The Cat in the Hat, Green Eggs and Ham and The Lorax to name just a few. The students are always surprised to learn that their favourite movies were originally a book! It was Dr Seuss’s birthday on Sunday March 2nd.

Here is a link to the SEUSSVILLE website:
http://www.seussville.com/

World Read Aloud Day
March 5th is World Read Aloud day. Take this opportunity to read aloud with your child and celebrate everything great about books (print and ebook variety) and reading.

“World Read Aloud Day is an awareness day advocating for literacy as a right that belongs to all people, celebrated around the world annually on the first Wednesday in March.

World Read Aloud Day motivates children, teens, and adults worldwide to celebrate the power of words, especially those words that are shared from one person to another.

By raising our voices together on this day, we show the world’s children that we support their future: that they have the right to read, to write, and to share their words to change the world.”

http://worldreadaloudday.org/

Students in K-2 are reminded that they need to bring a named library bag to their lesson so that books borrowed are kept safe and dry. It is optional for our students in Stage 2 and 3 to bring a library bag. We do have a small supply of recycled plastic shopping bags for those students who need a bag. I am always grateful for any clean, dry plastic shopping bags you would like to donate to our supply.

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is a challenge encouraging students to read a variety of quality books from extensive reading lists.

Students in K-2 complete the PRC challenge at school with their class teacher as part of their wider reading program. Students in Years 3-6 complete the PRC challenge independently. Class teachers and myself, can answer any questions you might have. The 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) officially begins in March and concludes in August. All students are encouraged to be involved in this reading challenge. Books are clearly marked in our Library so that the students can locate appropriate books.
also have a paper copy of the reading lists for students to refer to. There will be plenty more updates and information in future Patter editions. The link to the PRC is as follows:  

Virginia Allman  
Teacher Librarian  

"The more that you read, the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.”  
Dr Seuss: I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!

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**Uniform Shop**

I have just ordered more girls winter tunics in preparation for the winter terms - I already have some in stock, so if you would like to come in and beat the rush, I would be happy to see you.

I have plenty of boys long sleeve shirts and ties already, and I am excited that the new winter unisex Polar Fleece jackets are probably arriving in a couple of weeks - watch this space!!

I would again like to thank my lovely band of volunteers - they do a great job!!

Thankyou also to the wonderful office staff who act as my 'go between' - particularly Trudi Morris. 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

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**Uniform Shop Roster for Term 1, 2014**

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# 2014 Term 1 Canteen Roster

Thank you to our fabulous volunteers!
If any parents or grandparents can spare a few hours a term to help out please contact CARLA WILSON on carlawilsipps@gmail.com

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Community Notices

Pymble Swim School
Crown Road, Pymble

TERM 1 SWIMMING LESSONS 2014
COMMENCING TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY
LEARN TO SWIM / STROKE CORRECTION / SQUADS
EVERY WEEKDAY AFTERNOON AND SATURDAY
MORNINGS
FOR BOOKINGS AND MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CHRIS:
chris@pymswim.com.au / 0438831066

St Ives Junior Cricket Club
Girls 8-12 years
Fun Cricket Clinic Friday 7th March
Warrimoo Oval, St Ives Chase, 5.30-7pm
No experience necessary and all equipment provided

Just $10 to attend (book before Wed 5th March, 5pm)
To book go to: www.trybooking.com/EIVG

St Ives Junior Cricket Club have made great inroads into introducing more girls to the great game of cricket this season. The inaugural Little Breakers league saw 34 girls join the Club to participate in a fabulous 8 per side competition which finished up just prior to Christmas last year. The atmosphere was fantastic with music playing and sausages sizzling and the girls involved all visibly having such a great time whilst learning some cricket skills in a relaxed and fun environment. We expect the competition to be bigger and better when it commences again in Sept/ Oct this year - with Cricket NSW planning on rolling out the concept across the whole of NSW. This clinic is designed for girls who might be interested in playing next season and just want to get a taste of what it’s all about. Absolutely no prior cricket experience necessary.

Any questions: contact Rachel Schofield at operations@stivescricket.org.au ph: 9011 7524