Dear Parents

**Welcome back**
I would like to welcome all our students, staff and parents back to a new and exciting term of learning and events at SIPPS. Today staff were back at school for professional learning which included updated anaphylaxis training, online software and ipad training. Classes for students will commence tomorrow.

In this week’s edition of The Patter, we have included a Term calendar to help members of our school community plan for the weeks ahead. Please note that there may be some adjustments to the calendar as the term progresses. Please continue to check The Patter, school website each week for updates. As mentioned previously, we will be shortly introducing our school app which will further enhance communication across our school community.

**Final week highlights**
Highlights from the last week of Term 1 were many and varied. ANZAC Day was commemorated in two very special ways at SIPPS. First we had our school service superbly organised and led by Miss Moggian and our student leaders.
Later in the week I accompanied our Prefects and House Captains to the RSL & Schools commemorative ANZAC service at the War Memorial in Hyde Park Sydney. As school ambassadors they represented our community with dignity and integrity. Their outstanding behaviour was also acknowledged by other commuters, one of whom took the time to telephone our school and congratulate our students for their outstanding conduct. I would like to thank Mrs Strohkorb for her help with transportation on the day.

A second highlight of the last week was our Easter Hat Parade/Grandfriends’ Day and Book Fair. Fortunately the weather stayed fine so we could enjoy the scheduled program that included class parades, finale dance, family picnics and shopping in the library. I would like to thank students and staff from Sir Eric Woodward school for visiting our school and being involved in the parade. I would also like to thank the P&C and all parents who assisted with the book fair and the sale of tea and coffee. We will update albums on our website with more photos from these events.

Another great event was 3G’s special assembly item which was also a great science lesson all about matter. Their talent was so well received that they gave an encore performance at the conclusion of the school assembly. I would like to congratulate Mr Guzman and his class for a very entertaining and educational item.

**Winter School Uniform**
Officially students should now be wearing their winter uniform to school. However, for the next two weeks while we are transitioning into the cooler months, students will be permitted to wear either their full summer or winter uniform to school. For Weeks 1 & 2 of this term we are kindly asking parents to use their judgement and ensure that all students are in a correct school uniform which is either the full summer or winter uniform.

**2015 Opportunity Class Applications**
Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is opportunity class placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students.

Offers for opportunity class placement will be made on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Wednesday 23 July 2014**.

The application process for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2015 is now open. Parents of our Year 4 students are invited to make an application for their child from **Monday 28 April 2014** until **Friday 16 May 2014**. Applications made after the closing date will **NOT** be accepted.

Parents are invited to apply online at the following link: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement)
There are a limited number of paper application forms available at the school office for applicants who don’t have access to an internet connection, computer and printer. Please see the school office if you require further assistance.

**SIPPS Cross Country Carnival**
Next Monday, weather permitting, will be our school Cross Country Carnival. It will take place at Acron Oval. The students will be walking to and from the oval. The General Permission Notes signed by parents when students start at the school covers this excursion. Parents will receive additional information and general advice about this carnival in a separate note sent home tomorrow.

Best wishes for a great week.

Gillian Tegg  
Principal

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**Notes from Office**

Reminders: Notes are due in for the rescheduled Stage 3 CARES excursion, the Gymnastics program for Years K-6 and ICAS completion entries (Yrs 3-6).

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**Stewart House**

**STEWART HOUSE DAY 2014 Donation Drive**

**Students & Supporters**

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**STEP 1...** Take home the envelope and fill in your name, address, telephone number and school.

**STEP 2...** Insert a donation of at least $2 into the envelope and seal it.

**STEP 3...** Return the envelope to your teacher.

**Important Information**
The winning entry for the $4,000 family holiday to a destination of choice (brokered through JC Travel Professionals) will be drawn on Friday 23rd May 2014 at 1.00pm. The winner and the winner’s school will be contacted by phone and mail as soon as possible after 1.00pm. The winner’s name will be published in the Sydney Morning Herald.

Full terms and conditions for this competition are available on our website: www.stewarthouse.org.au.

If you choose not to enter, please recycle the envelopes.

An envelope has been sent for each family. If you do not receive an envelope please see Mrs Morris in the school office.
PSSA

Week 11 Term 1 Modball and Touch PSSA Results

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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

Mothers Day Cupcake Decorating Afternoon Tea !!

To celebrate all the wonderful mothers in our school, this year we will be hosting a fun afternoon of Cupcake Decorating on Wednesday 7th of May 2014 from 2pm outside the school hall.

The afternoon will involve the children decorating cupcakes for their mum’s and themselves with yummy icing and all manner of delicious treats, using all their artistic talents (and very sticky fingers). Once decorated the children and their mums will be able to enjoy their cupcakes at school for afternoon tea. Alternatively if the children would like to take their cupcakes home to enjoy with mum later they will be provided with a container to do so.

The cupcakes are to be pre-ordered and will cost $2.50 each. A note was sent home at the end of last term. We ask that the order form and payment be returned to school by Tuesday 29th April 2014. An envelope containing the completed order form and payment can be placed in the “Mother’s Day” silver box in the office foyer.

This event is open all students at the school and we would like to ensure that any children with allergies can take part. If you have a child with an allergy please contact Daniella O’Leary (daniella_oleary@hotmail.com) regarding the details of this allergy. We will then make sure your child has cupcakes to decorate on the day.

So please come along and enjoy a fun and sticky afternoon with the kids.

Daniella O’Leary  
(Class Parent KA)
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