Dear Parents,

Thank you SIPPS Community

Thank you to all members of the St Ives Park Public School learning community who have put in an enormous effort this term. Last week was a great demonstration of how well our community can come together to support all SIPPS students. I have included a collection of photos at the end of my report to celebrate another wonderful finish to an eventful Term 3 at SIPPS.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Great Book Swap on Wednesday 10th September. There was an excellent selection of books brought in by students. It was a popular event and students all left with great books to read. The event raised $203 for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation to buy new books for students in remote communities. The remaining books will also be donated to a charitable organisation.
Thanks to students and parents/carers for supporting last week’s SRC disco. Students participated enthusiastically dressed as their favourite book character. The amount raised for The Make a Wish Foundation was $393. Congratulations to our SRC for this achievement.

Finally thank you and well-done to the organisers and participants of the wonderfully successful P&C Working Bee and Family Fun Sports Day which was held yesterday on a perfect Spring day. The team of students, parents and teachers worked very hard to make our gardens look wonderful.

The sports afternoon was also very well attended and everyone enjoyed participating in activities such as tennis, tug-o-war, soccer shoot-outs and much more.

Congratulations to the coordinators Keith Oliver and 3G class parent representatives Estelle Box, Samantha Romer-Mulhearn and Barbara Read.

Thanks to many others who helped, contributed to or attended yesterday’s event. Thanks to all of 3G as well as a special thanks to Linda Croft, Carla Wilson, Amanda Vince, Keith Oliver and Susie Bright. The fundraising efforts of our school community achieved the following amounts to support all SIPPS students. Congratulations to all prize winners.

- Raffle: $475
- Silent Auction $210
- Cakes: $235
- TOTAL = $920

The P&C and I would also like to thank and acknowledge the following sponsors for their generosity and kindness.

- Book Review St Ives
- Books and Beyond
- Chris Dormer’s Pymble Swim School
- ZAP variety store
- St Ives Shopping Village
- North Shore Tennis
- Kidstuff
- Toys & Tales
- Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu
- Grace Academy
- Wallabies

**SIPPS Spectacular**

An invitation is extended to all SIPPS families to come and experience our SIPPS Spectacular concert tomorrow **Tuesday 16 September**. There will be two opportunities to see our show. These times are:

- **1:30 – Matinee Performance**
- **6:30 – Evening Performance**

We are looking forward to sharing with you the artistic talents of our students.
Thank you to Madame Smith for her musical direction and stage management of our show.

**ICAS English**

The results for the ICAS English Competition have been delivered. Congratulations to the following SIPPS students who were awarded:

**Merit:** Issac Jung
**Credit:** Sean Simunovic, Julia Colley, Aden Zaki, Iris Lee and Lochie Simunovic

These students will receive their certificates at this Thursday’s K-6 assembly. Participation certificates and individual performance reports will also sent home this week with students.

**Interschool Tennis Competition**

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to compete in the annual interschool tennis competition. They are:

**Juniors:** Tom Menck, Tyler Forrester, Tyler Webb and Sean Simunovic

**Seniors:** Dan Foley, Hudson Holdich, Anastasia Berezov, Joshua Clarke

These students will compete with others from St Ives Public School and Gordon East Public School this **Wednesday 17 September**. The senior students will be playing at SIPPS and our junior reps will travel to St Ives Public School to compete there. Good luck and ‘Go SIPPS’

**iMovie Presentation**

Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4 ) will be showcasing their movie making talent to teachers and parents this **Friday 19 September** from 9:30 until 10:30 in the school assembly hall. Please come and share with our young film makers of the future their special presentations that have been recorded & edited on our school ipads.

**Parent/Carer afternoon tea**

Last Monday, I enjoyed another opportunity to meet with SIPPS parents/carers at our second afternoon tea forum to discuss current and future programs and initiatives to support quality teaching and learning at SIPPS.

This invitation is extended to all parents/carers when we meet next term on **Monday 13 October at 2:30pm** in the staffroom. I hope to see many of you there. Please let your class parent representative know if you can make it so we can anticipate numbers.

Those people who couldn’t attend last Monday’s afternoon tea may wish to catch up with my report on school initiatives/programs at the final **P&C meeting** of this term which will be held in the school staffroom at 7:30pm this **Wednesday 17 September**.
Happy Holidays

This Friday is the last day of Term 3. I hope that all our students and families enjoy a safe and restful Spring break. I look forward to welcoming all staff and students back to school on Tuesday 7 October 2014.

Enjoy your week and your school holidays

Gillian Tegg
Principal

Notes from Office

• PSSA – summer program recommences Week 1, Term 4 – Friday 10 October. Permission notes and bus levy request will be sent home today. Please return by Thursday 9th October as PSSA recommences the next day and there will not be sufficient time to handle any late notes before the bus leaves!

• Life Education – Once again the Life Education mobile van is visiting SIPPS from Thursday 9th October to Monday 13th October. Permission notes will be sent home today. All permissions to be returned by Thursday 9th October.

• Dance2Bfit Fitness Program will be conducted for all grades K-6 in Term 4. Permission notes for this program have been sent home today. Please return all permissions and program cost by Thursday 9th October.

Please get your permission note and payments in early.

Reminder re Payment Procedures: to enable the safe handling of the above permissions and payments please ensure that all payments are sent to school in a clearly marked sealed envelope. Students are to hand them to the class teacher at the designated time in the morning for initial recording and then delivery to the office. The school accepts cash/cheque or credit card via voucher (Visa/Mastercard) (minimum $20). A combined family payment for all or any of the above items can be made but please clearly itemise combined payments on the outside of the envelope with full information. Please do not hand any payment envelopes to the office or class teacher before or after school. Please do not combine these school payments with canteen or P&C payments.

Peer Support

Week 10

In this week’s final session of Living Positively the children will reflect on what they learned in Peer Support. They will remember to think optimistically, persevere and use positive self-talk. The children will learn about a model - I laugh, I live, I love. This will help them to remember the activities they enjoy, their strengths and to show appreciation to others. Discuss with your child ways they can live positively.

P&C

Working Bee/Family Fun Day

We had a magnificent turnout for our 3rd Working Bee on Sunday, and by mid-day there was a huge improvement in the gardens, paths and Eco Garden. Our thanks to Brinha & Sharanya Siva, Phil & Archie Lamont, Chris & Sarah Colley, Anthony, Phoebe & Sam Wood, Michael, Felise, Summer & Indy Fraser, Trevor, Emily & Matthew Bright and Joanna Peiser-Oliver, as well as Gillian Tegg, Sarah Beaumont-Jones, Sarah Swift and Melissa & John Field and their daughters.
Extra thanks from us all to Susie & Trevor Bright for bringing the sausages, onions & bread and setting up and running the BBQ. They bought along twice as many sausages as had been ordered, and still used the lot.

After weeks of seemingly endless rain, Sunday produced sunshine and blue skies, just what we needed for Family Fun Day, which like Father’s Day was an outstanding success and enjoyed by students, parents and staff. There are so many people to thank for this, but especially Estelle, Samantha and Barbara for organising this event, and the parents of Class 3G and other parents and staff for their help in running it.

All in all a great day!

**Next P&C Meeting**

Our next P&C Meeting for 2014 is this **Wednesday 17 September**, and it will be held in the Staff Room 7.30 - 9.00.

All parents and carers are most welcome to attend. Please let me know if there are any items you would like to add to the Agenda below:

**Agenda**

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

**REPORTS**
- President’s report
- Principal’s report
- Treasurer’s report

**SOCIAL/FUNDRAISING/EVENTS**
- Bare Creek Trail Run update
- Year 6 Farewell

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- Uniform Shop
- Canteen
- PR
- Tennis Courts
- Class Parents
- Environment

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
- Freezer for the Canteen

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**Bunnings Belrose on Sunday 12th October 2014.**

Thank you to all the parents that are helping out already but I still have **12.00 noon till 2.00pm** time slots available. If you can spare an hour or so during this busy time please let me know.

Susie Bright

tbright@bigpond.net
The community fun run hosted by OUR school.

Sunday 2nd November

49 DAYS TO GO!!!!

Everyone crossing the finish line will get a medal!

Enter Online: www.barecreektrailrun.com

Like us & spread the word: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bare-Creek-Trail-Run/154510074618371?ref_type=bookmark

Keith Oliver
keitholiver@hotmail.com

SIPPS Tennis Courts available for permanent and casual hire.
To arrange a booking please call Vera Dedijer 0403 500 301 or sippstennis@gmail.com
Thank you to all of the regular volunteers in the canteen that have helped keep it running consistently and smoothly throughout the year!! However, we are in need of more volunteers .......

We need volunteers for these dates in Term 4.

Thursday 9th October – 1 volunteer for 10-12noon
Thursday 16th October – 1 volunteer for 10-12noon
Monday 3rd November – 1 volunteer for 11-close
Monday 10th November – 2 volunteers for 10- close and 11-12noon
Thursday 13th November – 1 volunteer for 10-12noon
Monday 24th November – 2 volunteers for 10-close and 11-12noon
Thursday 11th December – 1 volunteer for 10-12noon

On all of these dates we have a regular experienced person rostered on so if you haven’t worked in canteen before there is no need to worry, you will be well supported and guided and it will be fun! Not to mention that your child will love seeing your face! In fact, it is a great opportunity to try it out.

We very much look forward to welcoming new faces into the canteen.

Please contact Jackie Samimi at jlsamimi@bigpond.net.au if you can spare a few hours on any of the above dates and would like to volunteer at the canteen. Many thanks everyone we look forward to seeing you!

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will next be open Wednesday 8th October 8.45 – 10am.

Amanda Vince
SIPPS Uniforms Coordinator
0417 083650
- The Delta Clinic proudly presents -

Free Community Seminar for Parents - 10th October 2014

Topic:

School Refusal: A Really..........."stubborn habit" and a "serious" problem.

Overview of Anxiety Disorder / School Refusal, helping parents to make sense of this debilitating condition and understanding the implication, consideration and consequences as well as how best to support their child/adolescent.

Speaker:

David Hong, Director Delta Clinic / Family & Couple Therapist

David Hong is a practicing Family & Couple Therapist with over 36 years experience in mental health service. He is the founder and director of The Delta Clinic since 2010, a private "one stop therapy centre" specializing in Child & Adolescent Mental Health in Sydney, Australia.

David has over 20 years experience working with children and adolescents with serious emotional & behavioural issues, and/or mental health problems, & their families. In particular he has developed an innovative and systemic approach to his work with ADHD and the families. He was the Senior Nursing Manager of Redbank House, a specialist mental health tertiary service for Children & Adolescents in Western Sydney and has worked for many years in the Catholic School System as an outreach family therapist and School Counsellor.

Venue: The Delta Clinic, 248 Old Northern Rd., Castle Hill. Cnr of Cecil Ave., enter on Cecil Avenue. Limited parking available on site.
Time: 7pm to 9pm
Date: 10th Oct. 2014

If interested please register by email as only limited seating available.
Email: thedeltaclinic@gmail.com