24 November 2015

Principal’s Message

P&C 2016

It was great to see good attendance at last week’s P&C’s Annual General Meeting. I took the opportunity on behalf of the school to thank all the outgoing executive officers for the wonderful and supportive role they have played in the life of our school and most importantly its students. The school would especially like to acknowledge Keith Oliver who has served on the SIPPS P&C for a period of 15 years many as President and Nadine Foley who has also volunteered much of her time and energy over the years as an office bearer and sub-committee member. We also appreciate greatly the contribution that Sony Robson who stepped in as Secretary this year. Also I would like to thank the Bright family who also after many years running P&C events and coordinating the canteen will be leaving the school at the end of this year.

Congratulations to the new office bearers who were elected last week. I am looking forward to working closely with the P&C to further enhance effective partnerships across the school that will support quality educational outcomes for our students. Please see the newly elected office bearers and sub-committee coordinators in the P&C report.

Eco-Garden Volunteers

Students have already planted seeds in new garden beds that were constructed and filled by parents at a special working bee recently. Thank you to the mums and dads who volunteered their time and energy to filling the beds ready for planting. Thank you to Mrs Cameron and Mrs Field who have been the teacher representatives on this new initiative to help students learn about sustainable living.

Thank you morning tea

On Wednesday 2 December, the staff would like to thank all volunteers who work in our school at a special morning tea in their honour. On this occasion we will recognise ongoing contributions of our scripture teachers, P&C representatives, parent volunteers who assist in classrooms, on excursions. We hope to see many members of our school community next Wednesday to thank you for your time and effort this year in supporting our students and their learning.

Parent Forum

Next Monday 30 November, we are holding our final Parent Forum in the staffroom at 2:30pm. On this occasion there will be a representative from ScopeIT to talk about a proposed coding program that will run next year in Term 2. Coding is considered as one of the essential skills for 21st Century learners and I would like to take this opportunity to get some feedback from parents on this proposal.
Upcoming Events

Our Semester 2 Gold assembly will be held at 2:20pm on Wednesday 2 December in our school hall. Our Year 6 students have been working hard on plans for their annual mini fete which will be lots of fun for the whole school and generate funds for their present to the school, a lasting legacy from which SIPPS can remember them by.

Student leadership elections

Year 5 students who wish to nominate for leadership roles in 2016 will be ready to present their speeches on Thursday 3 December at 11:30am in the school hall. Posters of the nominees will be on display around the school from today. The elections will take place on Monday 7 December. Best wishes to all Year 5 students who are standing for election as 2016 school leaders.

Best Wishes

Gillian Tegg

Inspiring & Nurturing Successful Lifelong Learners

Live Life Well @ School - Healthy Ideas

Fruit Salad....Yummy Yummy!

Fruit salad is a great idea for your fruit or vegetable break as it is full of colour, flavour and nutrients. It is also a great way of introducing new fruit.

Why not chop up your child’s favourite fruit and pop it all into a sealable container. Don’t forget a fork!!

Notes from Office

School Calendar

Unfortunately, the dates listed for November and December on the school calendar located on the school’s webpage has “dropped out” and has disappeared. While we attempt to remedy this and reinstate all the data there is an alternative calendar available with all relevant upcoming dates and information on the electronic version of the Schoolzine newsletter which is emailed to you. The calendar is located on the left hand side of the first page.

Planning for 2016

The school has commenced the process of planning staff and class needs for 2016. Could you please notify the office, if you have not already done so, if your child is not returning to SIPPS in 2016. If you are aware you may be returning late for the commencement of Term 1, please contact the office for an Application for Extended Travel Leave.
Kindergarten Excursion
Kindergarten classes are going on an excursion to Kimbriki Eco House and Garden on Tuesday 1st December. Please send in any outstanding permissions/payments as soon as possible.

Permission to Publish Information and Photographs
A reminder general ‘Permission to Publish’ student information form has been sent home to all who have not returned them. This is the same permission parents and caregivers are now asked to sign at enrolment on the new NSW Department of Education enrolment form and will update our database and school records.

Korean

Time for Korean with 밥шение님!

안녕하세요.

Hello everyone.

Throughout this term, students have learnt a new Korean song called 고리끼 아기바 (Mr Elephant).

They also made 종이에 만들기 (paper masks) to display their names in Korean.

고리끼 means an elephant in Korean.

Let’s sing 고리끼 아기바 (Mr Elephant)

고리끼 아기바는 고리 순이야. (Mr elephant uses his nose to eat it.)

사과를 주면은 고로 먹이지. (If I give him an apple he uses his nose to eat it.)

He gave the paper masks an idea to make a paper elephant.

A huge thank you to the Korean Education Centre for supporting Korean class. Korean class now has 소로 (korean traditional dress) that students can play. (韩国伝統の服 (the Korean traditional dress).)

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Gold certificates are awarded to students who have completed the PRC for four consecutive years and platinum certificates acknowledge 7 consecutive years of completing the PRC.

The following students will be awarded their special gold certificate at an Assembly when the certificates arrive at school.

**Gold Certificate Students**

- Hisae: Year 5
- Scott: Year 4
- Lua: Year 5
- Talia: Year 5
- Claire: Year 4
- Julia: Year 2
- Zoe Y: Year 5

Congratulations to the following Students who have completed the PRC for 5 or 6 consecutive years, another fantastic achievement.

- Patrick C: Year 4 (5 years)
- Cherry: Year 4 (5 years)
- Zoe T: Year 5 (6 years)

**Virginia Allman**

**PRC coordinator**

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**Library**

As the school year draws to a close, it is time to locate and return all library books.

Reminder notices will be sent home over the next few weeks. Please help your child to locate the books on the notice. If there are any issues please write me a note or drop by the Library on a Thursday or Friday.

All library books are due back to the Library for the 2015 school year by Thursday 3/12/15.

**New School Library System**

Oliver, the new school library system that is being rolled out to all Department of Education schools, is scheduled to go live at SIPPS on Friday 27/11/15.

This will be the culmination of 12 weeks of planning and preparation behind the scenes to allow a successful migration from OASIS (the old system used for the past 20 years) to the web based Oliver. Students will be provided with many opportunities to learn all about Oliver and all its features this year and in 2016.

**Virginia Allman**

**Teacher Librarian**

**Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) 2015**

Congratulations to the students who completed PRC this year. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

All students in K-2 have completed the PRC at school and will each receive a certificate acknowledging their participation. Students in years 3-6 are also encouraged to be involved in this Challenge and will also receive a certificate acknowledging their participation.

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**Parents & Citizens Association**

- **PRESIDENT** – Vacant
- **VICE PRESIDENT** – Matt
- **TREASURER** – Vera
- **SECRETARY** – Lizzy
- **CLASS PARENT CO-ORDINATOR** – Mike
- **BARE CREEK TRAIL RUN CO-ORDINATOR** – Vacant
- **UNIFORM SHOP** – Matt and Lisa
- **ENVIRONMENT** – Angela
- **VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS CO-ORDINATOR** – Vacant
- **PR** – Linda
- **Tennis Courts** - Vera

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**Tennis Courts**

SIPPS Tennis Courts available for permanent and casual hire. To arrange a booking please call Vera Dedijer 0403 500 301 or sippstennis@gmail.com

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**Uniform Shop**

Dates for the remainder of the year:

**Wednesday 2 December**

The uniform shop will be open on the Wednesday 27 January 2016 - 9 am to 11am.
Community Notices

Ethics

Become a Primary Ethics Teacher at St. Ives Park Primary School

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don’t attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes. We need a new volunteer to teach the Years 3 & 4 ethics class starting next year. The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgment, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives. Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials. For more information about the role and to volunteer, please go to


Cindy Smith (Ethics Coordinator)