Parent Information Evening
Thank you to all those who attended last week’s parent information sessions. We hope you found the presentations informative and helpful. We look forward to working in partnership with parents and the community to provide SIPPS students with a quality curriculum and enhanced opportunities consistent with our vision of ‘inspiring and nurturing successful, lifelong learners’.

There are many ways that parents and carers can keep up to date with school information, calendars, programs and events by accessing the following links and opportunities:

- **School Website and newsletter (The Patter)**

- **School app - St Ives Park**
  User name: community Password: stivesparkps

- **Parent Forums**
  First meeting scheduled for **Monday 23rd February** at 2:15 in staffroom

- **School A-Z**
Parents guide to the new K-10 NSW Syllabuses

School Parents and Citizens Association – Keith Oliver (President)
First meeting scheduled for Wednesday 18 February at 7:15pm

Community Code of Conduct
A copy of the Community Code of Conduct was issued to each family last week. If you didn’t receive one please contact the office or your child’s class teacher. It is important that we are all proactive in ensuring that our students enjoy a safe and harmonious school environment. It is up to all of us to model behaviour that is consistent with the school’s expectations of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best.

P&C Family Picnic
I enjoyed the opportunity yesterday evening to catch-up with the families who attended the P&C Family Picnic. The rain stayed away to let our students and their families meet and play informally with new friends and classmates.

Student Leaders
There are many opportunities for students at SIPPS to undertake leadership positions in our school. All Year 6 students have a leadership role in 2015.
Last week our School Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects ran their first formal school assembly with a new and improved format that they helped to devise. Our assemblies will be held fortnightly on Wednesday afternoons. The next one will take place on **Wednesday 25 February** at 2:30pm in the school hall. Parents and carers are welcome to attend these assemblies.

Today week our House Captains and Vice Captains are busy coordinating their teams at the Swimming Carnival. Last Friday they ran their first house meeting to encourage participation, team spirit and good sportsmanship.

Members of the Semester 1 Student Representative Council (SRC) are being finalised as each class votes for their representatives. Mrs Cameron and Mrs Apter will once again coordinate the SRC and our Year 6 leaders will run the regular SRC meetings in 2015.

Enjoy the week.

Gillian Tegg
Principal

**Information from School A-Z**

**Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school**
A great way to kick off your child's formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.

**Speech problems**
All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there’s a general pattern to your child’s language development?

**Notes from Office**

- The inter-school PSSA competition commences this Friday 20 February. Permission notes and Code of Conduct forms were distributed to all participants last Friday. All signed notes must be returned by Thursday 19th February as the teams for the first day of competition will be finalised then and students without permission will have wait a further week before they can commence PSSA.
● Grade 2-6 Music Program Information Note – Recorder.

● SIPPS School Dance Ensemble (Girls). Practice sessions will commence this Thursday 19th February after school and a permission note and costume levy request has been sent home with all participants.

The above notes are also available to download and print from the school’s webpage.

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### Library

SIPPS is participating in Scholastic Book Clubs this year. Twice a term during the school year, a Scholastic Book Club brochure will be sent home for you to read and decide if you would like to purchase any of the titles for your family.

**Issue 1 will be distributed this week to each class.**
If you would like to order books for your children you need to read the brochure, select the books you would like to order, mark them on the order form on the back of the brochure and return the order form to school with payment by the due date (see payment options for further details).

The books will arrive at school 1-2 weeks after the order is placed and will be then distributed to the students.

Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our library, however there is never any obligation to order.

**Payment Options**
At SIPPS the payment options for Book Club are as follows. We do not accept cash.

1. **Cheque** made out to Scholastic Australia and attached to a completed order form with both cheque and order being returned to school in a sealed envelope with child’s name and class written clearly on the front by the due date.

2. **Credit card using LOOP:**
This is a new ordering platform for parents to use. It eliminates the need for paper order forms being returned to school. The platform is linked to our school so we are able to track your order. Your book purchases are still sent to the school and are distributed to the students when they arrive.

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Introducing Scholastic Book Clubs LOOP for Parents

LOOP is the NEW Scholastic Book Clubs Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents. To order and pay for Scholastic Book Clubs by credit card visit: www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Now available for your iPad or iPhone App Store

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All Issue 1 orders are due by Wednesday 18/2/15.
SIPPS Tennis Courts available for permanent and casual hire.
To arrange a booking please call Vera Dedijer 0403 500 301 or sippstennis@gmail.com

Sunday family picnic
I realise February has been a very busy month, so a big Thank you to everyone who came along on Sunday afternoon to our Family Picnic. After a very brief shower timed for 4 o’clock we all set up under the school hall cola, then the weather brightened up again and the children enjoyed themselves
playing on the lawn. It was nice to meet some new families and we look forward to seeing you again throughout the year.

**First P&C Meeting**
Our first P&C Meeting is this Wednesday 18th February, and it will be held in the Library 7.15 refreshments for 7.30 - 9.00 pm. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. Please let me know if you wish to add any items to the Agenda below:

**Agenda**

**FORMALITIES**
Attendees (present/apologies)
Communications

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

**ELECTIONS**
Treasurer
Class Parent Coordinator
Call for Canteen Coordinator and Committee - update

**EXPENDITURE**
Planned expenditure and Wish List

**INCOME**
Sources of income
Fundraising events
Bare Creek Trail Run

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**
Uniform Shop
Environment

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Keith Oliver, P&C President
keitholiver@hotmail.com

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**Canteen**

To start Canteen again this year we need a new Canteen Committee and Supervisor/s. Volunteers to attend the various shifts are also required.
**NRL Backyard League Clinic**

Where: Koola Park, East Killara

Who: Kids aged 4-12 looking for an introduction to rugby league

When: Every Wednesday up to 11th March, 4pm to 5pm

Cost: $10

Every participant will receive:

- 4 week NRL Backyard League program where all participants will have the opportunity to learn, practice and refine their Rugby League skills
- Qualified NRL Game Development staff
- NRL Steeden Football for each child
- Information and give-a-ways from the Ku-ring-gai Cubs. The Cubs are an exciting new Rugby League team playing in the North Sydney District. We are looking for boys and girls 4-12 years of age to start playing.

To register go to: facebook.com/kunnggaicubs

For further information contact:
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SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2015
10.00 AM — 4.00 PM
St Ives Food and Wine Festival
St Ives Village Green

FOOD—WINE—LIFESTYLE
Over 35 International Food Stalls
19 Spectacular Wineries and Boutique Beers
Over 30 High Quality Lifestyle Stalls

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All proceeds from this event will be donated to Rotary Projects and Room to Read
Entry $2.00 Donation
Open Afternoon
Tuesday 3 March, 2015; 4 - 7 pm

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Come and join us as our school swings into action for you to see the diverse programs and opportunities for your child.

- Hear an address by the Principal, Mr Mark Watson
- Visit our Trade Training Centre, Library, connected teaching space, and technologically equipped classrooms.
- Take part in fun activities in all subject areas.
- Meet our fantastic students and experienced teachers who are proud of their school and keen to answer all your questions.
- Be informed about our Gifted & Talented Program and extension classes.
- Learn about extra curricula activities such as Duke of Edinburgh, Mock Trials, Debating, knockout and representative sport, Performing Arts Unit (Dance, Acting, Musical Theatre and Vocal Tuition), Band and Music Tutorial program, and multicultural activities.
- Hear about student leadership opportunities eg. SRC, peer leaders, Interact, and student volunteering program.
- Find out how our high school works - we’d love to see you in 2016.

Parking is available on Yarrabung Road but not on school grounds.