Principal’s Message

Thank you Stage 3…
...for the spectacular artwork currently being exhibited in the administration office.

SIPPS Super Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to students, staff and parents for last week’s swimming carnival success. Galston Aquatic Centre served us well once again as the venue for this annual sporting contest. We were pleased to see many students producing their personal best efforts in the pool to support their house teams. Congratulations to Mrs Byatt and Mrs Apter who organised and managed a great day and to our Year 6 House Captains who kept their house team spirit going to encourage all our swimmers. Ribbons will be awarded at this week’s
assembly. Parents and carers are welcome at 2:20pm this **Wednesday 25th February** in the school hall.

**School Times – Reminder**
Parents are kindly reminded that students are **not** permitted to be on premises prior to **8:40am** unless they are booked into OOSH or have sports or music training/practice. Supervision of students commences at 8:40am. Parents are asked to ensure that their children arrive at school between 8:40 and 9:05am. School commences at 9:10am.

School concludes at **3:10pm** for all students. All children must be collected at 3.10pm as staff supervision ceases at this time. Our ‘Helping Hands’ OOSH facility can take students on a casual basis who are not collected after 3:10pm if they have been registered. Registration is free and we encourage all parents to register their child. As part of their licence the OOSH are entitled to exclusive use of the play equipment and grass area in front of the canteen. We have now scheduled a school bell to ring at **3.30pm** - this is a reminder to parents to collect their children (and school bags) and exit from the play equipment area.

**Term 1 Invoices**
This year, in response to parent feedback, we are issuing term invoices. They will be distributed this week. Prompt payment is greatly appreciated.

**Student Assistance Scheme**
A reminder that schools have at their disposal, a very limited amount of funds to support students and families. These funds are to assist with educational activities and materials throughout the school year. Parents are welcome to speak to the principal, in confidence, regarding this support so that all children are able to enjoy all aspects of the educational programs offered at St Ives Park Public School.

**P&C Election Day Fundraising**
On **Saturday 28th March** the P&C are organising fundraising activities to support the education of all SIPPS students. We will need many parents to make the most of this opportunity that only comes around once every few years. If you are able to assist, please contact Keith Oliver on 0423 877 280 or Nadine Foley on 0406 948 615.

**Clean-up School Day**
**Monday 2nd March 2015** is “Clean-up School Day”. The entire school is encouraged to remove rubbish from the school’s environment. School’s Clean-up Day is about students and teachers having the opportunity to make a difference in their local community by cleaning up and learning about ways to reduce the impact of waste on the environment. Under teacher supervision each stage group will be assigned an area of the school to clean up. Please send in some gloves this week for your child to use next Monday.

Have a great week.

Gillian Tegg
Principal
Notes from Office

The Term 1 Student Invoice/Statement is being finalized and should be ready for printing shortly. It will be sent home this week via the eldest child in the family, along with a covering explanatory letter.

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

Reminder: Special BBQ Lunch this Thursday 26th Feb
Wear your Bare Creek Trail Run Cap!

This Thursday is our Special Lunch fundraiser for the SES. All students are invited to wear their Bare Creek Trail Run caps to school. If you would like to purchase a cap, they will be available for $10 under the stalls on Wednesday and Thursday morning before lines and on Wednesday afternoon.

If you haven’t returned your special lunch order please do so ASAP. Final date for orders is Tuesday 24th Feb.

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

The SIPPS Canteen will be open on Thursday 26th Feb for recess plus the special SES lunch.

Then, from Monday 2nd March onwards, the canteen will be open for RECESS ONLY on both Mondays and Thursdays until we have secured enough volunteers to open for lunch as well.

We will soon be sending out a call for volunteers, but please email Sony Robson if you are keen to help sony55@hotmail.com. Please help if you can as the children love visiting the canteen and we really need volunteers to keep it open.

Recess Menu

- Fruit of the Day  $1
- Garlic Bread  60c
- Potato Chips  $1.20
- Potato Wedges 60c
- Cheerios  40c
- Homemade Ginger Biscuits  40c
- Pineapple Rings 50c
- Juice Tubes $1
- Vanilla Bucket $1
- Breaka Milk  $1.50
- Up & Go Vanilla $1.50
- OKF Sparkling Drink $1.50
- Fruit Juice $1
- Spring Water $1

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open this week on Wednesday from 8:45am. Assisting in the shop are Monica, Melissa and Felise.

All the stock that we were waiting for has arrived except our new rain jackets which are still being printed.

We have a huge amount of good quality second hand uniform, including tunics, white blouses, red polos, jumpers and many other items. Most items are just $5 and tunics are $20, so perfect for a backup.

We also have a number of new jumpers and other items that do not carry the school logo. From Wednesday these will go on sale offering a great bargain.

This week will be our final week of selling the summer stock before the changeover to winter stock in week 7 (Wednesday 11th of March).
If you cannot make it in this week but know the size and quantity you need, please feel free to email your requests to sippsuniforms@yahoo.com.au.

From this week we will no longer be accepting cheques as a method of payment. Please bring cash with you, or alternately you can take your invoice with you and pay by direct debit. In the coming weeks we are looking at bringing eftpos and credit card facilities in as well to make things easier for parents.

Any volunteers who are able to help for a week in term 2 please let me know, either by email or when you see me in the playground. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Matt