Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the 2015 school year. We have an exciting program planned for our students during the weeks and months ahead. Our teachers work incredibly hard to ensure that the learning programs meet the needs of all individual students. Thank you for your continued support of our school. Together we can inspire and support your children to reach their potential as confident, independent and engaged lifelong learners.

To the families who have joined our school for the very first time in 2015, I extend to you a very warm welcome. I’m delighted that you have chosen to send your son or daughter to St Ives Park Public School. To all those who are returning to SIPPS, welcome back.
This morning we finalised the formation of our 2015 classes. The students have started the week well in these learning groups. We find that the children settle quickly into their new classes when parents are positive about the changes that occur at the start of the school year. The classes are listed with corresponding teachers’ names below:

- KA – Kindergarten – Mrs Kathie Anderson (Assistant Principal K-2)
- KM – Kindergarten – Miss Moule
- 1C – Mrs Kerry Cameron
- 2FD – Mrs Melissa Field (Mon, Tues & Wed) and Mrs Naomi Duggan (Thurs, Fri)
- 3B – Mrs Monique Byatt
- 4BJ – Miss Sarah Beaumont-Jones
- 5/6S – Mrs Sarah Swift (Assistant Principal 3-6)
- 5/6G – Mr Christian Guzman

If you have any issues, questions, concerns or support advice you should first contact your child’s class teacher, if you wish to pursue the matter further the Assistant Principal is your next point of contact and beyond this you may wish to make an appointment to see me.

Staff News
Congratulations and best wishes to Miss Tanya Moggian who successfully applied for a permanent teaching position at Normanhurst West PS and has already commenced that role. As you may be aware, Mrs Karen Smith retired from many years of dedicated teaching with the Department of Education and Communities. This year Mrs Jeri Apter will be supporting our ESL students and Mrs Lara Cipollone will be providing a comprehensive, quality music program for all students, for one hour per week when classroom teachers are released from face to face teaching.

Welcome Kindergarten 2015
This year we welcome a larger cohort of Kindergarten students and their parents/carers into the SIPPS learning community. Our 2015 Kindergarten students enjoyed their first two days at school and were most ably supported by their Year 6 buddies who did an excellent job. Many thanks to Mrs Anderson, Miss Moule, Mrs Swift and Mrs Morris for coordinating and managing this transition process.

Parent Information Evening
We will be holding a parent information evening at 6:30pm on Thursday 12 February for all classes except for Year 3 which will meet on Tuesday 10 February at 6:30pm. This is an opportunity for parents to meet their child’s class teacher and find out about learning programs, classroom/homework routines, management & expectations. Please be advised that teachers will not be available to answer questions about the progress of individual students during these sessions.

Swimming Carnival
Once again this year, we have scheduled our school swimming carnival to take place at Galston Pool on Monday 16 February. There will be further information sent home about the swimming carnival soon in a letter to parents/carers.

Thank you
Our school community eco-garden is a wonderful initiative that has been built up over time with the support and help of many student, teacher and parent volunteers. I would like to thank the parents and students, organised by Mrs Young who generously gave their time during the summer holidays to look after the school’s chickens. Unfortunately we saw the passing of two of our birds due to the hot conditions and their advanced age.

Recent school surveys have confirmed that the eco-garden and bush classroom are environments that are highly valued by the whole school community. So we can continue to provide opportunities for students to enjoy these spaces, we need volunteers from our school community to assist us in their ongoing upkeep. Once again, I am seeking parents, grandparents who would like to work in our garden during the week or on weekends. If you are able to help us with this important project please contact the school office on 9144 4085.
School Information from A to Z

Please see the following link to the DEC School a to z website. This is an informative site designed to provide parents with practical help relating to public schooling in NSW. It is available at the following link:

http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/home

From school a to z - Benefits of team sports

If you want your child to grow up to be a confident and well-adjusted adult, then team sports may well be the answer. Benefits include learning how to be more resilient, and being less likely to feel isolated. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/fitness/benefits-of-team-sports

Reminders

A number of messages follow as reminders about general operating matters. Please take the time to read and embrace them so we start and continue the year in a safe and smooth way.

Enjoy the week

Gillian Tegg
Principal

GENERAL REMINDERS

School Times

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 by 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.

Playground Equipment
Please note that the playground equipment is out of bounds for students after school unless they are directly supervised (clear line of sight) by a parent within 10 metres. At 3:30pm the OOSH is licenced to use the equipment and school grounds, so we ask that all children and families not attending OOSH to please leave the school grounds by 3:30pm.

**Update to Parent Contact Information**
The office needs to be notified of any changes to your personal details records immediately so that prompt contact can be made in emergencies. Please let the office know if you have changed any contact details.

**Staff Car Park**
This is strictly a no parking area. *Car parking - Student Safety*

Please park outside the school grounds where there is plenty of street parking. Please observe ‘no stopping’ and bus zones to ensure that you are not fined when the police or rangers make their patrols.

**Medical Plans**
If your child is on a medical plan these need to be updated annually and signed by your doctor.

**Students with Medical Conditions**
The DEC requires all students diagnosed with asthma to have a current Asthma Management Plan lodged with the school on an annual basis. Students with asthma should always carry or have available at the office/Sick Bay appropriate medication, for example, reliever puffers. The same applies for Anaphylaxis and other Medical Conditions.

**Anaphylaxis**
This is a severe and sudden allergic reaction to foods, insect bites, medications and or latex products, which is life threatening. We have students at SIPPS who are allergic to peanuts and / or nuts. To assist us to manage their environment as safely as possible, we ask that you do not send your child to school with Peanut butter or Nutella and refrain from supplying snack bars or foods with nuts. Please reinforce our school policy about not sharing food with friends at school.

At SIPPS, we have some students who have allergies which are severe enough to warrant the use of an EpiPen (the emergency response) if they come into contact with the wrong foods. The safety of all St Ives Park Public School students is paramount and we ask that you please follow our request for a “nut free” school for these children.

**Sun smart**
All school students are required to bring and wear a school hat during outdoor activities including sport and playtime. No hat, play in the shade! All students need to protect themselves from UV radiation. Until around May UV levels in NSW are high. Protecting skin and eyes from UV in the first 15 years of life significantly reduces skin cancer risk later on. For more info about UV and protecting your skin, visit [www.sunsmart.com.au](http://www.sunsmart.com.au).

**Parents and Citizens Association**
The Parents and Citizens Association fosters community interests in education, promotes closer liaison between the school and community and assists with providing school amenities and
resources. Meetings are held monthly and advertised in the school newsletter. New families are welcome to attend as the P&C provides opportunities to meet other parents.

**Uniforms**

SIPPS students proudly wear the red and green. Our Uniform Shop is run by parent volunteers and is located in the School Hall. Opening times are every second Wednesday in odd numbered weeks (i.e. 1, 3, 5 etc.) from 8.45am-10.00am. Further details about the school uniform are available from the school’s website. Students are requested to wear full school uniform which includes black school shoes.

**Attendance**

Please notify the school by 9.30 am in the morning if your child is absent. All absences must be explained to the class teacher in a written note.

**Out Of School Hours (OOSH) Care**

St Ives Park Public School is fortunate to have ‘Helping Hands’ providing a before and after school service. This important service is offered to you. If you or anyone you know requires this service please contact them on: **Phone: 0475 838 226 or Email: stivespark@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au**

**Important changes to Attendance Requirements and Exemptions from School**

Government and non-government schools use a set of common codes to record the attendance of students. Some changes have been required to the use of the Attendance Register Codes for 2015 due to the implementation of the ACARA National Standards for Student Attendance Data Reporting and recommendations from the department’s audit directorate following an audit of the implementation of the department’s attendance policy and procedures. The Minister for Education has approved changes to the use of the Attendance Register codes for 2015.

**Holidays:** as part of the implementation of the National Standards, holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included as absences. A Certificate of Exemption can no longer be granted for this purpose.

Families are encouraged to holiday or travel during school vacations. If travel outside of school vacation periods is necessary, the following considerations apply:

- If the principal accepts the reason for the absence, the absence will be marked as “L” and a Certificate of Extended Leave – Holiday issued.
- If the principal does not believe the absence is in the student’s best interests and does not accept the reason, the absence will be recorded as “A”. A Certificate of Extended Leave – Holiday will not be issued.
- If the period of absence is in excess of 50 days, the student may be eligible to enrol in Distance Education. For that period the student’s enrolment transfers to the distance education school.

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**Notes from Office**

Welcome to 2015:
PAYMENTS: Students participate in a large number of excursions, activities, and sports programs during the year. The costs for these activities are paid for by the students involved in the particular activity.

At the request of the P&C and a number of parents, we will trial a Term Payment Invoice/Statement for families. This will mean most families will only make one payment per term for most excursions and activities planned for the term.

This trial payment option will be reviewed at the end of Term 1 as continued invoicing in this way will require all such payments to be cleared by the end of term.

Families will also be given the option, with each permission note, to continue to pay for excursions/activities as they arise if this better suits their budget. If any family would like to make regular weekly payments on their account this can also be accommodated. The school accepts cash, cheque and credit card (min $20 – via credit card voucher).

PLEASE NOTE: Every excursion/activity/in-school performance will still need a signed permission note to be returned to the class teacher by the due date!

Teaching staff are now finalising the Term 1 excursions/programs and the first Invoice/Statement is expected to be ready to send home in about Week 4, along with a full explanatory note on the different items on the invoice.

Our first two permission notes for 2015 are ....

- **School Swimming Carnival** – Monday 16th February: – permission note for all students in Years 3 – 6 and eligible students in Year 2 – to be returned to class teacher by Monday 9th February. Please note new payment options.

- **Sports Pro – Gymnastics Program K-6** starting Tuesday 10th February. All permission notes to be returned to class teachers by Monday 9th February. Please note new payment options.

VOLUNTEERS IN SCHOOLS: A new Working with Children Check/Declaration is now required from all people helping or volunteering in the school. Transitional provisions apply to existing volunteers who have previously supplied the school with a Prohibited Employment Declaration – please check with the school if we hold such a form for you. Forms for volunteers to complete are held in the office and they will also be distributed to class teachers for the Parent Information Evening. Once completed please bring in this form to the office, along with original identity documents which must be certified by office staff. All volunteers will also need to sign in/out in the booklet located in the office foyer.

Volunteer assistance in schools is highly valued and appreciated and we thank you for your cooperation.


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

Welcome to a new year at SIPPS
On behalf of the P&C I would like to welcome back all students, parents, carers and staff for the start of a new year at SIPPS. We particularly welcome all those who are joining our school community this year. We have a wonderful school, and I am sure you will be very happy here.

February is always a busy month, but it is important to us, as well as to you, that all parents and carers have the chance to meet one another at an early opportunity. Please make a diary note of the following P&C events and come along if you possibly can:

Sunday February 15th - Community BBQ in the school grounds
Wednesday Feb 18th - first P&C meeting of 2015

We encourage everyone to get involved through the P&C as a great way to make new friends and feel part of our school community. Please contact me if you are interested in the post of Treasurer, or in joining a group of parents to help run the Canteen - this is a role which can be shared. You will receive all the help you need from last year's Treasurer and Canteen Coordinator.

I wish you a very good year.

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

Year 6 Dinner/Dance

Last year ended on a high note with a wonderful Year 6 Farewell Dinner/Dance, an event which everyone present thoroughly enjoyed. Our thanks to Tania Gosling, Lisa Edwards, Jenny Geddes, Barbara Read, Mel Buckley and Andrea Peiser for their imaginative theme and months of hard work in putting together this fabulous event in our school hall, and thank you Richard Kilpatrick for looking after the music and sound and producing the amazing lighting effects. A great send-off!

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop Roster Term 1, 2015

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Welcome to 2015 from the Uniform Shop. We had a very busy start to the year and everyone looks fantastic in their uniforms!

The uniform shop is open on Wednesday mornings from 8:45 - 10am every odd week. As well as the new uniforms we also have a huge amount of second hand clothing that sell for below half price of the new items - great for a second or third set.
If you are unable to make in on Wednesday mornings, please email sippsuniforms@yahoo.co.au with your order. I am available Thursday afternoons from 2:30pm and can meet in the hall or I can make up your order and leave it with Trudi in the office for payment and collection.

At this stage we can only accept cheques and cash. In the near future we hope to have BPAY and PayPass too.

We are always looking for new volunteers who can help out - even if only once in the term. If you have some spare time please email me to let me know.

Any questions or queries please contact me via sippsuniforms@yahoo.co.au.

As Amanda use to say, “See you in the Red and Green!”

Cheers,
Matt

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**Canteen**

Until a new Canteen Committee and Supervisor/s is formed there will be no canteen available until further notice.

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**Community Notices**

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**TAE KWON DO**

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St Ives North Public School
Memorial Ave, St Ives
MON Juniors: 5:00pm
Terrey Hills Community Centre
Yalong Ave, Terrey Hills
TUES Juniors: 6:00pm

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www.tkma.com.au
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Email: stivespark@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au
Crime Prevention & Community Safety Day
9am – 1pm
Sunday 15 February 2015
Toolang Oval, cnr Toolang Rd & Warrimoo Av, St Ives

(Kif it rains, will be postponed. Fingers crossed!!!)

Kuring Gal NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC), with the help of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW), invites you to a special Crime Prevention and Community Safety Day at Toolang Oval.

Want to stay aware of any crime in St Ives and the Ku-ring-gai area? Looking to make your home and family more safe and secure?

This is your opportunity to find out how crime is tackled and prevented in your local area. And in 2015, everyone needs to know more about safety!

This is your chance to see first-hand all the fantastic services we rely upon to minimise crime and help us to keep safe. Meet your local Police, Neighbourhood Watch volunteers, NSW Fire and Rescue, State Emergency Services, Rural Fire Service and St John Ambulance. They will be on hand to discuss any fire and emergency issues, medical emergencies, graffiti prevention, etc. We also hope to have some other great St Ives associations along, such as Rotary, Lions and The Shed.

Lots of FREE giveaways for everyone!

There may even be a delicious sausage sizzle, weather permitting.

Please turn the page to learn more about how to get important up-to-date crime & safety reports through email or Facebook.

NSW Police Force  Neighbourhood watch  SES  Rotary
The St Ives Junior AFL Club is looking for new players for 2015 and we want you to join us for a season of fun, fitness & friendship. We have some free clinics for you to come and try AFL. You can come to all the clinics or just one, no pressure, come along and have a kick.

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All the “Come & Try” clinics will introduce you to Australian Rules Football and expose you to the skills you will learn and develop during the season. Players at all levels are welcome and parents are encouraged to come along as well to have a look. All the clinics will be run by accredited AFL coaches. The St Ives Junior AFL Club plays on a Sunday from late March, 2015. For more information go to www.stivesafl.com.
2015 DRAMA PROGRAMME

We all want our kids to be confident. You'll love your child's growth in confidence, creativity and communication skills through our self-development drama programme.

CLASSES HELD AT ST IVES NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

More Information
1300 OGRADY  Jasmine 0404 842 886
sydneynshore@helenogrady.com.au
www.helenogrady.com.au

Saints Rugby
“Pick it up and run with it”

St Ives Rugby would like to invite all St Ives Park students to our free Try Rugby Clinics starting on the 19th February

Free Try Rugby
February Thurs 19th & 26th 5:30pm, Hassall Park

Training
Regular Season Fridays 5:30pm – 6:30pm

stivesrugby.com.au
Thursday 29 January, 2015

Calling all Netball Girls!

St Ives Netball registration closes THIS SATURDAY!!! We are looking for all ages to join our club. We have many exciting new things starting this year, including a new dress! If you would like to play netball, please have a chat with Mum and Dad and register online by Saturday 31st Jan, 2015.

www.stivesnetball.com.au

Net Set Go 5-6 years  Skills Development
Netta 7-8 years  Played Saturdays at Loftberg Courts, West Pymble
Netball 9-Seniors  Played Saturdays at Canoon Rd, South Turramurra

We are able to extend registration for Netta’s 7-8 yr olds ONLY until Sat 7th Feb as these girls do not require grading.

All other late registrations will be considered in conjunction with registered team numbers.

For any further information, please contact president@stivesnetball.com.au

Regards,

Julie Hooper
President

St Ives Netball Club
Kids Play Mini Footy

**Mini Footy**
Focused on involvement and encouraging learning through play without the pressure of sticking to the strict laws of the game

Ages 4-8

**Mod League**
When Mini Footy is not challenging enough and they are ready for a more structured game

Ages 9-12

**Rugby League**
The full game played to international rules in various age-appropriate grades

Ages 13+

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**KU-RING-GAI CUBS RUGBY LEAGUE**

A family-oriented club

Free Come & Try clinic at Koola Park

4pm Wednesday 11th February

Plus free skills clinics for the following 5 Wednesdays

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