## Dates to Diary

**No. 2 Term 1, Week 3, 9th February 2015**

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**School Security No. 1300 880 021**

## Principal’s Message

**Communication at SIPPS**

The school publishes a weekly newsletter, The Patter, and special notifications on our school app and school website. This is our main form of regular communication with the school community. For free download onto smart phones and ipads please go to the apple app store or the google play store. Search for St Ives Park. Tap on download app. Once you start the app you will need to use the following user name and password to gain access. If you have an iphone, and you are asked to allow notifications please click ‘allow’.

Username: community Password: stivesparkps

**Community Code of Conduct**

Recently a member of the school community asked me to clarify the expectations the school has around the behaviour of adults visiting or volunteering at the school. This inquiry has prompted us to publish the **Community Code of Conduct** which will be distributed across our school community in the coming week. The class teachers will also refer to the role and expectations of parent/carer volunteers.
at the parent information evening. This way we are proactive in ensuring that all members of our school community are aware of these expectations.

**School a to Z website**

As mentioned last week the school a to z website is an excellent resource where you can access general information about all things concerning schooling in NSW. The following is an article that can assist parents in helping their children adjust to a new class setting.


**Staff News**

Last week our new school counsellor, Ms Sarah Peterson started at SIPPS. She will be with us every second Tuesday in the even weeks of every school term. We wish our outgoing school counsellor, Mrs Neruka Byrow best wishes for the future and thank her for the work she did supporting our school and ours students over many years.

**School Counsellors**

School counsellors are experienced teachers who have a degree in psychology and post-graduate qualifications in school counselling. They work with students of all ages, and their families, from preschool to Year 12. School counsellors work with students, parents or carers and teachers in a variety of ways. Their work includes:

- counselling students
- assisting parents or carers to make informed decisions about their child’s education
- assessing students' learning and behaviour
- assisting schools to identify and address disabilities that affect students' learning
- liaising with other agencies concerned with the well-being of students.

Parents/carers can contact the school office or their child’s class teacher to request an appointment with the school counsellor.

**Parent Information Evening**

All parents and carers are invited to attend our parent information evenings this week. We recommended that parents attend to be informed about teaching & learning programs, excursions, extra-curricular opportunities, classroom/homework routines, management & expectations. Please be advised that staff will not be available to answer questions about the progress of individual students during these sessions. The sessions are as follows:

6:30 pm **Tuesday 10 February – Year 3 only** in 3B classroom
6:30 pm **Thursday 12 February – All other classes**. Meet in the school hall

**Swimming Carnival**

A reminder that the school swimming carnival will take place next **Monday 16 February** at Galston Aquatic Centre. Please ensure that you have sent to your child’s class teacher a completed permission note to indicate if your child will be attending and what races they can compete in.

**ARL visit**

Last week, SIPPS students enjoyed a talk from the ARL to promote organised sport and good nutrition as part of healthy lifestyle choices. Students and staff alike enjoyed an opportunity to hear from special guest Nathan Hindmarsh who is an ARL community ambassador. Here are our 2015 House Captains.
Enjoy the week and I look forward to seeing families at the P & C Picnic on Sunday. Please remember **no alcohol** is permitted on school grounds.

Gillian Tegg
Principal

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**Notes from Office**

**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.

**STEWART HOUSE:** Every year Stewart House benefits financially from collections of clothing in school. The Smith Family provides bags and undertakes the collection and pays Stewart House for each kilogram of clothing received. Bags will be distributed via the classroom and can be returned to the school office before Friday 6th March. To find out more about Stewart House you can visit their website [www.stewarthouse.org.au](http://www.stewarthouse.org.au)

- **REMINDER:** School Swimming Carnival on Monday 16th February: there are still many outstanding permission notes to come in for students in Years 3 – 6 and eligible students in Year 2. Please complete and send in to the class teachers as soon as possible.
- **REMINDER:** Sports Pro – Gymnastics Program K-6 starting Tuesday 10th February: there are still many outstanding permission notes to be returned. Please complete and send in to the class teachers as soon as possible.
- **Grades 2-6 Music Program – Recorder:** A note will be send home this week.
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.
All Issue 1 orders are due by Wednesday 18/2/15.

Introducing Scholastic Book Clubs LOOP for Parents

Now available as an app!

LOOP is the NEW Scholastic Book Clubs Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, our new platform makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our NEW iPhone and iPad app from the App Store!

- For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child’s class
- Add your child’s first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club brochure
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child’s classroom if you order by the close date
- There’s no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on HELP in the top menu.
SIPPS Tennis Courts available for permanent and casual hire.
To arrange a booking please call Vera Dedijer 0403 500 301 or sippstennis@gmail.com

Family Picnic - Sunday 15th March 2015

We invite all SIPPS families to come along to our Family Picnic which takes place next Sunday 15th March from 4.00 to 6.00 on the lawn outside the Hall. Just bring a rug and a picnic and enjoy the opportunity of meeting other SIPPS families. Please note that, in line with the Department’s policy, this is an alcohol-free event and we must comply.

Canteen

At the end of last year we had to fill a larger than usual number of P&C roles, and started this year without a Treasurer or Canteen Coordinator. I am delighted to say we now have a Treasurer - I look forward to introducing her and formally proposing her for election to this post at our first P&C Meeting on Wednesday 18th February. That just leaves the Canteen. As mentioned, the role is one which can ideally be shared amongst 2 or more volunteers. Please contact me for more information, as we really want to get our Canteen up and running as soon as possible.

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

Uniform Shop

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

We have new stock that has arrived including shorts, skorts, socks and shirts, though we are still awaiting the arrival of our new rain jackets.

We also have a huge amount of good quality second hand stock. Items include over 60 tunics (summer and winter), 65 shirts, 40 white blouses as well as trousers, red polos, jumpers and many other items too. Our second hand stock has been re-priced, giving further reductions to parents. Tunics will reduce from $25 to $20 and everything else will reduce to just $5!

On Thursday afternoon this week I will open the uniform shop for a second hand sale from 2:15 - 3pm. There are plenty of quality items, so please come and get a bargain.

The winter uniform changeover for students’ starts early in term 2. We will begin our changeover from summer to winter stock from week 7 (Wednesday the 11th of March). If you want to purchase winter stock, you will be able to do so in weeks 7 and 9 this term, and from week 1 of next term.

If you cannot make it to the uniform shop during our open times but know the size and quantity that you want, your can also order via our email address: sippsuniforms@yahoo.com.au and we can have your order ready to collect in the office.
We are now offering a bank transfer option for our parents. Either using your mobile banking or from home, we can give you the account details and you can make payment direct to our account.

I am looking for volunteers who can work in the uniform shop in term 2. If you are able to spare an hour on a Wednesday morning, could you please email me your details. We are open every fortnight on the odd weeks, so if there is a week you would prefer please let me know. Even if it’s just one week in the term, we would really appreciate your assistance.

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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Helping Hands
St Ives Park
Outside School Hours Care

Providing a Quality Care environment for your children during
Before & After School Care
7am - 9am & 3:10pm - 6:30pm
Located on School Site - Convenient & Safe!
Breakfast & Afternoon tea included

Fun, hands-on activities to enhance your child’s fine & gross motor development in a Social Environment

Helping Hands is registered for CCB & CCR rebates FREE enrolment

★ Sports ★ Arts & Crafts ★ Cooking ★ Homework★
★ Exploratory Learning ★ Life skills developmental learning ★

Enrol your children today!
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