Principal’s Message

2015-2017 School Plan

The process for developing the next three-year school plan has begun. At last week’s P&C meeting and parent forum on Monday afternoon, I shared with our parent community the three strategic directions that the school will use as the focus for improvement over the coming three years. They are designed to work with and expand on the school’s current strengths to further transform school culture, processes and practices to improve student learning opportunities and outcomes at our great school. Refinement of the ideas collected from students, parents and teachers was the basis for the formulation of the strategic directions.

Thank you to all who took part in the survey process and parent forums at the end of 2014. We will continue to consult in an effort to produce a school plan in which everyone can contribute to the forward movement of our school learning community over the next three years.
Formal Reporting Timeline

Formal reporting of student achievement will take place in the following timeframe at SIPPS in 2015:

- **Term 1** – Parent/Teacher interviews – Tuesday 31st March
- **Term 2** – Written Reports – Sent home on Monday 22nd June
- **Term 3** NAPLAN – Written reports issued in September. See below for additional information.
- **Term 4** Written reports – Written Reports – Sent home on Friday 11th December
What is NAPLAN?

NAPLAN tests are held in May each year for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Parents or carers of students who sit for the NAPLAN tests will receive a written report of their child's achievement in September.

The NAPLAN student report will show your child's results in the key areas of reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The report will also show the national average, the range of results for the middle 60% of students nationally and your school's average for each test. That means you will be able to compare the performance of your child against other students in the same year of schooling. The dates are:

- Tuesday 12 May – Language Conventions & Writing
- Wednesday 13 May - Reading
- Thursday 14 May – Numeracy

The additional student report will list all the questions in each test, along with a brief description of each question. This report will show you which questions your child answered correctly. A common assessment scale is used on each NAPLAN report so that you can track your child’s progress through the years. It is recommended that you make an appointment with your child’s teacher to discuss your child’s results and how to interpret the NAPLAN reports.

SES Special Lunch

Thank you to the SIPPS Parents & Citizens’ Association for organising the first special lunch for this year. It was also an opportunity to say thank you to the support we receive from the SES each year to stage our Bare Creek Trail Run. Our school captains, Josh and Iris presented a cheque for $1,240 to the local SES area leader before we enjoyed the BBQ lunch provided and organised by P&C volunteers. We would also like to thank the SES for their gifts of balloons, wristbands and gloves which were enjoyed by the students.
SRC News
The Semester 1 student representative councillors met last week and planned their first fundraiser for 2015. They have organised a Crazy Hair Day on 16 March 2015 and invite all students that participate to bring a gold coin donation to support the Leukemia Foundation.

Zone Swimming Carnival
Good luck to all our students who will be competing in the Zone Swimming Carnival this Thursday 5 March at West Pymble Aquatic Centre. Competitors will need to meet Mrs Apter and Miss Beaumont-Jones at school at 7:50am for an 8:00am departure.

Have a great week.

Gillian Tegg
Principal

Notes from Office
• The Term 1 Invoice/Statement was sent home last week. Please attach the statement with your payment and return in a sealed envelope with your child/family name, class and Term 1 Account clearly marked. The sealed envelope should be handed in by the eldest child to the class teacher at the morning collection time. We would appreciate payment of this invoice by Friday 27th March.
• Next week Scholastic Book Club notes will be issued. Orders will need to be returned by Wednesday 18th March.
• School Drop Off – Pick Up Zone. People dropping off or collecting students from school should be aware of the rules applying to this area outside the school. These rules are in place to ensure the safety of our students. You must not stop for more than 2 minutes and remain in or no more than 3m of your vehicle.
Crazy Hair Day

The SRC are raising money this term for the leukaemia foundation by having a crazy hair day.

Come to school on Monday 16th March with crazy hair

- Glitter
- Hair spray
- Wigs
- Clips
- Plaits
- Ponytails

The cost for crazy hair is $2.00. Our year 6 SRC leaders will collect the money on the day.
SIPPS Tennis Courts available for permanent and casual hire.
To arrange a booking please call Vera Dedijer 0403 500 301 or sippstennis@gmail.com

**Fundraising opportunity at the State Election Sat 28 March 2015**

Our school is a polling station at the forthcoming State Election on Saturday 28 March, and will be open from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm.

This is a great opportunity for fundraising and we have some very enthusiastic parents working on a program. If you have any ideas, or would like to help, please let us know - I can put you in touch with the right people.

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

**Canteen**

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
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