Principal's Message

Important Professional Learning Opportunity

The final return slips from 55% of SIPPS families indicated 100% support for moving the pupil free day from Thursday December 17 to Friday June 19. I would like to thank our parent community for enabling all our classroom teachers to attend the upcoming iOn The Future 3 conference, which will promote the continued implementation of inspired and innovative 21st Century teaching and learning at SIPPS. In Term 2 therefore, there will be two pupil free days. The first is on Monday 20 April and then again on Friday 19 June.

On the Monday April 20, staff will receive training on the new Performance Development Framework for teachers, share expertise on app technology and engage in school and stage planning for the continued introduction of Positive Behaviour Engaging Learning (PBEL) program and Term 2 class programs. Staff have also just recently completed e-learning training on anaphylaxis. Most professional learning by teachers is undertaken outside school hours.
and so we are very appreciative of the opportunity that the school community has given us to have two pupil free days for teacher professional learning next term.

**Student Leadership**
Last Thursday, our student leadership team attended National Young Leaders’ Day at the Sydney Entertainment Centre along with over 6,000 other student leaders across the country. They have recorded their thoughts about the day and these are included later in this newsletter.

**Harmony Day at SEWS**
Last Wednesday our SRC representatives were invited to join in Harmony Day celebrations at Sir Eric Woodward School. They wore clothes that represented their cultural heritage and enjoyed a barbecue lunch, multicultural musical performance, games and activities. We are very proud of how responsible they were as school ambassadors.

New LOTE program
Next term we are pleased to be starting our new Language Other Than English (LOTE) program at SIPPS. It will run for three terms with each class having at least one term of tuition in the Korean language provided by a fully qualified Korean language teacher, Ms Esther Park. This will support teachers as additional release from face to face (RFF) so they can work together in stage teams.

Easter Hat Parade
Reminding all SIPPS Grand-friends and parents that our Book Fair and Easter Hat parade will take place this Thursday 2nd April. Thank you to Mrs Allman, Sony Robson, Sonya Acton and a great team of parent volunteers who have put things in place for our book fair and special recess and lunchtime treats. All our students have worked creatively and collaboratively with their teachers and class buddies to make their special hats which they will proudly parade this Thursday. The program is as follows:
Easter Hat Parade Program

11.30 Grand-friends and guests arrive – tea/coffee and hot cross buns for sale at canteen
11:45 Class visits
12:15 Classes assemble at the COLA (Undercover area in front of the Eco-garden)
12.20 Easter hat parade begins
1.10 Picnic lunch BYO food and rug. (Please no alcohol)
1.15 Ice cream stall opens – students can purchase cones/cups of ice-cream & toppings.
2:10 Students return to classrooms. (Please provide your child’s teacher with a note if you wish
to take your child home before 3:10pm)

Student Wellbeing
Parents are kindly reminded that there is no supervision of students provided by the school before 8:40am or after 3:10pm. In the afternoons, please ensure that your child is collected at 3:10pm by yourself or another authorised adult. If you are unable to arrange this, please ensure they are booked either permanently or casually into the OOSH facility at our school. Helping hands St Ives Park OOSH contact details are:

Phone: 0475 838 226
Email: stivespark@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

Holiday Chicken Roster
We are looking for SIPPS families who are willing to spend some time in the holidays to look after our chickens. If you are able to do so please contact Anne Young on 0400 490 950 who is once again coordinating a chicken holiday roster.

Election Day
Finally, thank you to Beck Connolly and the wonderful team of P&C volunteers who ran the Election Day cake stall, barbeque and trash and treasure stall. Altogether proceeds from the Election Day fundraising initiative amounted to over $2,000, which will go towards resources that will support the learning of all SIPPS students. Thank you to all the students and parents who provided the baked goods to sell at the cake stall.

Best wishes for a very happy and safe Easter vacation. All students will return to school on Tuesday 21 April 2015.
Gillian Tegg
On Monday the 23rd of March Mr Guzman, Josh, Iris, Sam, Jimmy, Sophia and I went to the city for a program called ‘National Young Leaders Day’. We were lucky enough to see six special leaders they were Mike Baird, Mike Martin, Bindi Irwin, Rachel Leahcar and James Norton and Dylan Parker. The whole topic was about Getting Started. This was all about being leaders and how to be leaders and you can be a leader at any age and it’s not too late to start. Just as one person we can make a difference. Don’t be afraid to do what you love, don’t take criticisms and follow your heart. SO...... GET STARTED!!!!!!!!!!!

Hey everyone on Monday the 23rd, Mr Guzman took all the school leaders to the young leaders day at Town hall in the city. It was really inspiring listening to young adults motivating us young leaders, encouraging us to have faith, belief and courage.

On Monday the 23 March, Mr Guzman took the student leaders to National Young Leaders Day in the city. There were six speakers. My favourite speaker was Bindi Irwin because she said to have passion for what you do and remember that being a leader starts NOW and not later.

On Monday Iris, Josh, Joanna, Sophia, Jimmy, Mr Guzman and I went to the city to see a program called young leaders day. There were 6 very inspiring talkers Mike Baird, Mike Martin, Bindi Irwin, Rachael Leahcar, James Norton and Dylan Parker. The young leader’s day really inspired me to get started at a leadership role and to help people with their problems. The person that really inspired me was Rachael Leahcar. She is 90% blind but she still sings and she never gave up with singing. You are never too young to get started.
Notes from Office

- Stage 3 (Grades 5/6) Camp is scheduled to take place in Week 3 of Term 2. Excursion and medical notes have finally been finalised and will be coming home today. Please send in the completed forms and excursion fee as soon as possible. The Aussie Camp will need details of dietary requirements and medical conditions as soon as possible. All notes must be in by Friday 24th April at the latest.

- Term 1 invoices were due for payment by Friday 27th March. Unfortunately there are a large number of invoices outstanding and an overdue notice will be sent home this week. Payment via term invoices is now under review.

Music Program

As part of the Music program at SIPPS this year, we will be participating in some exciting music festivals including the Arts Alive Primary Choral Concert and The Festival of Instrumental Music (Recorder Ensemble).

Both festivals will have performances at the Opera House, which is an incredible opportunity. The Arts Alive Choir is available to Stage 3 and the Recorder Ensemble is for children in years 4, 5 and 6. It's not too late for your child to join these groups, so please talk with them about these opportunities.

If you’re wanting to find out more, please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Cipollone.

Library

Scholastic Book Fair
When: Thursday 2/4/15
Where: SIPPS Library
Time: 8am – 3.30pm

As part of the exciting day of events planned for Thursday 2/4/15 at SIPPS, there will be a Scholastic Book Fair held in the Library.

The Book Fair will have a wonderful assortment of books and other items displayed in the Library for students and their families to purchase for themselves. Cash and credit cards will be accepted on the day for payment. We will be able to back order any book that sells out on the day. These back ordered books are paid for on the day of the Fair, student details taken and the books will be distributed to the students in Week 1 of Term 2.
There will also be a table of “Teacher Picks” which are books that the class teachers would like
donated to the Library. Any donations will be acknowledged with a special label in the book
and when the book is processed and covered the book will be borrowed to the family who
donated the book.

The Library will benefit from all purchases made on the day by accruing a percentage of the
total sales that can be taken as cash or books. The Scholastic Book Fair is a fundraiser for the
SIPPS library and provides much needed funds to allow purchase of books that the students are
wanting to read.

Virginia Allman
Teacher Librarian

Canteen

Please note there will be no canteen on Thursday 2nd April. However ice creams with
toppings will be available to purchase for $1.50 during lunchtime.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop reopens next term on Wednesday of week one, the 22nd of April, at 8:45am.
Assisting in the shop will be Monica, Po, Rebecca and Melissa.

If you cannot make it in on Wednesday please email your requirements to
sippsuniforms@yahoo.com.au. Your uniform will then be bagged and left in the office for
collection. Invoices are emailed to parents and you can pay online before you collect, or pay
cash to the office.

Thank you to all the parents who have supported the uniform shop this term. Everything is
running smoothly and it’s all because of the time you give to make it work so well.

Have a great Easter holiday.

Matt and Lisa

P&C

The P and C would like to thank everyone who donated, volunteered and
baked for the fundraiser.

The day was such a success and the sense of goodwill was overflowing from
both the school community and the general public. It was a very positive
experience for all.
We managed to raise over $2000 dollars- $1200 of that from the cake stall alone due to the more than generous effort of the parents who baked. Thank you.

To the parents who helped out on the stalls and organised the smoothness of running- BBQ, Cake Coffee and Trash and Treasure, thank you for your precious time.
Thank you also to those who offered their help.

These funds raised will go back to the school for important resources for our kids and we were able also to donate some goods to charity and books to the library.

Thank you all for your support
P and C Election Fundraiser
Beck Connolly
Easter Hat Parade Day and Book Fair

Our annual book fair will be open all day in the library. Come and have a browse!

Morning tea for visitors will be available from 11.30 in the hall. Tea/coffee and home made cakes/biscuits will be on offer for a gold coin donation.

Thank you for all the orders for the kid’s hot cross bun morning tea and the ice-cream treat on Easter Hat Parade Day. Last day for orders is Tuesday.

You can still buy ice-creams with sprinkles on the day for $1.50. This will be available after your BYO picnic lunch!

Thank you
Sonya Acton

SIPPS Tennis Courts available for permanent and casual hire.
To arrange a booking please call Vera Dedijer 0403 500 301 or sippstennis@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NOTICES
NRL HOLIDAY CLINICS

FRIDAY 10TH APRIL 2015
WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL 2015

Cost: $40 per participant (includes boot bag, footy, and other merchandise)

10th APRIL Venue
Barra Brui Oval, 2A Bunraneer Avenue, St Ives

15th APRIL Venue:
Tantallon Oval,
Tantallon Road, Lane Cove North

Time: 10am-1pm
(registration commences at 9:15am)

Who: Boys and Girls aged 5 years-12 years
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