Welcome back

I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all SIPPS students and their families. This term brings exciting news about the commencement of two new programs at SIPPS. Next Monday we welcome our new teacher Miss Esther Park who will be teaching our new Languages Other Than English (LOTE) program. Each class will learn the Korean language during a weekly lesson over the course of at least one term. Also this term, our new school band will soon start their tutorials and practice schedule thanks to our new partnership with Bandemonium.

Congratulations!

What a highlight the last day of Term 1 was with a hugely successful Easter Hat Parade/Grandfriends’ Day and Book Fair. Fortunately the weather stayed fine so we could enjoy the scheduled program that included class parades, finale dance, family picnics and shopping in the library. I would like to thank students and staff from Sir Eric Woodward school for visiting our school and being involved in the parade. I would also like to thank the P&C and all parents who assisted with the book fair and morning tea stall.
**Winter School Uniform**

Officially students should now be wearing their winter uniform to school. However, for the next two weeks while we are transitioning into the cooler months, students will be permitted to wear either their full summer or winter uniform to school. For Weeks 1 & 2 of this term we are kindly asking parents to use their judgement and ensure that all students are in a correct school uniform which is either the full summer or winter uniform.

**LEST WE FORGET**

This Friday **April 24**, we will hold our special ANZAC assembly at 9:30am in the flagpole area. This will be run by our student leaders and it will feature a performance by our school choir. Student representatives from each class will be laying a posy of flowers at the base of the flag pole as a floral tribute. Parents and carers are most welcome to attend the service. On Thursday, **April 23** our House Captains will attend a memorial service at Hyde Park Sydney where they will lay a wreath on behalf of our school community.

**New rules – 2015**

**Compulsory School Attendance – Information for parents.** Exemption from attendance at school – only under exceptional circumstances.

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

**Application for Extended Leave. Absences relating to travel will be marked as ‘Leave’ on the roll and therefore contribute to your child’s total absences for the year.**

**What if my child has to be away from school?**

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:
• being sick, or having an infectious disease
• having an unavoidable medical appointment
• being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
• exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child’s school with a written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

**Travel**
Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during a school term is necessary, discuss this with your child’s school principal. An **Application for Extended Leave** may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as **leave** on the roll and therefore contribute to your child’s total absences for the year. In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child’s school principal.

**Parent Forum**
Next Monday 27th April from 2:20pm in the staffroom, parents and carers are welcome to join me for afternoon tea and a catch up on the latest SIPPS news. I look forward to seeing you there.

Best Wishes
Gillian Tegg
Principal

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**Notes from Office**

**STEWART HOUSE DAY – 2015 DONATION**

Stewart House have requested that we issue an envelope to each family in our school to donate at least $2.00 for a chance to win a **$4000 FAMILY HOLIDAY**.

Please return your envelope to your teacher by Friday 8th May. Make sure you have filled in your name, address, telephone number and school in the space provided on the envelope and check that the envelope is properly sealed.

The winning entry for the $4000 family holiday to a destination of choice (brokered through JC Travel Professionals) will be drawn on Friday 22nd May 2015 at 1.00pm. The winner and the winner’s school will be contacted by phone and mail as soon as possible after 1.00pm. The winner’s name will be published in the Sydney Morning Herald. Full terms and conditions for this competition are available on the Stewart House Website: **www.stewarthouse.org.au**
Dance

THERE IS AN URGENT NOTE being issued to parents of dancers taking part in the Sydney North Dance Festival Auditions 2015.

The Date for the auditions for St Ives Park Public School is **Wednesday April 22nd** at 1.00pm.

This audition is being held at Turramurra Public School.

Please complete and return the permission note on Wednesday morning. Thank you.

CROSS COUNTRY

Notes for Cross Country Carnival will be sent home this week – please return them by Monday 27th April.

Library

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR: THANK YOU

The Scholastic Book Fair, held on the last day of Term 1, was a fantastic success. Our total sales on the day totalled $4500. That is an amazing amount!

As a result of this generosity by the SIPPS community, I was able to select $580 worth of Scholastic books to add to our Library and to also accrue $576.66 in cash which will be used to purchase books that the students have been requesting for our Library collection.

A big thank you is extended to all families who visited the Library and purchased books for themselves and for our Library.

The event could not have been possible without all the support and time volunteered by Sony Robson, Melissa Hick, Felise Fraser, Fatima Sarruj, Kylie Timmins, Steph Kosasih and Matt Churchouse.

SIPPS is so very lucky to have such dedicated parents who give of their time so willingly to support our school. Thank you.

Virginia Allman
Teacher Librarian
Welcome to Term 2 in the Uniform Shop.

The Uniform Shop will be open this week on Wednesday from 8:45 - 10am. Assisting in the shop are Monica, Po, Melissa and Rebecca.

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.

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. I will also be opening the shop briefly on Friday immediately after school for those that cannot make Wednesday morning. Please email me if you would like to come along to purchase a uniform then.

Below are the dates that the uniform shop is open this term with the parent volunteers:

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

Sunday 1st November 2015

*EARLY BIRD ENTRIES NOW OPEN*

To register early and guarantee your spot for the 2015 Bare Creek Trail Run register at www.barecreektrailrun.com. All Early Birds will get a running bib with their name on it, a big hit with the kids.

Bare Creek Trail Committee

Can you help on the Bare Creek Trail Run committee? We currently have 2 positions available which we need to fill as soon as possible in order for the event to go ahead. Anyone is welcome on the committee and we are happy to have more than 2 people, if interested in being on the committee in any capacity please contact Tongy (Andrew Tong details below)

The open positions are:

**Finance:** Are you good with numbers and budgets and want to use that to help put on a fun family event? This role could be for you, you will be responsible for managing the budget, entry tracking, reconciling to bank with P&C Treasurer.
Social Media/Marketing: Are you a facebook genius and love the world of social media? Then this is the role for you. You will be responsible for updating and maximising social media, namely facebook, provide updates for the webpage, look for marketing opportunities (eg Election Day, Festival on the Green, local magazines or running magazines).

Although we do have specific committee roles one thing to remember is that everyone on the committee is there to help and the rest of the committee members are willing to muck in whenever it is needed. We are also very lucky to have some wonderful past committee members still at the school to pass on their experience with running previous events and help out, which is definitely going to help us to make this a great event.

If you would like to know more about the committee or would like to put your hands up for one of the roles above please contact Andrew Tong on 0406677444 or email at info@barecreektrailrun.com

Mailing List
Would you like to be on the Bare Creek Trail Run mailing list? Please email info@barecreektrailrun.com and put “Mailing List” in the subject line and we will add you (Please note, entrants and volunteers from the 2014 event should already be on our list).

If you have any questions about this wonderful event or want to join us on the committee please contact us at info@barecreektrailrun.com

Community Notices

ENROL NOW!!
PAY-AS-YOU-GO
No Direct Debit
No Contracts

St Ives North Public School
Memorial Ave, St Ives
MON Juniors: 5:00pm

Terrey Hills Community Centre
Yalang Ave, Terrey Hills
TUES Juniors: 6:00pm

Phone: 04 1300 4094
www.tkma.com.au
Applause

Musical Theatre Academy

Does your child love to SING? ACT? DANCE?

Applause Musical Theatre Academy is now enrolling for Term 2!

Every epic class is filled with fun and adventure, as students develop their singing, acting and dancing skills ready for the exciting world of musical theatre.

With accredited and experienced teachers from the music theatre industry (and piano accompaniment), you can be sure that your child learns from the best!

There are performance opportunities and an annual soiree.

Oh – and it’s really fun!

**WEDNESDAYS**

Roseville

K-2: 3:30pm – 4:15pm
3-6: 4:30pm – 5:30pm *(FULL SORRY)*
Grade 7+: 5:30pm – 7:00pm

**SUNDAYS**

Chatswood

K-2: 3:15pm – 4:00pm
3-6: 4:00pm – 5:00pm
Grade 7+: 5:15pm – 6:45pm

**NEW CLASSES COMING TO...**

Killarney Heights on Mondays & Chatswood on Tuesdays

Get in contact with us to be first in line for these new classes!

Call today for a FREE TRIAL CLASS!

**ENROL TODAY!**

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