Principal’s Message

LEST WE FORGET

ANZAC Day was commemorated in two very special ways at SIPPS last week. First we had our school House Captains attend the RSL & Schools commemorative ANZAC service at the War Memorial in Hyde Park Sydney. They performed their role as school ambassadors respectfully and responsibly. I would like to thank Mr Wood for his help with transportation on the day. On Friday morning we held our whole school ANZAC service which was superbly organised and led by Mr Guzman and our student leaders. Thank you to all those who sent along flowers for the floral tributes.
2016 Opportunity Class Applications

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 22 July 2015.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2016, you need to do so soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student’s email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 27 April 2015 in a printed application information booklet and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. The application website opens on 27 April 2015 and closes on 15 May 2015. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after Monday 27 April 2015.

Notes of intention to apply for Opportunity Class placement in 2016 have been sent home to all Year 4 students today.

SIPPS Cross Country Carnival

Tomorrow Tuesday 28 April weather permitting, will be our school Cross Country Carnival. It will take place at Acron Oval. The students will be walking to and from the oval. Please ensure that your child has returned their permission note to the class teacher so they can participate in this event. In the event that the carnival is cancelled the back-up date is Monday 11 May.
“Planting Seeds for the Future” – SIPPS Eco-Committee

We are very pleased to have a cross-section of our wider school community represented in our newly-formed SIPPS Eco-Committee. The members currently are:

- Angela Lau and Felise Fraser – SIPPS parents
- Gillian Tegg, Kerry Cameron, Melissa Field – SIPPS Principal and teachers
- Phillip Matevski – Student of Environmental forensics and participant in Macquarie University Re-generation project
- Professor Wendy Goldstein – Facilitator; Macquarie University (re)-Generation Project

The committee is planning a make-over of our eco-garden so that students and the wider community can learn and appreciate the sustainable practice of growing and consuming home-grown produce.

There has been a comprehensive website developed by Angela where you can get more information about the project and how you can be involved. I hope the whole SIPPS community can support this initiative which will have a positive impact on students’ learning and capacity to succeed as lifelong learners. We trust that SIPPS families will participate in two upcoming events:

- SIPPS Working Bee: Sunday May 17, 9am-3pm
- Art Auction & Takeaway Dinner: Friday 29 May, 3-7pm

Find out more on the website: [http://angela4766.wix.com/sippsecogarden](http://angela4766.wix.com/sippsecogarden)

Please also see the flyer later in this edition of The Patter.

Best Wishes
Gillian Tegg
Principal

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**Notes from Office**

- ***AUSSIE BUSH CAMP STAGE 3*** – all camp notes were due in last Friday – we are urgently following up the outstanding permissions.

- ***Term 1 STUDENT INVOICE*** – It is disappointing that we have a large number of outstanding invoices from Term 1 – a further reminder is being sent home this week.

- ***CROSS COUNTRY*** - all permission notes for this carnival should be in today for our Carnival to be held at Acron Oval tomorrow.

- ***STEWART HOUSE DONATION ENVELOPES*** – please return your donation/competition entry in the silver box in the office foyer.

- ***G3-6 ICAS Competitions*** - a note will go home this week to all Grades 3-6 students. All entries along with fee must be returned to the office by **Friday 8th May**. **No late entries will be permitted.**

- ***Winter PSSA Competition – G3-6.*** Permission note, Code of Conduct and bus levy for Term 3 will be sent home this week. All notes must be returned by **Wednesday 6th May.**

- ***Non-PSSA Students G3-6*** – Permission note to participate in tennis program on Friday mornings will be sent home this week. All notes in by **Wednesday 6th May.**
The Scholastic Book Club Issue 3 was distributed last Friday 24th April for you to read, and decide if you would like to purchase any of the titles for your family.

Orders close on Wednesday 6 May 2015

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.
**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](http://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!


[App Store](https://apps.apple.com/au/app/scholastic-loop/id1445663895)

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**Uniform Shop**

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

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Matt
St Ives Park Public School Eco Garden

Planting Seeds For The Future

In term 1 of 2015, SIPPS was approached by Phillip Matevski, a university student studying Environmental Forensics. Phillip is part of a Macquarie University Project called "The (re)Generation". The Project aims to inspire young people back into nature. Phillip believes that establishing an eco garden will have a key role in influencing the attitudes of children to nature as well as making making healthy food & lifestyle choices. Phillip has volunteered to project manage the establishment of a working eco garden at our school.

Our principal (Mrs Gillian Tegg), teachers and parents have embraced Phillip's project as the eco garden will deliver many benefits to the students of the school, and the wider St Ives community. We are extremely grateful to Phillip for choosing SIPPS for The (re)Generation Project.

Working Bee
May 17th 2015. 8am - 4pm

There will be a Working Bee on May 17th from 8am - 4pm.

Our Project Manager Phillo Matevski has big goals for the working bee including:
• Relocating the pond
• Relocating the chook pen
• Leveling out the eco garden in preparation for our new garden beds

We are putting together a roster with tasks that need to be done and tools that we require. Parents and children are welcome, and we will also be serving food throughout the day for a small donation.

All donations will go towards our WISH LIST for the Eco garden.

Fundraiser: Art Auction & Takeaway Dinner
Friday May 29th. 3pm - 7pm

Prepare to Feast Your Senses!
• View beautiful works of art created by the children of St Ives Park Public School
• Discover the beauty and benefits of our Eco Garden through the eyes of our children
• Treat yourself to a healthy, delicious takeaway dinner with a menu inspired by our Eco Garden.

8 amazing masterpiece will be up for auction. Each of these unique pieces is the result of a combined effort of each of the SIPPS classes. Will you be the lucky person who gets to own one of these exclusive moments of your child’s time at SIPPS? Artwork will be displayed along with the children’s Eco Garden journals - you’ll be delighted by the experience of seeing the Eco Garden through a child’s eyes. Bring your grandparents! Uncles, Aunts, Cousins & Friends along and enjoy a beautiful home cooked dinner after the auction!

After viewing the art auction, pick up a mouthwatering home cooked Takeaway Dinner. Our menu has been designed to showcase some of the beautiful and healthy dishes that we will be making from the produce grown in the eco garden. The home cooked menu will also reflect the cultural diversity of our school featuring delicious meals from Morocco, Korea, Malaysia, Greece and more! More details coming soon!
P & C Meeting

The next P & C meeting is on Wednesday 20th May in the Library.

Festival on The Green - volunteers needed

This year SIPPS has a stand at the Festival on the Green, a major event which takes place on St Ives Village Green next Sunday 3 May, from 10.00 - 4.00. The stand is being run by the P&C, and we will be handing out leaflets and information sheets on the school and the BCTR. Ideally there will be 2 people on the stand at any one time, so please let me know if (and when) you can spend an hour or two to meet lots of happy people and talk about our wonderful school. I will be setting up at 6.30 and dismantling from 4.15 to 6.00 pm, but would appreciate some help during the day!

Keith Oliver
keitholiver@hotmail.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**

**BIKES WANTED**

COME AND SEE OUR NEW WAREHOUSE

**SUNDAY 3RD MAY, 2015 9AM -2PM**
3/130 OLD PITTWATER ROAD
BROOKVALE
Come to our first bike collection day and check out our new warehouse. We need bike donations for our next shipments to EAST TIMOR AND UGANDA. Visit our website for tips on how to donate your bike.

WWW.BIKES4LIFE.COM.AU