Congratulations

This week’s catch-card draw demonstrated that many students across our whole school are demonstrating behaviours consistent with the school expectations of **Respect, Responsibility** and **Personal Best**. Congratulations to this week’s winners.
**Tennis Success**

We are once again very proud to announce that Anastasia in 5/6G has been selected in a New South Wales Primary Schools Sports Association Tennis Team to compete at an interstate Championship in Tasmania later this year. She was part of the successful Sydney North Tennis Team to compete in the State Championship last week against 13 other regions across NSW. The team from North Sydney were overall state champions and once again won the Don Moon Trophy. We wish her all the very best as she prepares for the nationals. Congratulations Anastasia! You are a great representative for our state and our school.

**SIPPS Band**

Band rehearsal and tutorials began last week under the tutelage of experienced musicians Matthew Keegan and Emma Wright. This year our band program is coordinated by Bandemonium and any inquiries about this program should be sent to:

sally@bandemonium.com.au
Congratulations 4BJ

Last week 4BJ gave us a special performance of the song ‘We Are Australian’ at the K-6 assembly. They also have an exhibition of their 3D shadow sculptures in the foyer of our administration building. It was also good to catch up with them as they engaged in working mathematically in one of our many outdoor classroom areas.

School Uniform

I would like to thank parents for their efforts to ensure that our students are coming to school in the correct school winter uniform. The school believes that the wearing of a school uniform promotes positive community perception of public education. It is also a way that students demonstrate the school expectation of Respect as it is a reflection on how they value themselves and others. Below is a list of the elements in our girls and boys winter school uniform. This now also includes the addition of the Year 6 Jersey designed by our ‘Class of 2015’.
Please be advised that students should change into black school shoes after sports training or dance rehearsals on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursday and those students who play PSSA soccer must **not** wear soccer boots during recess or lunchtime play on Fridays. Thank you for your assistance.

**General Uniform Items**

- St Ives Park school bag;
- Dark green weatherproof jackets; and
- Red soccer socks.
- Official school wide-brimmed hat or legionnaires cap

**Winter Uniform - Girls**

- Red and green tartan princess-line tunic;
- White blouse with peter pan collar;
- Dark green underpants;
- Dark green jumper v-neck;
- Dark green long socks or tights;
- Black school shoes;
- School hat;
- Green or red ribbons; and
- Red scarf.

**Winter Uniform - Boys**

- Grey long trousers;
- Green long-sleeved school shirt;
- Red and green tartan tie;
- Dark green jumper v-neck;
- Grey school socks with red band;
- Black school shoes; and
- School hat.

**Student Survey**

SIPPS students are being invited to take part in some surveys while at school as part of a larger research project, called The (re)Generation Project which is being conducted by Wendy Goldstein at Macquarie University. The research is supported by a NSW Environment Trust Research grant. The research is exploring how young people can inspire other young people to visit and care for our natural world.

Tertiary student, Phillip Matevski, has volunteered to run a project at St Ives Park Public School. Phillip has worked on his concept with me, and a small group of teachers and parents to re-establish the eco-garden as a teaching and learning resource for the children at the school. He will research the effect of the garden and experience in nature on the students. As your son/daughter may be asked to respond to some surveys we would value your permission to use the information collected as part of Phillip’s project and for the overall research project.

Today a note has been sent home with the eldest child in each family explaining more about the project and proposed survey. If you do not want your child or children to participate in this survey please send a note to the school or an email message to stivespark-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Premier’s Sporting Challenge

Last week we began SIPPS involvement in the 2015 Premier’s Sporting Challenge. This program complements our current PD/Health/PE curriculum and programs that promote healthy and active lifestyles for our students.

The Premier’s Primary School Sport Challenge aims to engage young people in sport and physical activity and encourages them to lead healthy, active lifestyles. The Premier’s Primary School Sport Challenge involves primary school classes participating in a 10 week sport and physical activity challenge.

A class may accumulate time spent in a broad range of sports and recreational pursuits during lunchtime, in school sport programs, class time, after school or in weekend physical activity.

To achieve a Premier’s Bronze, Silver, Gold or Diamond Award, classes and individual members must accrue the following time spent in sport and physical activity:

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Class members record their physical activity time in the Premier’s Primary School Sport Challenge log book. For more information on the Premier’s Sporting Challenge please go to the following link:

https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/psc/primary/home.html

K-2 Ethics Class

The new K-2 Ethics class will commence this year as an alternative program to non-scripture. If your child received a note last week and you would like them to participate please return it to school by this Wednesday 20 May.

Damage to school Property

Recently we have had trespassers on the school property during the weekend and overnight who have caused damage to the tennis courts, buildings and outdoor furniture. If you see or are aware of such intruders onto the school site please don’t hesitate to call the school security hotline on 1300 880 021, Gordon Police 9418 5399 or 000 in the event of fire and emergency.

P&C Meeting

I look forward to meeting with members of the P&C at their next meeting, this Wednesday May 20 from 7:15 in the school library.
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

Students on the play equipment must be supervised by a parent standing next to the equipment. The school bell rings at 3.30pm as a reminder to parents to collect their children and leave as OOSH is entitled to exclusive use of the play equipment and grounds around the canteen from 3.30pm.

Best Wishes
Gillian Tegg
Principal

Notes from Office

• **STAGE 2: G3 & 4 EXCURSION TO IMAX & SYDNEY OBSERVATORY:** Thursday 21st May: Permission notes must be completed and returned by **Tuesday 19th May** – as we need to confirm exact numbers for Imax seating. Apologies for not attaching credit card voucher with note. A credit card voucher slip has now been uploaded to the webpage on the “Notes” page.

• **STAGE 2: G3 & 4 SPORT & RECREATION OVERNIGHT CAMP:** Expression of Interest/Commitment letter was sent home last week. Costs for the camp are dependent on numbers attending – please sign and return by Friday 22nd May.

• **Stewart House Clothing Appeal** –All donations need to be brought to the office by Tuesday 26th May.

• **PSSA DRAW:** The draw for **PSSA soccer and netball** for Terms 2 and 3 has been placed on the school’s website – you will find it under Curriculum – Sports & Physical Activities.

• **Kindergarten 2016:** Please advise the office if you have a younger sibling who will be starting Kindergarten in 2016 so we can send home the appropriate documentation.

• **Scholastic Book Club brochures** went home today with the students. Orders should be finalised by Thursday 28th May – Thank you
The uniform shop will be open this week on Wednesday from 8:45 - 10am. Assisting in the shop this week are Monica, Poi, Felise and Ant.

We are now able to offer eftpos / credit card facilities for those parents who purchase at the school. To simplify things at our end we are now only going to take cash or eftpos/credit card when the shop is open and direct debit for email orders that are collected from the office.

If you are unable to make it on Wednesdays, please email me on sippsuniform@gmail.com and I will organise your uniform for another day.

Many thanks,
Matt
Win back your Voluntary Contribution!

You will now have received your notes requesting the P&C Voluntary Contribution. As explained, St Ives Shopping Village has kindly given us generous support:

If you make your Contribution on or before Friday 29th May, you will go into the draw to win a **St Ives Shopping Village Gift Card to the value of $200** (the contribution for a single child at the school). And the winner will also receive **2 coffee vouchers** - take a friend to any of the excellent coffee houses in St Ives Shopping Village to discuss how to spend your voucher! Our sincere thanks to St Ives Shopping Village.

**P & C Meeting**

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

**P&C Meeting Wed 20th May, 7.15 - 9.00 in The Library**  All parents and carers are welcome to attend. Please let me know if you wish to add any items to the Agenda below:

**Agenda**

**FORMALITIES**
Attendees (present/apologies)
Approval of previous minutes
Communications

**REPORTS**
President's report
Principal’s report
Treasurer's report

**ECO GARDEN**

**FUNDRAISING**
Fundraising Event
The Entertainment Book
Voluntary Contributions

**PLANNED EXPENDITURE**
Air Conditioning

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Keith Oliver
P&C President
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.

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