STAGE 3 CAMP

Early this morning we waved off our Stage 3 students as they left for 3 days at the Great Aussie Bush Camp, accompanied by Mr Guzman and Miss Beaumont-Jones. During the course of their stay they will participate in a host of outdoor activities that will inspire and challenge them. They will engage in teamwork and also learn about the discovery of gold in Australia as an added feature of the camp’s program. This is a wonderful experience that will promote positive social interaction and enhance personal growth; qualities that are fundamentally important in becoming successful lifelong learners.
2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT & 2015 – 2017 SCHOOL PLAN

The School’s 2014 Annual School Report has now been posted on the school’s website. It outlines last year’s program highlights and achievements across academic, artistic and sporting domains. The school community can feel very proud of its many successes in 2014.

Also now posted on the website is the 2015-2017 School Plan. This plan was generated from ideas and feedback given by students, staff and parents via surveys, staff meetings and parent forums. It articulates three strategic directions expressed as ‘big picture’ ideals to engage our whole school community in transformational change that will maximize student learning and achievement at SIPPS. Thank you to parents, students and staff who contributed to the process through surveys in Term 4 last year and a very sincere thank you to staff who have been working throughout the term to put this Plan together.

School Vision Statement

The St Ives Park Public School vision is to Inspire and Nurture Successful Lifelong Learners. We offer our students a broad range of educational opportunities in a safe, caring and attractive environment. With our highly qualified teaching staff and excellent learning programs, our students have every opportunity to achieve their full learning potential. Our programs deliver the foundation and enthusiasm for a lifetime of learning and are structured to ensure that the individual needs of each student are addressed in a personalised manner. In addition to academic excellence, St Ives Park offers every child opportunities to participate in sport, debating, public speaking, music, dance, technology and academic competition. Our schools expectations of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best promote positive engagement in learning, respectful relationships, social and personal responsibility towards others and the environment.

Strategic Directions & Purpose Statements

1. Engaged Students
   To nurture, guide, inspire and challenge students to find the joy in learning in order to become self-motivated, lifelong learners, confident and creative individuals, with personal resources for future success and wellbeing.

2. Collective Efficacy
   To build, guide and support staff capacity and commitment towards a shared responsibility for the consistent delivery of excellence in teaching and learning that is focused on student engagement and improvement.

3. Effective Partnerships
   To sustain and grow the commitment and capacity of our wider school community to foster a broad school-culture of high expectations and a shared responsibility for student engagement, learning, development and success.
PBEL

In the new school plan you will see reference to the Positive Behaviour Engaging Learning (PBEL) initiative that we have been building over the course of this year. The PBEL team has been working hard to roll out elements of the program including the following posters. These highlight the key ways that students can demonstrate the school’s expectations of **Respect, Responsibility** and **Personal Best**. These will be displayed in all classrooms shortly.
Once again this year, all students at St Ives Park Public School are participating in the Peer Support Program. The Peer Support Program aims to empower young people to support each other and contribute positively to society. All students are organised into small mixed age groups which are spread across the school in different locations. Year 6 students work as leaders of these small groups. Our Year 5 students are the co-leaders.

This year our sessions aim to foster the building of resilience in students. Whilst these sessions occur weekly throughout the term, ongoing support for our younger students is fostered through our ongoing buddy class system.

Last Wednesday we had our first Peer Support session for 2015. They will continue every Wednesday in Term 2 with the exception of this week as Stage 3 students are at camp. In week 10 we will celebrate our program with a party session where we ask students to bring a small amount of party food to share with their group. Information about this party will be sent home later in the term.

We know that Peer Support is a highly valuable program; helping our students to achieve their Personal Best and become Successful Lifelong Learners.
**SIPPS Cross Country Carnival**

Last Tuesday we enjoyed perfect Autumn weather for our Cross Country Carnival. Congratulations to all students who participated in running and cheering for their house and good luck to those who will now move on to compete at the Zone Cross Country Carnival later this term.

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**Parent Forum**

We are very lucky to have such positive community partnerships at SIPPS. Last Monday we had a record number of parents attend our Monday afternoon parent forum. I would like to thank those who came along to find out about the great work our new eco-committee is planning for the re-generation of our ego-garden program. This will be a focus for the following 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 and Happy Mothers’ Day this Sunday to all SIPPS Mums and Grandmothers

Gillian Tegg
Principal

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**Notes from Office**

- **Student Emergency Contacts** – A report of existing data for each child will be sent home this week. Please review, edit and return as soon as possible so all details are kept up to date in the office.
• **STEWART HOUSE DONATION ENVELOPES** – please return your donation/competition entry to the silver box in the office foyer by Friday 8th May.

• **Stewart House Clothing Appeal** – Stewart House is running its second clothing appeal for the year. Plastic bags will be sent home from school today. All donations need to be brought to the office by Tuesday 26th May. Stewart House have thanked all school communities for their ongoing support in regard to the clothing appeal conducted by the Smith Family. They have received $18,032.00 from these collections. This constitutes an important part of their annual income, so your commitment is very much appreciated.

• **G3-6 ICAS Competitions** - 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. All notes must be returned by midday Thursday 7th May. Team selection will be finalised by coaches on Thursday so please note – late permission notes will not be accepted late Thursday or early Friday morning for the first day’s competition.

• **Non-PSSA Students G3-6** – Permission note to participate in tennis program on Friday mornings need to be in by midday Thursday 7th May.

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**Library**

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

Book Clubs LOOP
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LOOP is the NEW Scholastic Book Clubs
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.
To order and pay for Scholastic Book Clubs by credit card visit:


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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 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!
- For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on HELP in the top menu.
The uniform shop will be open this week on Wednesday from 8:45am - 10am. Assisting in the shop are Monica, Po, Ant and Felise.

**The uniform shop has a new email address.** If you would like to order by email, the new address is sippsuniform@gmail.com. **Please note there is no 's' at the end of uniform.**

The uniform shop is run voluntarily by the parent community. We realise that there are days when the shop is busy and we appreciate your patience during these times. We do our very best to ensure everyone is given enough time to purchase everything they need for their children. Please help us to by not going into the storeroom unless with a parent who is volunteering in the shop. We will assist you as soon as we can - please do not help yourself. We also need to be careful when completing the invoices. Only the parent volunteers fill these in.

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

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Many thanks,
Matt and Lisa
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 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 Phillie 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.

6 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 theseexclusive 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!
Festival off the Green

I should like to thank Linda Croft and Gillian for their work on flyers and brochures for the Festival on the Green, and all those parents who kindly offered to help out on our stand. As you know, it had to be moved indoors for safety reasons (re electrical cabling and risk of falls), which meant that most of the stands could not go ahead. We do, however, have 300 beautifully produced flyers (thank you, Gillian!) inviting people to our School Tour dates on Monday 25th May 9.30 am and Thursday 30th July at 12.30 pm. We are open to suggestions as to how these may be used most effectively in the near future.

Win back your Voluntary Contribution!

In common with all other public schools, our P&C raises funds by means of P&C Voluntary Contributions (these are separate from the School's voluntary contributions), and letters will be going out this week. As a result of the generosity of St Ives Shopping Village Centre Management, we are able to offer the following incentive for early payment:

If you make your P&C Voluntary 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.

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

P & C Meeting

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

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

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**DO YOU HAVE A CHILD DIAGNOSED WITH AD/HD?**

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR POSITIVE STRATEGIES TO HELP MANAGE YOUR CHILD’S BEHAVIOUR?**

Is your child between 6 and 12 years old?

You are invited **FREE OF CHARGE** to attend a well-known parenting program at Macquarie University

The program is part of an evaluation study and participants will be asked to:

- attend evening sessions
- fill in questionnaires (anonymously)

This study has been approved by the Human Research Ethics at Macquarie University

For more information or to express interest in this study please contact:
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Phone: 0412 414 114

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