Welcome to the new look Patter. We hope that you enjoy the new format and the ease in which you can access it on your smart devices. You can also keep up-to-date with the SIPPS news and calendar events via Facebook.

It was very pleasing to see how well all returning and new students settled into the new school term. On my visits to classrooms, I have witnessed high levels of engagement in learning and all classes demonstrating the school expectations of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best. Teachers have also been inspired by recent professional development opportunities to use a future-focused approach to the planning of learning experiences and spaces as seen in 4BJ.

New teachers this term are Miss Brittany Black who will be teaching 3B for the remainder of 2015. Mrs Kristen Robinson is replacing Mrs Apter while she is on leave. Miss Short is teaching KA while Mrs Anderson is on leave. Next week we also welcome our new school counsellor Merryn Taplin to SIPPS. She will be with us every other Wednesday (even weeks). I would like to extend my thanks and best wishes to Sarah Peterson who has moved on to a new permanent role as school counsellor in another school network area.

Last week, we literally ‘kicked off’ our Term 3 Tuesday sport program with Auskick AFL. Every class will have a weekly session to enhance their fitness and skills in a fun and energetic
way. Thank you to parents for supporting our efforts to enrich the sporting experiences that we offer all SIPPS students.

Reminder to Year 4 parents that the 2016 Opportunity Class Placement Test will take place at 9.00am to 11.15 am on Wednesday 22 July 2015. The test centre for students from our school is:

Davidson High School
Mimosa St
FRENCHS FOREST NSW 2086

All students who have registered to sit the ICAS English test will need to be at school by 7:55am on Tuesday July 28. They will need to meet Miss Moule in the 5/6S classroom before the test begins at 8am. For registered students who are away on the Stage 2 camp, there will be an opportunity to complete the test on Thursday July 30.

On Thursday July 30 during Education Week we will once again host a special Open Day program including a special open day assembly at 9:30am followed by open classrooms from 10:15 until 11:00 when we will have an early and extended morning tea so that families might enjoy the opportunity to picnic on our spectacular grounds.

Good luck Stage 2 campers as they head off to Milson Island Sport and Recreation Camp on Monday July 27. Thank you to Miss Beaumont-Jones and Miss Black who will be attending the overnight camp with students. All campers will need to be at school ready to board the buses at 7:45am

Parents and carers are also welcome to attend our Education Week Parent forum, on Monday 27 July in the school staffroom at 2:30pm. Mrs Park, our teacher of the Korean Language would like the opportunity to meet members of our parent community and share aspects of her program with you.

Thank you to our P&C class parent representatives who are organising the upcoming Comedy for a Cause school fundraiser. It is promising to be an excellent opportunity for our parent community to socialise and enjoy and evening of entertainment.

Notes from Office

Welcome to the new Schoolzine newsletter format. We are excited to be able to provide an enriched and hopefully more interesting newsletter and we look forward to working with our community to bring you timely and informative news of what is happening in the school.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN STICKER COLLECTION

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back. This community program enables schools to earn educational resources from Modern Teaching Aids when anyone from the school community shops at Woolworths.

Starting Wednesday 15 July when anyone from the school community- staff, parents, friends, relatives, carers shop at
Woolworths, they can collect stickers to place on their sticker cards. Once they complete their sticker cards they can place them in a collection box, at either our school outside the office, or the local Woolworths at St Ives Village Shops. The sticker sheets can be downloaded from the website http://www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

The program closes on Tuesday 8th September.

**Parents & Citizens Association**

**P&C Executive News**

**Next P&C Meeting Wed 22 July**

Our next P&C Meeting will be on Wednesday 22 July, 7.15 - 9.00. We are looking forward to holding this in the enlarged new Staff Room, and hope you will join us - please e-mail keitholiver@hotmail.com to let me know if you are coming. The Agenda was circulated last week - please e-mail me if you did not receive this, or if you have any other items you would like us to include.

**Comedy**

Are you feeling stressed out? Laughter, as they say, is the best medicine, and that is exactly what we have lined up for you on Saturday evening, 8th August. It is now 7 years since we held an evening social fundraiser, which so many people have been asking for, and we are really excited about Comedy for a Cause, which features comedians from the Sydney & Melbourne International Comedy Festival. Hurry up and book online at www.trybooking.com/ibun - you wouldn’t want to miss out. Please note, there will be snacks and alcohol, so it’s adults only.

**Tennis Courts**

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

**Uniform Shop**

**Uniform Shop Term 3**

The uniform shop will be open every Wednesday this term in the odd weeks, starting this Wednesday the 15th of July.

After a successful trial run last term opening the Uniform Shop at the earlier time of 8:30am, we have decided to permanently change our shop hours from 8:30 - 9:30am. This seems to fit with working parents better and it allows for fittings before the first bell.

Thank you to the parents who have been donating used clothing. There is so much in great condition that we have had to divide our used stock into summer and winter so it will fit on the racks. It’s also in such good condition that we’re selling much more second hand clothing then we ever have in the past.

Etpos / credit card transactions are working very well, allowing a cash-free way for parents to pay. Those parents who are buying via email are still able to use internet banking to transfer funds.

Finally thank you to all the parent volunteers that help run the Uniform Shop and assist the parents and children. Without your support the shop wouldn’t be able to run. You are very much appreciated.

Have a great term.

*Matt*

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**BCTR Call For Immediate Action!**

**Sunday 1st November 2015**

The BCTR may be four months away but to give the event every chance of success we need your immediate action:

1. Enter you and your family to participate or volunteer www.barecreektrailrun.com
2. Encourage as many of your friends and family as possible to enter the event now

Here is a link to our facebook page BCTR event https://www.facebook.com/events/401434973378467/ This is a great and simple way to encourage people you know to join us on race day please ‘invite’ people you know to attend the event.

Don’t forget early bird prices end 2nd August 2015, register now to get your personalised running bib!

If you want more information contact info@barecreektrailrun.com

**Canteen**

**Winter Warmers:**

The canteen is welcoming some new yummy options to the menu for Term 3:

- HASH BROWN.......................................................... 60c
- HOT CHOCOLATE (served warm).......................... $1.50
- LASAGNE (lunch only)........................................... $2.50

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Ethics

Become a Primary Ethics Teacher at St. Ives Park Primary School

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don’t attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes. We need a new volunteer to teach the Years 5 & 6 ethics class starting as soon as possible. The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgment, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives. Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials. For more information about the role and to volunteer, please go to


Cindy Smith (Ethics Coordinator)