

## **St Ives Park P&C Association – President's Report**

**October 2023**

It seems to me that these meetings come round sooner each time. Perhaps this time it feels like we have only just met due to the October school term break. Despite that, an awful lot has been happening at SIPPS. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all P&C volunteers for all that we achieve week by week. It really is incredible, and I suspect the envy of many P&C associations across NSW.

I would also like to thank all the staff at school for their dedication and passion. Without this incredible commitment from staff our kids would certainly not have the amazing opportunities they currently have at SIPPS.

This is my last President's Report I will be writing as I will not be re-standing at the AGM in November. It has been an extremely rewarding experience serving the St Ives Park P&C and community. I would recommend any parent thinking of getting involved in their kids school to start with the P&C.

**Referendum BBQ and Cake Stall** – Despite a difficult time this year recruiting volunteers, I would like to thank everyone who was involved in this fundraising event. We didn't expect to be holding another election BBQ and cake stall in 2023, so hats off to everyone involved in getting this event together. The support everyone showed was just incredible and truly appreciated.

**School Disco** – A massive thanks to Jess for her incredible work on getting the school disco organised. A highlight of the year for so many students at the school. Again Bop Til You Drop have been booked and we are looking forward to a wonderful evening. We are still after volunteers for the event so please encourage everyone to step up and help out.

**New Kindy 2024** – Massive thanks to Karen for her work in recruiting a class parent already for the 2024 Kindy group. The QR code for the new group has been included in the new Kindy Packs. I will be speaking at the Kindy Orientation session on 31 October and will be running through all things P&C with them.

**Band** – Thank you to the continued work of Kate the band master and to Piu for her work as Band parent. It is wonderful that the P&C can support the band with communication and coordination.

**Year 6 Farewell** – Massive thanks to Tanya and her team of volunteers who make up the year 6 farewell committee. We have had to make a change to the date for the event from the Monday to the Tuesday. This is to help support the St Ives Bowling Club as a local business. Lucky for us we had no major issues with rescheduling Bop til You Drop for the following night.

**Volunteers** – Following the last meeting we put out a flyer (online and home in bags) asking for more parents to come forward and support the wonderful things our P&C continue to do. It was a great response from our community and we should have some new faces joining us soon to take on roles.

**Online P&C Webinar** – A huge thank you to everyone who supported the P&C run Helping Kids with Screen Disorders and Gaming Addiction webinar. These opportunities are appreciated by our community and are a great way for our P&C to support parents.

**Discovery Tour** – Thank you to the P&C volunteers who continue to support the school tours. Having a parent on the tour to answer questions and provide 'an honest' opinion to perspective parents works really well. These tours continue during term 3 and the P&C will continue to support the school with these.

**Assembly** – Thank you to Caroline and the SIPPS staff for allowing parents to attend the assemblies each fortnight. So many parents appreciate this opportunity it is greatly appreciated. It was amazing to see so many attend the recent assemblies. It is a true statement of the community involvement that we enjoy here at SIPPS.

**P&C coordinated socials** – Thanks to everyone who has worked on getting our social groups up and running. It is great to see parents from all different classes and year groups get together for a night out. Special thanks to Rene for her work in setting up the first Mum's group. The Dad's group continue to meet regularly.

**Camp Out** – The SIPPS Family camp out has now been postponed until 2024.

**Uniform Shop and Canteen** – A massive thank you to Tanya and Claire for their amazing work in the Uniform Shop and Canteen. It is now looking like we have replacements for both these positions moving forward into next year.

**AGM** – This is our last meeting prior to our AGM. The AGM is booked at the ST Ives Bowling Club. We will unfortunately be farewelling a number of long serving members and hopefully (fingers crossed) welcoming some new faces. Please spread the word amongst parents about attending the AGM on the 15 November 2023.

**Finances** – I would like to give a big shout out to Lorna who has been working hard in the background on our finances. The role of treasurer is often not seen, but involved a huge amount of work behind the scenes. From all of us Lorna – thank you for all that you do.

**Solar Power** – It was with great excitement that we got the news that the NSW Department of Education has now approved our install project for the solar panels. We are now just waiting for a confirmed date of when this will take place. Thank you to Caroline for all her work in coordinating the Department people with this exciting project.

**Thanks for our Volunteers** – All that remains is a HUGE thanks for our volunteers to keep the P&C services running. Claire in the canteen and Tanya in the uniform shop especially. Thank you for giving your time and energy to our beautiful school. Also a massive thanks to Felicity who in the background each week coordinates our communication and newsletter items. And where would we be without our class parent comms which Karen amazingly puts together each week to keep us all informed and organised. A massive thank you to everyone from me.

Thank you

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