

St Ives Park P&C Association – President’s Report

July 2023

Despite only being 3 school weeks since we last met, an awful lot has been happening at SIPPS. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all P&C volunteers for their incredible commitment in time and effort to making SIPPS the best it can possibly be. What is clear to me is that the SIPPS sense of community is one of our biggest selling points and a big part of the SIPPS difference.

I have highlighted some of the excellent work which has been happening since our last meeting.

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.

Band – Thank you to the continued work of Kate the band master and to Piu for her work as Band parent. It is great to see our SIPPS bands performing in external band events. It was also great to be able to get a range of photographs recently to support the promotion of the school band in the newsletter and online.



Father’s Day – Massive thanks to Jess for her incredible work in getting ready for Father’s Day later in the term. Also, huge thanks to Rene who has volunteered to run the event this year in Jess’ absence. It is great to see all the planning and preparation work happening.



Year 6 Farewell – Massive thanks to Tanya and her team of volunteers who make up the year 6 farewell committee. It is so good to see that the planning of this event is already taking shape. The P&C have already approved a provisional budget for this event in December and the early bookings (such as Disco and event venue) have all been secured.



Working Bee – What a success our working bee was at the end of Term 2. It was brilliant to see so many families involved. We had over 35 people onsite digging, clearing, weeding and chopping. Thanks to Claire for her work in feeding everyone on the day. Massive thanks to Lucas for coordinating and running the event. It really was a great success. The school are now ready to use the veggie gardens and we now have plans for the chicken coop to be used for additional ‘larger’ veggies in due course. Thanks to everyone for their incredible efforts.

Online Safety Forum – It was great to be able to offer the online webinar for SIPPS families called ‘Keeping our children safe on social media’. The content was perfect as a starting point for our parents and served as a great taster for a possible face-to-face session later in the year. I have already started the conversations with Terrey Hills PS to see if there is an appetite for a joint venture in getting a speaker in to talk to our parents. I have also been in touch with the NSW Online Safety Commission who have provided me a list of registered speakers for Primary school aged parents.

Hot Dog Special Lunch – Huge thanks for Jess and to Claire for their work in getting the end of Term special lunch organised. Unfortunately I had to pull out at the last minute due to Flu, but the ladies did such an amazing job. These special lunches go down so well with the kids and parents. They also make some extra dollars for the fundraising kitty. Thank you to all involved it was a great success.

Pyjama Day – Thank you to Caroline and her staff for the PJ day in the last week of term 2. The kids absolutely loved the event and it was a great way to end the term. Also, made some money for the SRC – from all the parents, thank you for organising this event.



Athletics Carnival – A very special congratulations to all staff at SIPPS from the parents for such an awesome Athletics Carnival. The event was well organised and a great success. It was so pleasing to see so many parent volunteers at the event which speaks volumes for just how appreciative the parents are. All feedback I have received has been positive and a key part is just how inclusive the event is (K through to 6 are all involved). Special thanks to Mrs Taylor who had a very long day indeed.

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 great to see so many attend the assembly in the last week of term, despite the event only being short. It provided me an opportunity to speak with a number of families that I would not normally get to meet at school. We look forward to these events continuing next term.

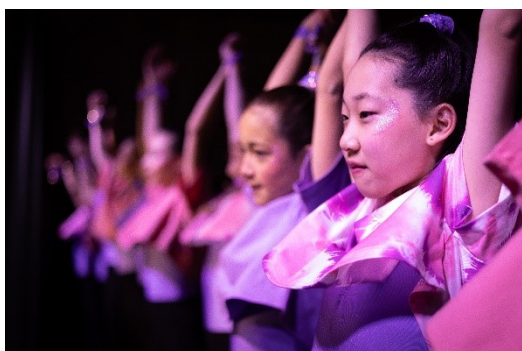
End of Term Cup Cakes – As a thank you for everything the staff do for our kids, the P&C provided end of term cup cakes for the staff room as a thank you.





LED Sign – It has been brilliant to watch the progress of the installation of the new LED sign. The P&C have already started to prepare some content for this new marketing tool and are looking forward to it being operational soon.

Bench Photos – It was great to be able to welcome Tim from Energy Saving Windows and Doors to SIPPS to formally thank him for the donation of not 1, but 3 awesome benches for our school. As a local business man, Tim very kindly donated these benches to the P&C. The value exceeds \$1500 which is more than we could have possibly asked for. We have acknowledged Tim and his company with social media posts and dedicated Plaques near the bench sites.



Dance Group – On behalf of all parents I would like to thank Mrs Stone and her team for the work they have done with the SIPPS Dance group. For the first time since I have had a connection with SIPPS we have competed at a Dance festival. It is a big hats off to the staff of SIPPS who do a lot of this work in their own time. Massive thanks to Caroline for her support of this extra-curricular activity. I hope to see it continue into 2024. It was also nice to be able to support the Dance group by videoing their performance for submission to the competition and also to get some photographs for promotional purposes.

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.

Thank you

Stewart Duncan
P&C President
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