

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

June 2023

It hardly seems like any time has passed since we held our last P&C meeting in early May, but despite only being 4 weeks our community has certainly packed in a lot of activities.



**PSSA Netball Kits** - I would like to thank Tanya and Leandri for working so hard in getting the designs for the new SIPPS Netball PSSA uniforms organised. The designs look great. Massive thank you to the Van Schalkwyk family for sponsoring these new netball kits for our kids.



**NSW Northern District P&C Meeting** – It was a great pleasure to be asked if SIPPS would host up to 40 other school P&Cs in late May. A massive thank you to all volunteers who were involved in helping get ready for this event and also to the parents who gave up their evening to attend. Massive thanks to Jess for the incredible catering.



From a SIPPS point of view the meeting was a great success. Not only did we hear from Murat Dizdar (the boss of the education department) but we were also able to raise issues with him and senior department of education executives. As a result of this, SIPPS has since been allocated an additional \$15k per year to support with the upkeep and maintenance of the trees onsite. Previously, this cost has had to be worn by the school directly. Now this money can be spent on the kids.

**Zone Cross Country Carnival** – Thank you to all parents who attended and helped at the recent Zone Cross Country carnival. These events would be very difficult for SIPPS if it were not for the parent volunteers on the day. It was a great day and made even better by the use of our new Gazebos that were the envy of every other school. The P&C purchased these gazebos after the 2022 cross country carnival realising that they are an essential tool when taking kids offsite to sporting events. We really did stand out.



**Enrolment flyers** – Thank you to all the P&C volunteers who have supported the letter box drop with the new enrolment flyers. There are more streets to still do, so any volunteers please come forward.

**School Open Days** – Over the last couple of weeks Caroline and I have been looking at what other schools do for their tours and open days (when attracting new enrolments). We have visited a number of schools and had a good look at what they do differently to SIPPS. From these visits we have picked up on some new ideas to help attracting potential enrolments. Stay tuned for more details on this and how the P&C can continue to support the school.

**Canteen** – Massive thanks top Claire and her team of volunteers who keep out kids fed each week. I ask that everyone continue to volunteer in the canteen to keep this service going. I would also like to thank Claire and Jess for offering to run another special hot dog lunch after the long weekend. It is very appreciated.



**Uniform Shop** – Huge thanks to Tanya and her helpers for continuing to take and fulfill orders for our Uniform Shop. This hard work is not seen by many but certainly appreciated by everyone. Thank you for everything you do each week.

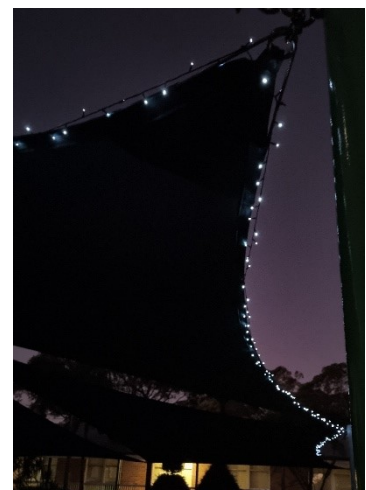
**Working Bee** – It has been disappointing that we have not had any volunteers for a school garden tidy up working bee. I hope that if we keep pushing this initiative then we will start to get some volunteers.



**New Bench** – The P&C have managed to provide an additional bench seat for student use which has been placed in the Astro-Turf area near the library. A massive thank you to Don and his Dad who was visiting from South Africa for helping to the bench assembled and in place at the school.

**Sails Lighting** – If you have walked past the school recently at night you will have noticed some sparkling white fairly lights now installed on the sails in the main playground. A relatively cheap solution to a lighting problem at night. The solar powered lights come on in the dark and charge up during the day.

It certainly makes the area look very magical and special indeed. Huge thanks to all involved and special thanks to Don for the use of his ute to help get them installed.





**Solar Project update** – It is exciting news with regards to the Solar My School project. SIPPS is one step closer to achieving this huge goal. At the end of May we received notification from the Purryburry Trust that our matched funding grant had been successful. The P&FC still need to find the \$4,250 from our fundraising kitty to complete the project, but this is a big step forward. The next stage is to get the department of education assets team to go to tender for the work. I am still hopeful that this will happen quickly and we will have the solar in and working before the end of 2023.

**Video work** - The new SIPPS difference video is now live and it appears to have had a great result. Massive thanks to all P&C volunteers who have been involved in this. Even if we manage to get a few families interested in enrolling at SIPPS it means it is worth all the hard work. The video (at time of writing this report had in excess of 600 views)

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**LED Screen** – It is with great excitement that the jointly funded LED sign on Acron Road is being installed. This has been a long term, goal for the P&C and we are now finally achieving it. Thank you to Ku-ring-gai council for their support with this and of course Caroline for her continued persistence with the asset people in the department.

Finally, on behalf of all parents and the P&C executive I would like to thank Caroline, her executive team and all staff for the incredible work so far this term. Despite a lot of sickness and Covid now rearing it's ugly head again, the daily work you do for us as families and of course for our childre4n is so very appreciated. From all of us, thank you.

Thank you

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