

SIPPS P&C President's Report – May 2023

It has been a wonderful start to the term despite the colder weather now kicking in. Before I get into some of the incredible achievements that the P&C has already had in term 2, I need to mention the volunteers that continued to support SIPPS and the P&VC during the school holiday period.



Massive thanks must go to Don who helped get two benches installed for parents to use whilst watching their children play tennis. Ever since the new fence at the school was installed, it has been difficult to watch the children play tennis at the after school coaching sessions. Now, thanks to the hard work of the P&C volunteers, a dedicated access gate has been installed and the new benches are in for parents to

use whilst watching their kids play tennis.

I would also like to extend thanks on behalf of all parents to Wim (the GA) who was often seen at the school during the school holidays getting the grounds ready for the start of term. His hard work is so very appreciated. We have such beautiful grounds, it is wonderful to know that our kids can use them due to the maintenance that Wim provides.

We have certainly hit the ground running this term. We have already seen a number of big events put on by the P&C as well as all the usual canteen and uniform shop work that goes on in the background.

New Ties – Uniform Shop

Special thanks to Tanya for all her incredible work in getting the new ties ready and out to families for the start of the Winter Uniform. It was no small task, but Tanya managed to get a selection of elasticated ties for boys as well as having all our existing boys' ties stock converted to elasticated versions. This not only saved the P&C money, but in turn our families. Huge thank you from all of us at SIPPS for your hard work.



Canteen

Our SIPPS canteen on a Monday continues to provide kids with a freshly prepared lunch each week. Now the colder weather has arrived, it is great to know that our kids are able to get a hot lunch each week. Massive thanks to Claire and her team of volunteers who run this service for us at no charge each week. It is truly exceptional the commitment

that you make for the benefit of our kids and our community.

School Tours

It has been wonderful that the P&C have been invited by the school to take part in the new enrolment tours happening this term. It offers another view point to the prospective parents, many of which seem to be shopping around. By having P&C volunteers available to answer questions and speak to new parents provides a real sense of the type of community we have at SIPPS.

Grants

Unfortunately we were unsuccessful with the grant application that we (the P&C) put in with the school at the end of last year as part of the School Infrastructure Upgrade scheme. We were asking for the installation of lighting and a sound system in the COLA. We were unfortunately unsuccessful this time around but will of course look for other funding opportunities as the year progresses.

Solar Update

Our final paperwork for the second solar grant was submitted at the end of last term. We hope to hear the outcome of this and indeed the department's commitment to solar at SIPPS by the end of May. Should we be successful with our grant applications I am hopeful that the installation will be completed before the end of 2023. It would be great to have SIPPS completely powered by the sun and certainly supports the school value of Responsibility. Thank you to all parents and staff who have been involved and supported this exciting project so far.

Enrolment marketing and support

The P&C continue to support the school executive team with marketing for enrolments within the local area. Thanks to the volunteers who have supported the delivery of flyers and posters to the day care and pre-school centres within St Ives and surrounding suburbs.

The P&C have commissioned several new flyers for general use as well as a letter box drop designed flyer highlighting the new catchment boundaries in the area.



We are hopeful that these will spread the word and bring additional enrolments for 2024 (and possibly beyond).

New video on its way

The P&C have been working with the school on an updated 'SIPPS Difference' video for online use. The new video will replace the current one with updated footage and voiceover. It is hoped that this will go live soon. It is going through the final checks by the school.

Special P&C meeting

SIPPS P&C is privileged to host a special meeting on 30 May of Northern Sydney region P&Cs. About 20 different school P&C representatives will come together with Department of Education executives to have a meeting and hear all about what is happening in the department. It is a great opportunity to showcase SIPPS and meet other parents from P&Cs across Sydney. We look forward to hosting this meeting this term.

Mother's Day

A massive thanks to Jess and her team of volunteers for another wonderful week of P&C run Mother's Day activities. The gifts that were provided to students were just wonderful. The Mother's Day breakfast was again a great success and on behalf of all parents at SIPPS a massive thanks to Jess for her efforts and the huge amount of time she put into these events.

Not only is the Mother's Day breakfast a great community event, but it also raises money for our SIPPS P&C fundraising pot.



Stewart Duncan
P&C President
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