

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

September 2023

Despite only being a few 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 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.

**Father’s Day** – A massive thanks to Jess for her incredible work for the multiple Father’s Day events that have been held recently. We have seen record numbers of Dads attend our Father’s Day breakfast. Jess managed to achieve this whilst still moving house on the same day. Huge thanks to her and the team of volunteers who cooked, cleaned and entertained our Dads.

**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.

**Cyber Safety Talk** – A huge thank you to Terrey Hills Public School who extended the invitation to our community for the Police Liaison by Senior Constable Lewis Peters which was held on 22 August. Unfortunately I was unable to attend this one, but I know from discussions with other families that this topic is extremely useful for parents and carers at the moment.

**Voice Referendum** – Now that a date for the Voice referendum has been announced (Sat 14 October) it presents an opportunity for the SIPPS P&C to put on a great Cake and BBQ sale for the election. Planning for this event will start and we will be putting together a team of volunteers. The vote is the day after our school Discos and the weekend before the SIPPS Family camp out, so October is starting to look extremely busy.

**Zone Athletics Carnival** – A very special thank you to all the parents who supported the Zone Athletics Carnival. I would also like to extend out thanks to all the staff at the school who supported our kids with this exciting achievement. 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 amazing to see so many attend the recent assemblies. It is a true statement of the community involvement that we enjoy here at SIPPS.

**Staff recruitment** – The P&C continue to support SIPPS with staffing recruitment by being involved in the selection and interview process – as a parent rep. It is really appreciated by the parents that the school executive involve a parent as it provides ‘the parent view’ when selecting staff.

**School Disco** – Thank you to Jess for all her incredible work in getting the school disco event planning underway. Flyers have been sent home and everyone is looking forward to this exciting night.

**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 dinner.

**Aboriginal Cultural Experience** - Huge thanks on behalf of all parents for the coordination and invitation of the Aboriginal Cultural Experience held in August. Our parent community really appreciated being invited and seeing what was taking place on that day.

**100 days of Kindy** – Thank you to Mrs Wright and her team for putting together the 100 days of Kindy. The kids had a really amazing day. Also, thanks to the executive team for supporting the coordination of the aerial shot of the kids in the 100 formation on the oval.

**Camp Out** – The SIPPS Family camp out is now scheduled and the Save the Date flyers have now gone home. There is certainly a good vibe from families on the gate about this event.

**LED Sign** – It has been brilliant to watch the different messages that the school is showing on the new LED sign. Thank you to Cathy in the office for all her work on this. When I drive past now (certainly at night) there is no missing the sign and the messages that are displayed.

**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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