

## St Ives Park P&C – March 2023

### President's Report

The school year is certainly well underway now and it has been great to see so many different initiatives happening each week at the school.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the P&C volunteers who have made the start of 2023 such a fun filled few weeks.

**P&C Special Lunch** - Many thanks to everyone involved in the special lunch that the kids enjoyed on the 24 February. A call out to Jess and Claire who spend the morning preparing and cooking the hotdogs for all the kids.



**Canteen** – Many thanks to Claire and her volunteers who have started up the canteen on a Monday. The time taken for the benefit of the kids and our SIPPS families to truly appreciated.

**Uniform Shop** – Thank you to Tanya for her continued work in the uniform shop and fulfilling all those online orders which keep coming through. As a P&C we will need to review the pricing of the uniform shop soon due to the increase our suppliers are now passing on to us.



Also, thanks to Tanya for her work in making sure we have compliant ties for the boys ready for the start of the winter uniform. We will start conversations with the school regarding communication and the expectations regarding if all students must or should replace their ties with the new elastic ones.

**Election Fundraising Event** – The NSW State election is being held on the 25 March and SIPPS once again is designated as a polling station. Election Day barbecues and the cake stall are a major fundraising event for the SIPPS P&C. In order for us to be able to pull it off, we need help from parent volunteers. I would like to thank Jess and her team for all the work that has been happening in the background in preparation for this event. It will be all hands on deck and fingers crossed we get a good turn out.



Please urge our families to sign up to help support this fundraising event, it is a great way to meet other parents and get involved in the school. Volunteer Sign up is online here:

<https://volunteersignup.org/A3EM3>

**Tennis Courts** – I would like to thank everyone who has been involved and supported the installation of separate access to our Tennis Courts. We hope that soon the courts will be available to hire to our community through the P&C. I would like to acknowledge David Xiao (parent Y4 and Y6) who has kindly offered to volunteer as the P&C Tennis Court Coordinator.

The new signage and padlocks should be installed shortly and we look forward to our community making use of this fantastic resource again soon.



**Sponsored seating** – We have been successful in obtaining sponsorship from a local business to provide 2 benches in the tennis court public access area. This will provide our parents and community members with somewhere to sit and watch their children play tennis. Also, thank you to Wim for spending the time mowing the grass in this area.

**Solar Power Project** - One of the P&C fundraising goals for 2023 is to have SIPPS completely powered by the sun. Thanks to the hard work of our P&C volunteers we were successful in gaining a grant through Ku-ring-gai council for \$2,500 so we could have a full site survey put together.

It was an exciting first step when the survey took place recently. We look forward to this work continuing and the fundraising during the year to have SIPPS completely powered by the sun.



**International Women's Day** – Thank you to all the volunteers who helped support the school to celebrate International Women's Day on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. Students were provided with a IWD ribbon on the day. The P&C have also donated \$300 worth of books to the school library including titles 'Twelve Women Who Shaped History', 'Amazing Australian Women', 'Girls Who Changed the World' and many more. The selection of books have been selected to cover students in Kindy through to Year 6



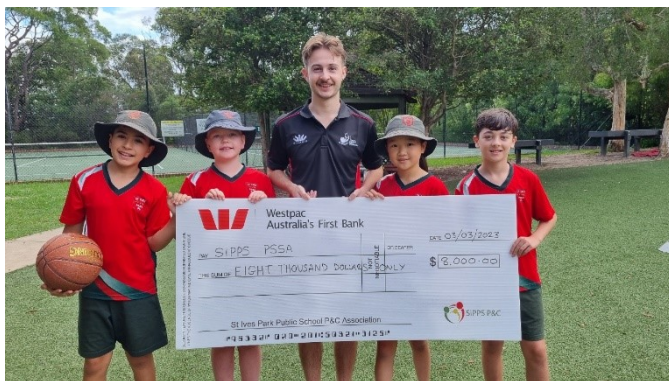




**P&C donations to classroom teachers** – Thank you to everyone who was involved in making the decision to help support classroom teachers at the start of this year. It was wonderful to be able to use the giant cheque and present this to each of the classroom teachers. They were extremely grateful.

**Voluntary Contributions** – Thank you to Rhonda for ensuring that the P&C voluntary contribution is listed on the school fees statement. We ran a selection of social media posts in the run up to the fees statement going home. It was also great that we were able to finalise our 2023 goals in readiness for this.

This money makes such a difference in our small school and really enables us to provide for the school as needed.



**P&C supporting SIPPS PSSA** – Again this year the P&C are supporting SIPPS with competitive sport by helping fund the release time of the staff needed to run the PSSA program. Sport is a big thing at SIPPS and many of our kids are involved in the PSSA competitive sport program. It was great to support the school with \$8,000 for teacher release. Thank you to everyone who has supported the fundraising efforts to make this happen.

**Grants** – We have applied for a number of small grants since our last meeting. This includes one from the Department for help with technology funding and another for helping rejuvenate our garden beds. We are working on a Wellbeing grant at the moment which is scheduled to close in April.

**School Marketing** – The P&C continue to support the school with marketing. This includes Facebook and Instagram. We are still waiting (at time of writing this report) to hear back from the NSW



Department of Education about the promised marketing funding. I hope to hear back soon. IN the interim, we continue to collect photographs and the P&C are supporting the creation of a short video to market the work that is happening in Mathematics and the new role of Assistant Principal supporting the delivery of Numeracy and Literacy.

**Swimming Carnival** – On behalf of the entire SIPPS community I would like to thank and congratulate the school for such a wonderful SIPPS 2023 Swimming Carnival. A massive shout out to all the parents as well for their continued support. It was great to see all students (whether they were swimming or not) cheering along their classmates. Special thanks to the school executive team for making this event so inclusive for everyone.



**Easter Hat Parade** – Thank you to Jess for getting so organised with the Easter Hat parade event. This year we will be running the usual student raffle for easter eggs as well as a parent raffle for an Easter Hamper. We will also try and organise a donate a fiver to help provide additional books to the library. Thanks to Claire who has also offered to make cookies again. We have also commenced approaching local businesses to see if we can get any Hot Cross Buns donated for resale. It is shaping up to be an exciting last day of term.

### Dates for your calendar

Event	Date
NSW State Election	Saturday 25 March
Easter Hat Parade	Thursday 6 April
Mother's Day Stall	Wednesday 10 May
Mother's Day Breakfast	Friday 12 May
Father's Day Stall	Wednesday 30 August
Father's Day Breakfast	Friday 1 September
School Disco	Friday 13 October
SIPPS Camp Out	21/22 October
SIPPS Spectacular	Tuesday 19 September
Y6 Farewell Party	Monday 11 December

Thank you,  
Stewart Duncan  
SIPPS P&C President