Behind the Green Gate

I wanted to take this opportunity to wish you a very blessed Easter this year.
I hope there are some good things for you, some space to reflect, some time
with friends and family.
Travel safely. Enjoy the warmth of the sun on your backs. Be kind to yourselves.
Hold your family just that little bit tighter.
I look forward to seeing you all together at the beginning of next term.
May the true meaning of Easter: of hope and optimism, of love and the message
of Jesus, of peace and joy; be with you always.

Jenny Allum

Coming Events

Sunday 5 April
• Easter Sunday
• Daylight Savings finishes

Monday 6 April
• Easter Monday

7-9 April
• Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expedition – Brisbane Waters N.P.

14-17 April
• Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expedition – Blue Mountains

What's On Week 1

Tuesday 21 April
• Term II starts
• Theatre Club: Endgame – Sydney Theatre, 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Finish
time 8.50pm

Thursday 23 April
• Year 9 Parent-Teacher Afternoon – JFSATC, 3.30pm-6.30pm
• Year 12 Tertiary Information Evening – Kincoppal-Rose Bay

Friday 24 April
• Year 6 Day of Eminence, 9.30am-
11.30am
• Years K-2 Assembly, 12.20pm
• Eastside Debating Competition Round 5
vs Sydney Girls' High

25-28 April
• Gold Duke of Edinburgh’s Award
Expedition – Blue Mountains

Languages

Mondovision is Coming to SCEGGS
To celebrate Languages this year, the Languages Department is organising a song
competition for all students of Years 7 to 12 in Week 6 of Term II.

How to participate
• Find a song in the language you are studying, that you have studied or with which
you are familiar.
• Get together with your friends (maximum of 15 students per group), learn the lyrics
and prepare your creative performance.
• You can use the backing track of the song, play the music or a combination of both.
• Fill in the application form (to be collected from the Languages Department) by the
end of Week 2 in Term II.
• Auditions will be held in Week 6 of Term II.
• Winners will perform in the Highlights Concert on the Friday of that week at lunch time.
• Special prizes will be awarded.

Angelique Deleeuw
Head of Languages

Change to Winter Uniform
Transition week for Years K-12 when either winter or summer uniform may be
worn will be:

Tuesday 21 April – Friday 24 April
(First week of Term II)
Correct winter uniform must be worn week commencing:
Monday 27 April
Debating

Eastside Debating
The Eastside Debating Competition is off to a flying start with four of the seven rounds already completed. SCEGGGS has achieved great results with two teams still unbeaten – the Year 8 and Year 12 teams. Two other teams have only had one loss – the Years 9 and 10 teams.

Every Friday afternoon, after a long week of schoolwork and other commitments, the girls attend coaching sessions with their coaches and then later in the evening debate some very talented students from a variety of schools in the Eastern Suburbs. Well done to all the girls who have been committed to their training this term and tried their best in the competition so far. We have also had great success with the extra debates being held at Years 7 and 8 levels.

Next term we will be concluding the remaining three rounds which will then determine who goes forward to the final rounds.

Term II
Looking ahead to Term II, it will be a very busy one for debating with the Archdale Competition starting on Tuesday 26 May and a further 38 girls competing in this competition.

The Senior Inter-House Debating Competition will also be held over the course of this term.

The number of girls in Year 6 undertaking debating has increased significantly and we have an extra coach to accommodate this demand. With the concurrence of the other schools in the IPSHA Primary Debating Competition, SCEGGGS has been able to increase its teams from two to four, providing more opportunity for our Year 6 girls to experience debating. The IPSHA Competition will begin in Term II.

Congratulations to our Debating Captain, Imogen Harper, who has been selected in the NSW Debating squad, which is a wonderful personal achievement.

Margaret Schuitema
Debating Co-ordinator

Duke of Edinburgh’s Award

This term has been a busy and warm time for the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award expeditioners, with three Bronze and two Silver hikes run over consecutive weekends. The Silver hikes, in particular, tolerated hot and humid weather, whilst the Bronze girls coped with more rain than usual. As the girls can tell you (probably with some drama), the warm humid conditions are favoured by leeches, and some of the girls struck up unwelcome friendships with a few of them! We have also dealt with unusual stream crossings, with higher than normal tides making the crossing of Calna Creek, near Crosslands, more of a challenge.

The term has also been challenging for the girls in other ways, with the Bronze candidates having to negotiate the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award website quirks for the first time, and embark on their Volunteering, Skill and Recreation components, while the Silvers and Golds move on to their new tasks with enthusiasm.

Over the holidays, the girls will continue with their challenges, with another Silver hike in the first week and the first of two Gold Practice hikes in the second week. Good luck to those girls, and to everyone else, I urge you to continue your efforts with your other components, and be sure to resolve any issues with the website as soon as possible.

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful Easter.

Joanne Bower
D of E Co-ordinator

Science

Sydney University Gifted and Talented Discovery Program
In November last year, a small number of Year 8 and Year 9 students sat for the Gifted and Talented Science Discovery Program Qualifying Examination. This examination is very challenging, requiring students to draw on their knowledge of science as well as to think creatively.

I am pleased to announce that five of those students achieved in the top 12% of those students examined across Australia, which means they have qualified to attend the Gifted and Talented Discovery program later this year. Those students are:

Caroline Barton
Mia Bodycomb
Neave Taylor
Ophilia Kong
Miriam Pritchard

A special mention to Ophilia Kong, who was ranked first out of the approximately 1200 students who chose to sit the examination. What an outstanding achievement!

Luke Hanson
Head of Science

Sport

NSWCIS Under 16 Hockey Championships
Well done to both Rebecca Liebson and Miriam Pritchard who were part of the winning IGSSA Under 16 team at the NSWCIS Under 16 Hockey Championships on Tuesday.

At the completion of the championships Miriam was named in the NSWCIS Under 16 Team and will now trial for the NSW Under 16 All Schools Hockey Team. Rebecca was named as a shadow player for the NSWCIS team.

93rd Australian Athletics Championships - Brisbane
Congratulations to Elizabeth Baral who placed 9th in the Pole Vault at the Australian Athletics Championships last weekend in Brisbane.

Netball
Congratulations to Amy Parmenter who was named in the NSW Swifts Travelling Squad for the most recent ANZ Netball Championship Game against the Queensland Firebirds. It is a wonderful achievement to have the opportunity to be part of this professional sporting team. Amy travelled with the Swifts to Queensland where she trained and was a reserve for the game. Her Swifts teammates included both Australian and English representatives and to have this experience at the age of 17 is an honour and something of which we can all be proud.

Alison Gowan
Director of Sport
**School Shop**

**Winter Uniform**
The winter uniform stock is now available in the School Shop. Winter uniform must be worn from Week 2 of Term II.

There is no need to make an appointment, just remember to check the sizing of the current shirts and tunics before coming in to purchase.

For more detailed information please go to the website: [http://www.sceggs.nsw.edu.au/community/sceggs-shop/winter-uniform](http://www.sceggs.nsw.edu.au/community/sceggs-shop/winter-uniform) or contact me via telephone on 9332 1133 or email: suehumphrey@sceggs.nsw.edu.au.

Please note: the School Shop is not open during the Holiday period. We reopen on Monday 20 April 8.00am to 3.30pm.

*Sue Humphrey*

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**Class Parent Functions**

**Year 9 Drinks and Canapés**
Thursday 7 May, 6.30pm onwards
The Print Room
10 Glenmore Road, Paddington
$35.00 per person (drinks separate) and lucky door prize
Please RSVP by Friday 1 May
Pay online (Select ‘P&F’ and ‘Class Parents Events’)

**Year 5 Drinks and Canapés**
Saturday 9 May, 6.30pm-9.30pm
D’Bees Cafe
27 Knox Street, Double Bay
$40.00 per head which includes welcome drink and canapés
Please RSVP by Monday 4 May by paying online
(Select ‘P&F’ and ‘Class Parents Events’)

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**SCEGGS Vacation Care**

**April Holiday Program**
7-17 April, 2015
Open to all Girls and Boys aged 5-12 years
8.00am-6.00pm, Monday to Friday
$45.00 per day
(additional charges for excursions and special events)
For bookings, go to: [www.trybooking.com/HGAO](http://www.trybooking.com/HGAO)
For more information or to download a program [click here](http://www.sceggs.nsw.edu.au/community/sceggs-shop/winter-uniform).

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**Careers Corner**

**Tertiary Education Information Evening Thursday 23 April**

In conjunction with Kincoppal-Rose Bay, Kambala and Scots College, all Year 12 students are required to attend this event from 6.15pm-7.15pm in the Edwina Taylor Auditorium at Kincoppal-Rose Bay. University providers from Sydney and regional areas will be in attendance as well as ADFA. The Institute of Chartered Accountants, EducationUSA and selected private colleges.

Please note that there is no on-site parking at this event. Guests are asked to park on either Old South Head Road or in the neighbouring streets. However, there is disabled parking provided in the underground carpark with access to a lift.

**Visit by Associate Professor Dr Tim Corney**
Associate Professor Dr Tim Corney, the Dean of Wellbeing at Queen’s College Melbourne University, will be visiting SCEGGS Darlinghurst on Wednesday 22 April at lunchtime in G1.

All Year 12 girls interested in studying at Melbourne University are invited to meet Dr Corney and find out more about life at Queen’s College.

**Intensive Journalism Workshop for Years 10, 11 and 12**
**Wednesday 15-17 April**

This workshop is designed to give you a behind the scenes look at how journalists deal with everyday events to create news in TV, radio, print media and online. Students will research specific locations in inner Sydney to report on newsworthy issues. A visit to the ABC Radio and Television Studios is also included.

This course is presented by Ms Janet Morice (BA TSTC MACE) and the following guest journalists will be in attendance:

- **Ms Deborah Snow**, Senior Writer, The Sydney Morning Herald
- **Ms Polly Simon**, journalist, The Daily Telegraph
- **Mr Felix Hubble**, Film Reviewer, Fourthreefilm.com


Places are limited to 20 students. The booking site will let you know if all places are taken.

**EducationUSA**

Following are the details on the information sessions EducationUSA will be holding during the April school holidays at their offices: EducationUSA, US Consulate General, Level 10, MLC Centre, 19-29 Martin Place, Sydney. *Photo ID is required for entry to the Consulate.* RSVP for all sessions is essential at [www.trybooking.com/89936](http://www.trybooking.com/89936).

Details are as follows:

1. **US Undergraduate Information Session and Sport Scholarship Information Session**
   Date and time: Wednesday 8 April, 1.30pm for 2.00pm-4.00pm
   Intended Audience: Secondary school students aiming to compete in NCAA college sport and parents and students interested in learning about the US undergraduate application process.

   Other Information: A free general information session on the US undergraduate application process and NCAA eligibility process. RSVP is essential by Monday 6 April (places may be filled before the RSVP deadline).

   NCAA sponsored sports are listed under the sports tab at: [http://www.ncaa.com/](http://www.ncaa.com/).
2. **US Undergraduate Information Session**
   
   **Date and time:** Friday 17 April, 1.30pm for 2.00pm-3.00pm
   
   **Intended Audience:** Secondary school students interested in learning about the US undergraduate application process.
   
   **Other Information:** A free general information session on the US undergraduate application process and NCAA eligibility process. RSVP is essential by Wednesday 15 April (places may be filled before the RSVP deadline).

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**Sydney TAFE**

**Information Seminar for Years 10, 11 or 12 Students and Parents**

**Tuesday 28 April, 6.00pm-7.00pm**

Sydney TAFE Building W: Level 8 (old Marcus Clark Building)
827-839 George Street

Students and their parents are invited to Sydney TAFE to get information about courses, important steps in career planning, entry from TVET to trades and higher education, and support available to TAFE students. Contact: 9217 4854 or SydneyCareerAdvice@tafensw.edu.au. For further information visit: [http://sydneytafe.edu.au/newsevents/events/info-seminar-year-10-11-or-12-students-and-parents](http://sydneytafe.edu.au/newsevents/events/info-seminar-year-10-11-or-12-students-and-parents).

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**Bond University**

Scholarships open on Wednesday 1 April. A full list of all scholarships available, including the eligibility criteria for each, can also be found at [www.bond.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.bond.edu.au/scholarships). Applications will close online on Friday 31 July.

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**AFTRS: Information Day**

**Saturday 30 May**

Building 130, The Entertainment Quarter, Moore Park

Speak to staff and students, view the facilities and learn how to prepare an application to study at AFTRS. For more information visit [http://www.aftrs.edu.au/events/aftrs-open-days](http://www.aftrs.edu.au/events/aftrs-open-days).

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**Sydney Speaking School: School Holiday Courses**

Sydney Speaking School aims to provide fun and engaging courses targeted at improving the speaking skills of school students. Sydney Speaking School courses are available for secondary school students in Years 7-9 held at Shore. Go to [http://www.sydneyspeaking.com.au/](http://www.sydneyspeaking.com.au/).

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**National Youth Science Forum**

Expressions of interest for the NYSF are now open and close Sunday 31 May. Students must be in Year 11 to apply – the programs occur in the summer before Year 12, and are for students interested in careers in science, engineering and technology. Contact: 02 6125 2777 or nysf@nysf.edu.au. More information can be found at [http://www.nysf.edu.au/](http://www.nysf.edu.au/).

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**UNSW: Getting into Medicine**

UNSW has put together information for students wanting to know more about the application process for studying medicine at UNSW. Go to [http://unswfuturestudents.tumblr.com/post/113828077457/getting-into-medicine](http://unswfuturestudents.tumblr.com/post/113828077457/getting-into-medicine).

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**Public Speaking**

**Lions Youth of the Year**

Eleanor Armstrong has reached the State Finals of the Youth of the Year contest. Eleanor won both the Public Speaking and the Youth leadership division of the program. This was a most exciting win against some very impressive contestants. We wish Eleanor well for Saturday 11 April, the State Finals.

**ASCA Speaking Awards**

The Australian Speech Communication Association (ASCA) held an award ceremony Saturday 28 March where several SCEGGS girls received awards.

**Centre Medals** were awarded to: Ella Crowley-Burrows, Marie Karantanas and Angelica Pettaras, and **Studio Medals** to Isla Collee, Mia Freeland, Lucia Gelonesi, Imogen Harper, Allegra Kierann, Hannah Mavrakis, Arella Plater and Claire Yin.

The **ASCA National Scholarship**, which is awarded to the highest achieving student in the senior examination program, went to Ella Crowley-Burrows.

Sandra Carter
Speech Co-ordinator