From Ms Allum

I hope that your holidays were relaxing and restful, healing and comforting, refreshing and reinvigorating. I know what a sad time it was for everyone at the end of last term, and you were all in my thoughts and prayers over the school holidays.

In Chapel next week we will be considering how we begin to move forward together in light of the tragedy of Isla’s death last term. All parents are welcome to come to any of those services according to when their daughter attends chapel. Our service begins at 8.30am each morning with the following year groups in attendance:

- Tuesday: Years 9 and 10
- Wednesday: Years 7 and 8
- Thursday: Years 11 and 12
- Friday: Primary

Annual General Meetings

Company members and non-members are cordially invited to attend the 2015 AGM for SCEGGS Darlinghurst Limited and SCEGGS Trust Limited.

It is a great opportunity to hear more about the work of the School Board and the Trust Board and to meet the Directors.

To be held on Monday 25 May in the Auditorium, the evening will commence with drinks at 7.00pm followed by the Trust AGM at 7.30pm and the AGM for SCEGGS Darlinghurst at 8.00pm. We look forward to seeing you on the evening.

Drama

Not That Dream Again!

Congratulations to the cast and crew of our Junior Production, held in the last week of Term I over two sell out nights! It was a wonderful production – brimming with youthful energy, talent and fun! Thank you to Ms Jade Gibson, our director, who brought to life this play and made it such a success and such a memorable experience for our junior thespians.

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

Rehearsals are well under way for our Term II Musical with Cranbrook School and Sydney Grammar School. Tickets will be on sale soon for this goofy comedy – be entertained while you test your spelling prowess!

Wednesday 10, Thursday 11, Friday 12 and Saturday 13 June at 7.30pm in the St Peter’s Playhouse.

Inga Scarlett
Head of Drama

Debating

Eastside

Round 5 of the Eastside Debating Competition will be held this Friday, 24 April at Sydney Girls’ High School. The girls will stay at SCEGGS after school and be transported to SGHS by bus with their coaches and myself. We are running social debates for Years 7 and 8 this week. SGHS is currently coming first and SCEGGS second overall in this competition so this week’s debates should be of a very high standard and I encourage parents and friends to come and watch the debates. All debaters will need to be collected after their debates. The topic area this week is Media and Popular Culture.

Congratulations to our Debating Captain, Imogen Harper who has been appointed Captain of the New South Wales Schools’ Debating Team and will lead the team in the Australian Schools’ Debating Competition to be held in Adelaide during the week of May 18.

Margaret Schuitema
Debating Co-ordinator
The spectacular Festival on Forbes is Sunday 23 August so make sure to put the date in your diary and set the day aside for a fun family outing.

For those who are new to the School this is our biennial Fair for all SCEGGS families, extended families and friends and is always lots of fun. We encourage you to get involved and contribute to its success. From now on you will see requests for donations of all kinds, we may ask for your help, your ideas or your time. Maybe you are able to help directly or may know of a company or someone who may be willing to donate a prize or provide a unique experience for our Silent Auction or can provide smaller prizes for the Chocolate Wheel or Lucky Dip. This year too we will be holding an Art Competition and are seeking prizes that may be suitable to encourage entries.

We have already been asking you to hold on to any pre-loved books, CDs, DVD’s and handbags and now is the time to say goodbye to these items and bring them to school. They can be left in the General Office in specially marked boxes.

In due course we will be seeking contributions for the wonderful Gourmet Pantry and nearer to the time we will be asking you to cook up a storm in the form of cakes and slices for both the Cake and Coffee Stalls. Also down the track, we will be looking for volunteers to set up, run and clear stalls on the day. So there are lots of ways to get involved and we always love hearing from you if you feel you can contribute in any way.

We already have a great group of Class Parents from each Year who have kindly volunteered their time to organise and run lots of stalls. The contact details of those stall convenors and their stalls will be published in the Behind the Green Gate next week. If you see a stall that could benefit from your input, even though it may not be in your Year, I am sure the convenors will be happy to hear from you.

As in previous years, we will be having some ‘external stalls’ which are the type of stalls you see at weekend markets that would be suitable for our Fair. We have invited the SCEGGS Community first and now we will be taking bookings from the wider community. If you would like to run a stall selling a product, or know of someone with a small business who would like to be part of the ‘Market Place’, please contact Mrs Julie Ford, Mrs Danielle Demos or Mrs Barbara Matchett. As spots are taken up quickly, please contact one of them soon as we do not want you to miss out.

Our Fair Committee are a motivated group looking forward to a successful Fair. Of course, this can only be achieved with the collective input of the SCEGGS Community and so we invite everyone to be actively involved in the Festival on Forbes. This year, as always, all monies raised will go back to SCEGGS to assist the School with its fundraising efforts.

I hope you will be able to enjoy playing a part in this year’s Festival on Forbes.

Karen Niederer
Fair Convenor
From the Primary

Years K – 6 Athletics Carnival
The Years K-6 Athletics Carnival will be held at the Warm-up Track, Edwin Flack Drive, Olympic Park, Homebush on Thursday 30 April.

Year 3 to Year 6 events will begin at 9.15am. Kindergarten to Year 2 will begin at 11.30am. Kindergarten to Year 6 events will run concurrently. Years 3-6 will be leaving SCEGGS at 8.30am, while Years K-2 will have classes as usual in the morning, leaving SCEGGS by bus at 10.30am. The carnival will conclude for all girls at 2.00pm. Girls travelling back to school by bus will return by 3.00pm.

Chamber Strings and String Power Cellos will meet as usual for rehearsals before school, as will an extra rehearsal for the Year 6 Percussion Group. Cantare and After School Care will run as usual after school. However, there will be no Art Club or Athletics Training after school.

Girls are asked to wear full PE uniform to school, including sun hats. Girls may decorate their uniforms with House colours, eg: T-shirt, socks and/or ribbons in House colours and hats decorated with House colours. Girls catching public transport to and from school must wear full PE uniform, adding their House colours upon their arrival at school and returning to full PE uniform before going home in the afternoon.

Things To Take
Girls: Sunscreen, sun hats, track suits (in case of cold weather), recess, lunch, drinks and snacks.

Parents and Friends: There are no canteen facilities available at the track, and unfortunately the field does not permit schools to have their own refreshment stalls. Parents are asked to bring their own refreshments with them.

Transport/Permission from Parents
Girls will be travelling by hired bus from SCEGGS to the track. All girls in Kindergarten to Year 2 will leave by bus from SCEGGS. Girls in Years 3 to 6 may be driven by parents to meet the rest of the school at the track if permission from parents, in writing, has been received by class teachers before April 30. Girls being driven must be at the track by 9.15am. Similarly, girls from Kindergarten to Year 6 may leave the track with their parents, or parents of friends, at the conclusion of the carnival, again only if permission from parents, in writing, has been received by teachers before the day of the carnival.

Girls from Kindergarten to Year 6 will not be given permission to leave the field before the end of the carnival. At the end of the carnival, girls leaving the field with parents must inform their class teacher, in person, that they are leaving.

Inclement Weather
In the case of inclement weather the carnival may be cancelled, in which case a normal school day will proceed. A decision will be made at 8.00am. If in doubt please call the PE wet weather line (telephone 9332 4179) after 8.05am. Please do not call before 8.05am as this will interfere with the recording of the wet weather message.

I know it will be a very enjoyable day and I look forward to many parents, grandparents and special friends joining us.

Elizabeth Cumming
Head of Primary School

Confirmation
Confirmation has been part of the SCEGGS tradition since 1927. It is the Christian practice of confirming the promises made on one’s behalf at baptism. By being confirmed you are saying that you understand the Christian faith and want to commit to its teachings and values. It is a formal way of declaring publicly your belief in Jesus Christ. The confirmation ceremony is not only an expression of faith but also a welcoming into the worldwide Christian church.

At SCEGGS, Confirmation is offered to all girls in Years 8 - 11. Regular meetings are held with me leading up to the confirmation service. You are welcome to withdraw from the confirmation process at any stage if you find that it is not right for you. We discuss the basics of the Christian faith, their importance and answer any questions you may have. Neither baptism nor connection with the Anglican Church is necessary. There is also an opportunity for those seeking baptism within the confirmation process. A confirmation service will be held in third term in the School Chapel, officiated by the Bishop of South Sydney, the Reverend Robert Forsyth. Relatives and friends are invited to this very special occasion.

If you are interested in confirmation this year or have any questions about it please let me know by Friday 22 May.

Uganda 2015
With great disappointment, we have had to cancel our tour to Uganda for this year. Several of our Years 10 and 11 girls were hoping to go to visit our projects and spend some time with the local communities and schools but unfortunately, due to safety issues, it is not possible to attend this year. We hope that the current political climate will change for the better in the future and that we will be able to return. The Trivia Night planned for the 29 May to support our projects has also been cancelled. We will be looking at alternative fundraising activities with the students that were planning to travel. Please consider our friends in Uganda at both Kirugaluga Primary and Kikandwa Secondary that live daily amongst instability. Our sponsorship program for students at Kirugaluga continues and we still have several students seeking sponsors to help them gain an education which is often out of reach for many families. Please let me know if you would like to know more.

Charities
There were a number of initiatives taken last term to support several charities both here and abroad and I thought it would be worth just mentioning a few. Year 10 raised over $1000 for TEAR Australia’s appeal for Vanuatu after that country was devastated by Cyclone Pam. Year 11 raised a similar amount of money to help homeless kids through Father Chris Riley’s Youth Off The Streets Program. Our Easter Services raised over $3000 in support of Kirugaluga Primary School in Uganda. This money will help build another much needed classroom for the growing school. And our Prefects held a toiletries drive for Lou’s Place, a day refuge for women in Kings Cross, which provided 19 big boxes full of shampoo, soap, toothpaste and other hygiene items (it even gets a mention on the Lou’s Place Facebook Page). I love delivering these donations when I can as the recipients are always so appreciative and enthusiastic. A big thanks to everyone that gave in whatever way. The difference you make to the people in our community and overseas is fantastic!

Garry Lee-Lindsay
School Chaplain
Academic Support

Examination Preparation Learning Opportunities
In addition to the work classroom teachers will be undertaking to prepare students for the forthcoming examinations in Week 4 for Year 7 and Week 5 for Years 8, 9 and 10. Academic Support are providing a range of opportunities outside of class time for students in Years 7-10 to help them with examination preparation and technique.

Year 7 Students
• A Study Booklet titled ‘Study That’ will be made available to each Year 7 student and discussed in Form time. This booklet is an introduction to the study process to assist learning and examination preparation.
• Lunchtime Drop in opportunities: Wednesday starting 29 April in Wilkinson Senior Study Centre W14.
• Homework Club: There will be a range of subject specific teachers coming into these afternoon sessions to provide review sessions and valuable insights into approaching the examinations. Homework Club will continue to be run specifically for Year 7 on Monday and Thursday afternoons 3.30pm-4.30pm in OG5.

Years 8, 9 & 10
• Form Times: Some time will be dedicated in Form time to access and discuss with Form Teachers a range of study skills.
• Year 8 Lunchtime Drop in opportunities: Thursday starting 30 April in Wilkinson Senior Study Centre W14.
• Homework Club: There will be a range of subject specific teachers coming into these afternoon sessions to provide review sessions and valuable insights into approaching the examinations. Homework Club runs between 3.30pm-4.30pm in OG5.
  • Year 8: Monday and Tuesday afternoons;
  • Year 9: Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and
  • Year 10: Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.
• Mrs Corkran Study Sessions: Specific study sessions will be run by Mrs Corkran in Wilkinson Senior Study Centre.
  • Year 9 Study Snippet Session Tuesday 5 May, Topic Overviews Monday 27 April and Monday 11 May.
  • Year 10 Study Snippet Sessions Tuesday 28 April and 12 April, Topic Overviews Monday 4 May

Please note that we have several excellent online resources for additional study skill information to aid your daughter in her preparation and approach to the examinations.

Student Shared Drive: Within the Academic Skill Folder for each Year Group there is a section dedicated to Study Skills. This will be regularly updated over the course of the next 4 weeks with resources and helpful tips relevant for the respective developmental needs of the students learning.


This is an online study resource developed by Ms Prue Salter, a former SCEGGS teacher. This site has loads of information and great suggestions for helping students in their development of study skill strategies. To access the site the password and username are on the SCEGGS Portal Behind the Green Gate edition.

Fiona Cooney
Head of Academic Support

Netball
Congratulations to Amy Parmenter who was the Vice Captain of the NSW U’19 Netball team that won the Australian Championships in Sydney in the holidays. At the completion of the tournament Amy was named in the Australian U’19 Netball squad that will tour New Zealand in May.

Athletics
Well done to Georgia Evans who has been selected in the Australian U’17 Athletics Squad. She will attend a training camp at the AIS Canberra in May.

SCEGGS Netball Trials
Attendance at trials is compulsory

Saturday 9 May at Indoor Central
Years 8 & 9  1.00pm – 2.30pm
Year 7      2.30pm – 4.00pm

Monday 11 May at Moore Park
Years 10-12 3.15pm – 5.00pm
A bus will take all girls to the venue and back again.

Alison Gowan
Director of Sport

Cafeteria Specials - Week 2

Monday 27 April
Chicken & Cheese Quesadillas
Cheese Tortellini in Napolitana Sauce
Greek Salad

Tuesday 28 April
Beef Korma with Rice
Vegetarian Steamed Dim Sims with Plum Sauce
Roast Beetroot, Brown Rice & Lentil Salad

Wednesday 29 April
Grilled Chicken Burger with Tomato Chutney
Bean Fajita with Lite Cheese
Chicken Caesar Salad

Thursday 30 April
Hoisin Pork with Fried Rice
Cheesy Lite Napolitana Pizza
Crunchy Thai Beef Salad

Friday 1 May
Beef Lasagne
Herb Crusted Fish with Baked Sweet Potato
Caesar Salad
Music

Music - Soundbytes
Information about our Term II activities is included here in the form of Soundbytes. Scroll through the subheadings to find the information you need.

More detailed information is always available on SCEGGSnet.

Practice Better - achieve your Personal Best.

Live Performances and Workshops Supporting Classroom Learning
The following live performances are integral to teaching and learning in the Elective Music courses. Notices have been issued.

SSO Meet the Music (2): Wednesday 22 April - 6.00pm - Opera House - Music 2 - Year 11 & Year 12.
SSO Meet the Music (1): Thursday 30 April - 6.00pm - Opera House - Years 8, 9, 10, 11-1 & 12-1.
The Tale of Samulnori: Year 8 - Friday 5 June - 10.00am - Opera House

Year 12 Music Concert
Each student presenting part of their HSC program before an audience of family, friends and peers.

Thursday 7 May: 5.30pm – 7.00pm – SCEGGS Great Hall.

Co-Curricular Music Ensembles
Series 120 Concert 2 - Commemorate

Friday 1 May: 6.00pm - 7.30pm – SCEGGS Great Hall
Notices have been issued – also available on SCEGGSnet.

Family, Friends, Peers and Staff are invited to attend and share the second of our special celebratory concerts. With the theme of Commemoration, musicians will explore special pieces and consider the daily lives of SCEGGS girls, staff and their families at the time of war.

The work of some of the most experienced, and the youngest members of the co-curricular program will be featured.

Term II - rehearsal schedules
Weekly rehearsals will need to be suspended in:

Week 9 - House Music week - Secondary

Rehearsals will take place in all other weeks, unless specifically notified.

Other forthcoming Performances:
Friday 24 April - Holst Band - ANZAC Day Assembly

Band Program
Great to hear the progress Primary and Secondary school Bands have been making in Term I. The development of Ensemble skills and attention to musical detail has been a particular focus.

Planning is in place for Clarion and Holst Bands to be involved with the NSW School Bands’ Festival - Sunday 19 July (details soon to be advised).

Looking forward to a short but productive term of polishing work.

Mark Brown
Musical Director - Bands’ Program

Secondary Percussion Ensembles will have a busy start to the term with performances in Series 120 Concerts 2 & 3.

Rock Bands are ‘stepping up to the mark’ readying themselves for House Music.

Peter Jewitt
Ensembles’ Co-ordinator

Choral Program
After the wonderful Easter Service experiences, Choral groups are launching into new projects. Term II is a perfect time to join in the fun.

Cantare (Primary school choir):
Current members - regular rehearsals start Thursday 23 April.
First performance: Series 120 Concert 2 - Friday 1 May.
New girls in Years 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to join from Thursday 7 May.
Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 3.15pm - 4.35pm in the Primary Music Room.
Email our Choral Director Miss Harrigan to ‘jump on board’: allisonharrigan@sceggs.nsw.edu.au

School Choir:
Current members - regular rehearsals start Monday 27 April for next performance at Series 120 Concert 2 - Friday 1 May.
New girls in Years 7 to 12 are welcome to join.
Rehearsals are on Mondays from 3.15pm - 5.00pm – SCEGGS Great Hall.
Email our Choral Director Miss Harrigan if you’d like to get involved: allisonharrigan@sceggs.nsw.edu.au

Contemporary Vocal Ensemble (CVE): is an auditioned Choir whose members are drawn from the ranks of Choir, or from students who are having Vocal lessons. They meet on Wednesday mornings from 7.30am.

Allison Harrigan
Director of Choirs - K-12

String Program
String groups have made wonderful contributions to a number of school events, concerts and Assemblies in Term I. I am looking forward to continuing the careful work being undertaken by girls and their tutors in Term II.

Series 120 Concert 2: Amati and Guarneri Strings, Chamber Strings and Sinfonietta to play.
All Primary String players should prepare something for String Soirees at the end of this Term - details on SCEGGSnet soon.

Jonathan Whitting
Director of String Program

House Music
All that Jazz… (Production item and/or Ensemble Item).
Our theme is All that Jazz… - your chance to enjoy some wonderful songs and pieces from jazz-styled music from any musical age.

House Music Challenge for bonus points is the inclusion of vocal and/or instrumental improvisation.
Be watching at Assembly, Week 3 for a great ‘demo’.

Felicia Chadwick
Head of Music