From Ms Allum

A BIG THANK YOU
I just wanted to say to you all what a fantastic day it was!! Such a celebration of our wonderful school community. Warm, inclusive, fun… So much to do, and buy and eat!!

I know how much work goes into making such a day possible. Months of planning, hard work, co-ordination, thought, and then the set-up etc over the past couple of weeks. So thank you to everyone who worked so hard on the day and in the months beforehand.

Thank you, also, to everyone who attended and enjoyed all that was on offer. There was such a lovely atmosphere all around – joy everywhere! And the rain held off until the very end…

I know so much work goes into this from so many people, but a particular thank you to Mrs Karen Niederer, and to Ms Rosie Humphrey. It wouldn’t have happened without either of them!

So thank you, one and all. It was the best of Fairs!!! I am very grateful.

Festival on Forbes

Though we were deprived of sun by ominous grey clouds, our wonderful stalls took up the challenge and shine they did! The 2015 Festival on Forbes was a resounding success! From the Aussie and Greek BBQ’s at the Joan Freeman Science and Technology Centre Courtyard all the way to Games Central in the Primary playground, parents could be seen working and chatting, laughing and cajoling, picking up hoops and handing over prizes. Up to their elbows in feathers, gelato, dye, chocolate, books, lollies, prizes, jams and cake, everyone joined forces to create a one-day symphony from which the SCEGGS spirit flowed unstintingly.

There are so very many to thank for their tremendous efforts in putting on this wonderful family day - the Fair Committee, our dedicated Stall Convenors, the General Office team, the Business Development team, the Maintenance crew, the Music Department and our SCEGGS ensembles, the Scots Pipes and Drums, the Merry Men and Women, the talented Cater Care team, the SCEGGS Trust, the Old Girls Union, our MC’s, many staff and many energetic students. Above all, the day could not have been so successful without the generous donations and support of our entire SCEGGS community.

As the title of my work for the Art Competition proclaimed, “Together, we shine.”

Karen Niederer
Fair Convenor

HSC Design and Technology Exhibition

This year’s exhibition of Major Design Projects will display innovative ways to improve the way we live, fresh ideas for interiors and fashion design, adopting new technologies and designs with the community in mind. For each project the creative process and development has been unique. As part of the exhibition the folios supporting these design solutions will give evidence of quality design and innovation with an emphasis on process.

The opening for the exhibit of the HSC Design and Technology students by Ms Jenny Allum will be at 4.30pm on Thursday 3 September, Level 1, the Joan Freeman Science Art and Technology Centre. Refreshments will be provided.

Jody Ziesel
Acting Head of TAS

What’s On Week 8

Monday 31 August
• Kindergarten Incursion, Responsible Pet Ownership

Tuesday 1 September
• Archdale Debating Semi-Finals

3-15 September
• Preliminary Examinations for Year 11

Friday 4 September
• 6J Community Service, Wayside Chapel
• Years K-2 Assembly, 12.20pm - Primary Music Room

Saturday 5 September
• IGSSA Netball and Hockey Semi-Finals

6-7 September
• Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Bronze Qualifying Expedition - Royal National Park

Coming Events

Tuesday 8 September
• Archdale Debating Grand-Final

Wednesday 9 September
• Kindergarten Excursion: Golden Ridge Farm
• Year 2 Excursion: Sydney Aquarium
• 6K Community Service, Wayside Chapel

Thursday 10 September
• Years 3-6 Assembly, 2.30pm - Lecture Theatre

Friday 11 September
• K – 2 Assembly, 12.20pm

Tuesday 15 September
• Year 2 Open Classroom for parents: Mathematics, 10.15am – 11.20am

Wednesday 16 September
• 5W Excursion to Art Gallery NSW: Archibald Prize Exhibition
• Year 4 Incursion, Robotics

Thursday 17 September
• 5GH Excursion to Art Gallery NSW: Archibald Prize Exhibition
• Years K–6 Assembly, 12.20pm
Debating

Archdale

Congratulations to the Year 8B team who were successful in winning their tie-breaker debate against Monte Sant’ Angelo Mercy College on Tuesday August 18. They progress through to the Quarter-Finals being held at Abbotsleigh and Roseville College this week along with the year 8 A, 9, 10 and senior teams. We wish all these teams good luck with their debates this week.

The Semi-Finals will be hosted by SCEGGS on Tuesday 1 September.

IPSHA

On Friday 21 August, two Year 6 Blue teams visited Loreto and two Year 6 Red teams visited St Aloysius for Round 6 of the IPSHA Debating Competition. Both groups had one win and one loss to their host schools but thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They debated the topic “that we should remove sharks from our beaches.”

Margaret Schuitema
Debating Co-ordinator

Tournament of Minds

On Sunday 23 August, four teams of girls from Years 5–10 represented SCEGGS in the 2015 Regional Competition of The Tournament of Minds. This is a tournament involving teamwork and creative problem solving to generate original and innovative solutions to challenges in the areas of Social Science, Language/Literature and Maths/Engineering. Each team is required to present their solution using chosen styles in a given space and timeframe in front of a panel of judges and an audience on Tournament day. Although unplaced this year, all teams did extremely well in formulating, preparing and presenting their solutions in both the spontaneous and long term challenges, demonstrating a high level of creativity and organisation. Thank you to the parents involved for support in maximising the value of this educational activity on the day.

The 2015 Team participants were as follows:

Social Sciences: Caterina Pizzinga, Arielle Tarlington, Jedda Thorley, Louise Godhard, Tia Khan, Cindy Purvis, Lilah Shapiro.


Language Literature: Alexandra O’Rourke, Bella-Blu Salier, Stella Walker, Genevieve Cox, Sabrina Liu, Ophilia Kong, Stephanie Woo.

Primary Language Literature: Audrey Bray, Scarlett Pearce, Claudia Shead Turner, Kiara Wijesinghe, Ella Davidson, Mia Freeland, Hannah Mavrakis.

SRC Committee

Sydney Learning Festival

The Sydney Learning Festival is an initiative organised by St Andrew’s Cathedral School and is for young learners in Years 5 - 8 who want to participate in an idea-sparking, tool-tinkering, discussion-starting festival. The festival will run over two days in the next holidays (21-22 September 2015) in Sydney Square and is open to Years 5-8 students from any school. The program itself is packed with exciting speakers, unmissable workshops and plenty of time for lunchtime fun.

As many young minds from across Sydney combine to think, make and share, festival participants will get to know other young people from different backgrounds but who have one thing in common: a passion for learning and a willingness to try out something new.

The full details for the Sydney Learning Festival and contact details for the St Andrew’s staff co-ordinating the event can be found at www.sydneylearningfestival.com.au. Register online before 31 August and take advantage of the Early Bird Registration on a Two-Day Festival Pass.

Holly Gyton
Deputy Head of School

SRC Beanie Day

This year, the SRC is supporting Headspace, the not-for-profit National Youth Mental Health Foundation, which supports the mental health of young people and their families.

On Wednesday 2 September, all staff and students Years K-12 are invited to participate in the inaugural SCEGGS Beanie Day. During the school day, girls will be permitted to wear a beanie of their choice around the school grounds. Please bring a gold coin donation and wear a beanie of your choice to show your support for the work of this important service for young people.

Please note that girls will not be permitted to wear beanies to or from school on this day, just during the day on the school grounds.

Help our SRC to support the mental health of many young Australians on SCEGGS Beanie Day!

SRC Committee

TOM Facilitator

Darryn Sullivan

IGSSA Athletics Carnival

On Friday 14 August, the Secondary Athletics Team competed at Homebush. SCEGGS placed 2nd in Division 2 and 9th overall. We are very proud of all the girls who competed on the day.

Holly Gyton
Deputy Head of School

Class Parent Functions

Kindergarten Drinks Night
Friday, 11 September, 7.00pm
The Woollahra Hotel
116 Queen St, Woollahra
Upstairs at the Queen Street Lounge
Cost $40.00 per person
Pay via SCEGGS online payment by Thursday 3 September

Sport

IGSSA Athletics Carnival
On Friday 14 August, the Secondary Athletics Team competed at Homebush. SCEGGS placed 2nd in Division 2 and 9th overall. We are very proud of all the girls who competed on the day.
The following girls received medals as they placed in the finals:

1st in 16 years 800m run, 2nd in the Intermediate 1500m run
Georgia Evans
3rd in 16 years Division 2
Sophia Mavris
3rd in 16 years Division 2
Senior 4 x 100m Relay – 3rd
Elizabeth Baral, Lela Jacobsen, Camilla Liebson,
Amy Parmenter
The following girls received Divisional ribbons:
Elizabeth Baral
2nd in 17 years Division 2 - 200m
2nd in 17 years Division 2 - 100m
2nd in 17 years Division 2 - Long Jump
2nd in Senior Division 2 - 4 x 100m relay
Carys Batho
1st in 15 years Division 2 - Shot Put
Georgia Evans
1st in 16 years Division 2 - 800m run
1st in Intermediate Division 2 - 1500m
Madeleine Gallagher
2nd in Senior Division 2 - Javelin
Charlotte Guest
2nd in 14 years Division 2 - Hurdles
Lela Jacobsen
2nd in Senior Division 2 - 4 x 100m relay
Abigail Johnstone
3rd in 13 years Division 2 - 800m
Gabriella Lee
3rd in Senior Division 2 - 400m
1st in Senior Division 2 - Discus
Erica Lehm
3rd in 14 years Division 2 - 100m
1st in 14 years Division 2 - Long Jump
Camilla Liebson
3rd in 18-19 yrs Division 2 - 800m
2nd in 18-19 years Division 2 - Long Jump
2nd in Senior Division 2 - 4 x 100m relay
Sophia Mavris
1st in 16 years Division 2 - 200m
1st in 16 years Division 2 - 100m
1st in Intermediate Division 2 - 4 x 100m relay
Amy Parmenter
3rd in 18-19 years Division 2 - 100m
3rd in Senior Division 2 - High Jump
2nd in Senior Division 2 - 4 x 100m relay
Olivia Payne
1st in 16 years Division 2 - Hurdles
Emma Summerhayes
3rd in 16 years Division 2 - Long Jump
1st in Intermediate 4 x 100m relay
Sophie Stuart-Jones
1st in Intermediate Division 2 - 4 x 100m relay
Ruby Swadling
2nd in 14 years Division 2 - 800m
3rd in Junior Division 2 - 1500m run
Taya Taleb
1st in Intermediate Division 2 - 4 x 100m relay
Ashley Thomas
2nd in Junior Division 2 - High Jump
Uma Volkmer
1st in 12 years Division 2 - 80m Hurdles

Alison Gowan
Director of Sport

Careers Corner

The University of Sydney: Sydney Scholars Awards
Applications open in September for study in 2016.
Submission should be made to UAC by Friday 30 October.
The Sydney Scholars Awards offer Year 12 students commencing studies in 2016 the opportunity to apply for scholarships ranging from $6,000 to $10,000 in value, for up to 5 years of study. As part of the selection criteria, applicants are required to achieve an ATAR of 95 and above, or 90 and above if they are applying to the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.


UNSW: HSC Plus
HSC Plus is designed to reward strong performances in HSC subjects relevant to UNSW undergraduate degrees. Domestic students who complete the HSC and perform well in subjects that are relevant to their preferred UNSW degree may be awarded a maximum of 5 bonus points.

http://www.unsw.edu.au/domestic-undergraduate/hsc-plus

UNSW Elite Athletes and Performers Program
Applications for 2016 close Monday 30 November
The Elite Athletes and Performers (EAP) Program supports students with a flexible entry process that recognises both academic and elite achievements by awarding bonus points. UNSW also offers flexible study arrangements and support for elite athletes and performers who wish to continue their elite commitments while studying at UNSW.

http://www.unsw.edu.au/domestic-undergraduate/elite-athletes-and-performers-program

Macquarie University: 2016 Undergraduate Scholarship Booklet
Each year Macquarie University awards scholarships based on equity, financial need, academic excellence and sporting achievement.

To learn more about these scholarships, view their 2016 undergraduate scholarship booklet:

http://students.mq.edu.au/opportunities/scholarships_and_prizes.jsp

ANU: Engineering and Computer Science Special Admission Scheme
Applications close: Friday 4 December
Students who are not expecting to achieve the required ATAR for entry into the Bachelor of Engineering, Bachelor of Advanced Computing, or Bachelor of Software Engineering, may apply for entry through the special admission scheme. To qualify for the special admissions scheme, applicants are required to demonstrate excellent academic performance in disciplines relevant to the study of engineering and/or computer science, leadership and community service, as well as strong commitment to engineering and/or computing.

Applicants who wish to be considered under the Special Admission Scheme will need to submit an online application.
https://cecs.anu.edu.au/future_students/sas
Engineers Australia: Experience It! Student Conference 2015
Thursday 1 October, 8.45am–4.00pm, Colombo Building, Gate 4 University of NSW Kensington

An opportunity for female students in Years 9–12 to participate in hands-on workshops and team-based activities exploring various applications of engineering. Attendees will also learn about the possible careers in engineering by hearing from current engineering students and industry representatives.


L’Oreal for Girls in Science: Sydney Science Forum 2015
Wednesday 9 September, 9.30am–12.30pm, UNSW

An opportunity for females in Years 9 – 11, to hear from four inspiring women about their research and experience as women in science. After the forum, students will tour the UNSW campus, guided by PhD students and postdoctoral scientists.


The Australian Institute of Architects: Archi Careers Day
Friday 11 September, 10.00am–4.00pm, 3 Manning St, Potts Point

Hear representatives from the University of Newcastle, The University of NSW, the University of Sydney, UTS and TAFE, speak about course options. Learn about studying architecture, how to prepare a portfolio, flexible pathways to studying architecture, research, and opportunities available.


NSW Mounted Police Open Day
Saturday 12 September – Sunday 13 September, 10.00am–2.00 pm, 7 Baptist Street, Sydney

View the stables, see displays from other Police units, and see the horses in action.

https://www.facebook.com/events/600761540058964/

Music Matters

Congratulations to:

Year 12 Music students for the wonderful, celebratory evening of music shared with family and friends last week at the HSC ENCORE performance. Such variety in the work being presented for the HSC Music courses 1, 2 and Extension. Well done girls. A final ‘run-up’ to HSC Performance examinations has begun. Wishing you well.

String students from the Primary School on completion of their AMEB examinations last Friday. Mr Whitting and the String teaching team were very pleased with your effort. A great challenge to set yourself and to complete an examination with the Australian Music Examinations Board. Well done girls.

Clarinet Soiree, students of Ms Sally Lucas, on their terrific performances at the recent Lunch-time Soiree. Girls have been well prepared for this event. Parents and supporters certainly enjoyed the musical offerings. Thanks to Ms Lucas and Ms Jones for assisting the girls’ preparation.

Bands and String players who entertained the crowds at the Festival on Forbes on Sunday. Clarion and Holst Concert Bands, Basie Jazz Band and Year 11/12 Rock Band keep the tunes “pumping out” over the BBQ area. Amati and Chamber Strings girls realised their own small ensemble projects. Choosing their own pieces, and self-directing ensembles through their half-hour rostered shift. A mighty effort for all involved. Thanks to Mr Brown, Mr Jewitt and Mr Whitting and Ms Chow for supporting girls in this venture.

Organ Scholarship – Applications due 31 August

Girls with a real passion, and a strong desire, for learning and playing the Organ should consider applying. The Organ Tuition Scholarship is available to foster girls’ interest in learning and playing the Organ. The Organ Tuition Scholarship provides two years of tuition for the successful applicant.

It is hoped that the student Organists will be involved with Services, Assemblies and special events held in the SCEGGS Chapel and the SCEGGS Great Hall.

Information Sheet and Application Form available on SCEGGSnet. Applications due Monday 31 August.

Piano Concert - for Primary Pianists
Thursday 3 September - 3.30pm-4.30pm. Any young Pianist (whether learning at SCEGGS or elsewhere) can perform. Application Forms on SCEGGSnet. Great opportunity to share your favourite piece with an appreciative audience.

Advance Notice - Series 120 Concert 4 - Shine
Sunday 18 October, The Concourse Concert Hall, Chatswood.

We are very excited to be staging this performance at the Concourse Concert Hall in Chatswood. It promises to be a very special event in the anniversary year. Please do mark the date in your diaries and encourage family and friends to attend. Ticketing information available soon.

The count-down has begun. Wonderful music being prepared by Bands, Choirs, Percussion and String groups. A concert not to be missed.

Series 120 Concert 4 - Workshops and Rehearsal schedules for Sunday 11 October and Sunday 18 October have been forwarded - check your email.

Series 120 Concert 4 - invitation to Old Girls to participate in this special concert - Sunday 18 October - Concourse at Chatswood.

Who can participate?

• Strings, Wind, Brass and Percussion players who are still active musicians.

• Interested and enthusiastic Choristers.

Expressions of interest due Wednesday 2 September. Music will be sent electronically. One-only rehearsal - Sunday 11 October. See SCEGGS Old Girls Facebook for details.

Gondwana National Choral School
11-24 January - 2016, Macquarie University

SCEGGS students who are members of the Sydney Children’s and Gondwana Choirs have recently performed at the Australian Art Music Awards, the opening of Barangaroo and will soon perform with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. The Sydney Philharmonia and Tasmanian Orchestra Chorus, under the baton of French conductor Charles Dutoit. Such amazing performance opportunities being provided by this organisation.

Applications are invited for Primary and Secondary students, from across Australia, to audition for the Gondwana National Choral School - two inspirational weeks of rehearsals, workshops and performances. Miss Harrigan (SCEGGS Director of Choirs) would be happy to chat with families with an interest in involving their daughters.

Applications close - 31 August.

Apply online now at gondwana.org.au
The 10 Piece Challenge and The 10 Week Practice Challenge
7 weeks into the 10 week challenge.
Encouraging students and Tutors to continue their good effort.
Successful performance of 10 new pieces, by the end of term, will attract a prize.
Certificates will be available to girls who successfully complete daily practice sessions, in each week of the term.

Forthcoming Events
Thursday 27 August - 6.00pm-8.45pm - Meet the Music Concert - Opera House - Electives and interested Year 7 students.
Monday 31 August - Organ Scholarship Applications due to Ms Allum.
HSC Music Performance Examinations
- Tuesday 1 September – Music 2
- Wednesday 2 September – Music 1
Thursday 3 September - 3.30pm-4.30pm - Primary Piano Concert - SCEGGS Great Hall. Application Forms on SCEGGSnet.
Wednesday 9 September - 7.30am - ALL Primary and Secondary String players - combined rehearsal for Lux Angelis - SCEGGS Great Hall - parents to deliver all girls, their instruments and their Music to Diana Bowman Performing Arts Centre Gates from 7.15am.
Sunday 13 September - Year 12 Farewell Service - Madrigal Ensemble (see notices SCEGGSnet for arrival and rehearsal times).
Sunday 11 October - Series 120 Concert 4 - Workshop/rehearsal day - SCEGGS Great Hall (see SCEGGSnet for schedule).
Sunday 18 October - Series 120 Concert 4 - 1.30pm - 3.50pm - Concourse Concert Hall, Chatswood.

Felicia Chadwick
Head of Music

Head Lice Prevention
An instance of head lice has been reported within the Junior Secondary School. The problem can only be eradicated if all parents co-operate in ensuring their daughter’s hair is free of head lice.
Parents are asked to inspect their children’s hair on a regular basis. If any trace of head lice or eggs is noted, hair must be washed in a special head lice treatment shampoo available from a chemist. Family members need to undergo the same treatment. If there are any eggs visible in your children’s hair, these must be removed using a special fine toothed comb, also available from a chemist.
The co-operation of all parents is much appreciated.

Sophie Kearns
Director of Pastoral Care

Cafeteria Specials - Week 8
Monday 31 August
Butter Chicken with Rice – G.F.
Vegetable Burger with Salad
Thai Chicken Noodle Salad

Tuesday 1 September
Homemade Sausage Roll with Onion Jam
Vegetarian Fried Rice with Tofu – G.F.
Caesar Salad

Wednesday 2 September
Beef Rogan Josh with Rice – G.F.
Vegetarian Pizza with Lite Cheese
Greek Salad

Thursday 3 September
Ravioli with creamy garlic herb sauce
Vegetable Korma with Rice
Roast Vegetable and Halloumi Salad

Friday 4 September
Chicken Pad Thai Noodles
Steamed Fish with Asian Vegetable
Thai Crunchy Beef Salad