Debating

The King’s School Charity Debating Day
On Wednesday 4 February, Ella Crowley-Burrows, Amy Miller and Imogen Harper (Year 12) travelled to The King’s School to compete in a charity debating competition for senior teams. The girls debated against schools and teams they do not meet in their usual competitions. Topics were demanding covering issues such as whether Australia should adopt nuclear energy and a bill of rights in its constitution. The girls debated superbly and made it to the grand-final against Barker College. They were the affirmative on the topic “That the Australian Government should not be prepared to negotiate a ransom when a citizen is captured by ISIS”. After a very competitive debate the girls prevailed and were able to win the debate and the grand-final. It was an excellent competition with the proceeds being donated to the “Save the Children Fund”. Congratulations to Imogen Harper on being voted “Best Speaker” of the competition.

Trials
Debating trials continue this week at SCEGGS. Training for all year groups will begin next week.

Margaret Schuitema
Debating Co-ordinator

Homework Club
Homework Club is an opportunity for your daughter to have a structured after school learning space that is supported by a teacher to study, complete homework and develop effective organisational and study skills. Homework Club for 2015 will be located in OG5 and OG6 Monday to Thursday with specific year groups allocated to specific days. On days with greater demand there will be two staff members in attendance.

Mondays: Year 7 & 8 3.30pm-4.30pm
Tuesdays: Years 8 & 9 3.30pm-4.30pm
Wednesdays: Years 9 & 10 3.30pm-4.30pm
Thursdays: Years 7 & 10 3.30pm-4.30pm

If your daughter can not make their specific year group times but would still like to come along please just contact Academic Support or her Year Co-ordinator to let them know. All students are welcome. Any queries please contact the Academic Support Department.

Fiona Cooney
Head of Academic Support

SGEGGS UN
All students in Years 10-12 who are interested in leadership opportunities, exploring international issues and understanding the functioning of the United Nations are invited to register their interest and join SCEGGS UN. Please come to a meeting on Friday at lunchtime in W3 classroom to register your interest and to hear about the exciting program of events for 2015.

Your first opportunity for this year is the State Conference of the United Nations Youth Association, NSW branch 2015. The focus for the conference is United Nations: Global Health in the 21st Century. For more details go to https://unyouth.org.au/event/nswconference/ and talk to Mrs Forster or Mr Mahon.

Pauline Forster
SGEGGS UN Co-ordinator

What’s On Week 4

Monday 16 February
• Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival – Drummoyne Swim Centre

Tuesday 17 February
• Year 11 Parent Information Evening – Lecture Theatre, 7.00pm
• Theatre Club: Suddenly Last Summer – Drama Theatre, Opera House, 7.45pm for 8.00pm. Finishes 9.30pm

Wednesday 18 February
• Ash Wednesday - Service of Holy Communion

Thursday 19 February
• Years 9 & 10 “Father”/Daughter Breakfast, 7.00am - 8.30am
• Years 3-6 Assembly – Lecture Theatre, 2.30pm
• Year 12 Parent Information Evening – Lecture Theatre, 7.00pm

Friday 20 February
• Years K-2 Assembly, 12.20pm
• Inter-House Softball Competition – Centennial Park
• Inter-House Touch Competition – Moore Park

Tuesday 24 February
• Years 3-6 Cross Country Fun Run

Wednesday 25 February
• Year 12 Parent-Teacher Afternoon

Thursday 26 February
• Year 4 Excursion to Art Gallery NSW, Pop to Popism exhibition
• Year 3-6 Assembly, 2.30 pm

Friday 27 February
• K-2 Assembly, 12.20 pm
• P & F Cocktail Party, 6.00pm

Saturday 28 February
• ACER Scholarship Testing – Year 7, 2016
• Year 4 Excursion to Art Gallery NSW, Pop to Popism exhibition
• Years 3-6 Assembly, 2.30 pm

Tuesday 3 March
• Year 10 Parent Information Evening

Wednesday 4 March
• IPSHA Swimming Carnival

Thursday 5 March
• Years 3-6 Assembly, 2.30 pm

Friday 6 March
• K-2 Assembly, 12.20 pm

March 11–13
• Year 6 Excursion to Canberra
**Years 3 – 6 Swimming Carnival**

Monday 16 February  
9.00am–2.30pm  
Drummoyne Swim Centre  
Henley Marine Drive, Drummoyne

Parents, grandparents and friends are invited to attend our annual Swimming Carnival and support the girls and their Houses.

Girls must be at school by 8.15am, as usual, on the day of the carnival. Hired buses will leave SCEGGS at 8.30am. Girls will also return to school by hired bus, and the school day will conclude at the usual time.

There will be no music ensemble rehearsals before school on the morning of the carnival, and no Art Club or St Peters’ Players after school. Gymnastics and Tennis, however, will take place after school as usual.

Parents may take their daughters directly to the pool in the morning and/or take them home from the pool in the afternoon if they wish, but Class Teachers must receive written notice of this before 16 February. Girls will not be given permission to leave the pool with parents before the conclusion of the carnival.

Girls may come to school in PE uniform and, if necessary, will be given time to change into swimming costumes at school. PE uniform must be worn correctly to and from school, but at the carnival the girls may wear decorated hats, coloured socks, t-shirts etc. in House colours.

The pool at Drummoyne Swim Centre is an outdoor pool, and charges spectators $3.70 admission. While there is ample undercover seating for girls and their families, girls must wear t-shirts and sun hats throughout the day when not swimming, and are expected to bring and apply sunscreen during the day. Girls may wear rash suits when swimming if they wish. Canteen facilities will be available for parents, but girls do not have permission to use the canteen themselves. We ask that the girls bring with them enough food and drink for the day.

In the case of bad weather and the need to cancel the carnival, a decision will be made at 8.00am. We ask that parents do not telephone the School before that time.

We are all looking forward to a wonderful day and hope to see you there.

_Elizabeth Cumming_  
Head of Primary School

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**Fees for 2015 – First Account is Due**

Parents are reminded the first fee account for 2015 was due on 10 February, 2015. Should you require a copy of your account please contact the Business Office on 9332 1133 or email accounts@sceggs.nsw.edu.au.

_Kristy Ahearn_  
Business Manager

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**Class Parent Functions**

**Year 5 Parent Morning Tea**  
Thursday 19 February, 8.30am  
at private residence

**Year 12 Parent Drinks**  
Friday 20 March, 6.00pm-9.00pm  
Private Home in Darling Point  
More details to follow by email  
(please also check the SCEGGS Portal for updates)

**Year 3 Parents Cocktails**  
Friday 20 March  
6.30pm at a private residence.  
$50pp includes canapés, wine, beer and champagne.

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**Parents’ and Friends’ Association**

**Class Parents Meeting**

On Monday evening the Parents’ and Friends’ Association Committee met with the Class Parents of 2015. Each Year across the School is well represented and your Class Parents are all eager to organise functions for their Year Group. The functions that the Class Parents organise are a valuable opportunity for all parents to get together, catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Some functions will also include the girls. After the briefing it was great to see some Class Parents stay behind and finalise plans and dates for a first function.

Please support your Class Parents by attending the functions where you are able. Class Parents also appreciate your suggestions and feedback. It would be of great assistance to your Class Parents if parents, who have yet to access the Portal to set their privacy settings enabling other parents to view their contact details, do so at the earliest opportunity. Assembling a Parent Contact List will greatly assist Class Parents in their planning and communication.

Thank you to all the Class Parents who attended the meeting and I wish you well!

**P & F Welcome Cocktail Party**

Join us to celebrate the start of the school year. The Welcome Cocktail Party is set for Friday 27 February, 6.00pm-8.00pm in the JFSATC Courtyard with its wonderful views over the city. Please get those RSVP’s in early (online preferably or to the General Office) to help with catering arrangements. Everyone should have received their invitation in the mail so please contact the General Office if you have not.

**Years 9 and 10 ‘Father’/Daughter Breakfast**

Ms Phoebe Goodwin (2005) will speak at the Breakfast on Thursday 19 February at 7.00am in the Great Hall. Since finishing at SCEGGS, Ms Goodwin has completed her Masters of Architecture and pursued her interest in humanitarian and development work working for NGO’s in Germany, South Africa and Bangladesh. Her presentation may be particularly illuminating to those travelling to Uganda this year. Hear about her experiences and enjoy a breakfast together with other girls and their ‘fathers’ from the Year group.

Please see flyer on the last page of this newsletter.

_Karen Niederer_  
President
Music Matters

Classrooms
Year 7 have started their Get Rhythm Projects in the MAC Lab using Garage Band. Girls are encouraged to save their work to a USB (Flashdrive) dedicated to saving their composition work. Each girl is asked to bring a USB (Flashdrive) with 4-8GB of storage, to their weekly Music Lab lessons. MAC users will be able to share their inventions with family and friends.

Co-curricular Music Program
Check Fast Facts on SCEGGSnet for clarification of the requirements for placement in the Co-curricular Music Program.

Welcome to the many, new members of Co-curricular Music Ensembles - a ‘bumper year’ for involvement. Special welcome to the new, Year 7 girls and their families. May you enjoy your involvement with the musical community of SCEGGS.

Rehearsals for all Primary Ensembles, Core Secondary Ensembles, and most Chamber and Small Ensembles have now commenced. Refer to SCEGGSnet for start and finish times, and venues of all Co-curricular Music Ensemble rehearsals.

Co-curricular Music Rolls are being finalised.
Still a ‘window of time’ to join.
Mr Peter Jewitt (Ensembles’ Co-ordinator) is currently confirming placements and rehearsal requirements to Secondary instrumental students via email.

Miss Allison Harrigan (Director of Choirs) is currently confirming all Cantare, Choir, Contemporary Vocal Ensemble and Madrigal placements via email.

Mr Jonathan Whitting (Director of Strings) is currently confirming all String group placements for Primary and Secondary girls.

There are Waiting Lists for participation in Secondary Percussion Ensembles and Rock Bands.

Music Ensemble Participation Agreement Forms will be sent to parents by email and distributed at rehearsals next week. Students are required to discuss the requirements of membership with families, and commitment to all rehearsals and performances, for the full year of involvement. The signed Music Ensemble Participation Agreement Form should be returned to the Music Staffroom as soon as possible. A student’s name will not be confirmed on Ensembles rolls for Participation Points, until the signed Music Ensemble Participation Agreement Form has been returned.

Reminders…

Choirs
 Choir – Monday afternoon rehearsal
 Madrigal Ensemble – Monday evening rehearsal
 CVE – Wednesday morning
 Cantare – Thursday afternoon

Bands
 Bugles Band – Monday mornings (Primary Band in Primary Music Room)
 Clarion Band – Tuesday afternoon rehearsal
 Holst Band – Wednesday afternoon rehearsal
 Basie Jazz Band – Thursday morning

Chamber and Small Ensembles
 Clarinet Ensemble – Tuesday morning
 Secondary Percussion Ensembles – Friday (commences Week 3), Tuesday, Thursday, (commences Week 4)
 Primary Percussion Ensembles – for Year 5 and Year 6.

Bugles (Primary) Band has made a terrific start under the Direction of Ms Marie Heinrich – great to welcome experienced and new players from the Primary School to this special Band.

Strings
All Primary String groups have commenced on designated mornings
Guarneri Strings – Tuesday afternoon
Amati Strings – Wednesday afternoon

Co-curricular Contacts:
Band program – Musical Director, Mr Mark Brown
Chamber and Small Ensembles – Co-ordinator, Mr Peter Jewitt
( peterjewitt@sceggs.nsw.edu.au)
Choral program (Years K-12) – Musical Director, Miss Allison Harrigan
(allisonharrigan@sceggs.nsw.edu.au)
String program – Director, Mr Jonathan Whitting
(jonathanwhitting@sceggs.nsw.edu.au)

Mobile Phones in Music Rehearsals
Conductors and Music Directors need girls to focus completely on musical matters during rehearsals, in order to prepare performances of the highest musical standards. Girls at SCEGGS are very fortunate to have extensive access to wonderful music-making opportunities, led by professional musicians and music educators. I ask for parents’ support in ensuring that girls do not use mobile phones during music rehearsals to either send or receive text messages or calls. Inappropriate use of a mobile phone during a music rehearsal will result in confiscation of the phone.

SCEGGS Eisteddfod and Highlights Concerts

Advanced Notice…
• Entry forms are available now on SCEGGSnet – close Friday 20 February.
• All student musicians, actively learning, are invited to participate in the Annual SCEGGS Eisteddfod.
• Instrumental and Vocal Heats will be timetabled throughout the school day in Weeks 6 & 7 (2-11 March).
• Heats for Year 7 students will be scheduled during regular class, Music lessons.
• Rock Eisteddfod Heats will be scheduled for Friday 6 March.
• Solo and Rock Performances will be heard by visiting Adjudicators and accompanied at the piano by Ms Jones and Ms Holmes.
• Students involved will receive a Certificate of Participation identifying the award level they have attained.

Music Tutors will help student musicians to select a piece and complete their Application Form.

ALL ELECTIVE MUSIC STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO PREPARE AND PRESENT AT LEAST ONE PIECE AT THE EISTEDDFOD.

SCEGGS Eisteddfod Highlights Concerts
The Eisteddfod Adjudicators will select outstanding student performances for two great concerts featuring performances by Primary and Secondary musicians.

Friday 13 March (Week 7)
Primary Musicians (5.00pm – 6.00pm)
Secondary Musicians (6.30pm – 8.00pm)

Members of the audience will once again be able to vote for the, always ‘hotly contested’, ‘Listeners’ Choice Award’.

Music Tuition Program – “House Full” for 2015
• Check Fast Facts on SCEGGSnet for clarification of the requirements for placement in the Music Tuition Program.
• Music Tutorial Lessons have commenced in the Primary and Secondary School, as arranged with your Music Tutor.

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Strong demand means that there are limited places available in the Music Tuition Program for 2015. All applicants will soon be advised of the success of their request for placement with a tutor for 2015. Waiting Lists are still being maintained.

Students currently occupying a place in the program have a responsibility to be regular in their attendance, and well prepared for lessons. A student not able to meet their commitments may have their place offered to a student from the Waiting List.

Vacancies exist for tuition in:

**Brass instruments** – Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Euphonium and Tuba.

**Percussion** – Drum kit, mallet percussion (marimba, xylophone) and multi-percussion (preparation for participation in Percussion Ensembles).

**Strings** – Viola, ‘cello and Double Bass.

**Woodwind instruments** – Oboe, Saxophone (Tenor), Bassoon.

**Beyond the Music Curriculum Music Award**
The Margot Anthony (Budd) Beyond the Curriculum Music Award is awarded annually for up to 2, Elective music students in Years 8 to 11. The Award is to be used by the student to support their continued involvement in musical activities, which serve to facilitate the development of their musical potential.

Information and Application Forms are available on SCEGGSnet and should be submitted to the Head of School by no later than Friday 27 February.

The Award will be announced and presented at the SCEGGS Eisteddfod Highlights Concert.

**Australian Music Examinations Board (AMEB) Examinations - First session closing dates 20 February.**

Students interested to prepare for AMEB Examinations should consult with their teacher well in advance of the closing dates.

The Music Staff looks forward to celebrating 120 years of SCEGGS music with girls, their families and the wider school community.

_Felicia Chadwick_  
**Head of Music**

**Careers Corner**

**SCEGGS Events**

**Tuesday 17 February 1.00pm – US Information Session in the Auditorium**

There will be a lunchtime US Study Information Session for any interested students in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12. Representatives from the following five universities will be in attendance.

1. Heather Augar, Fairleigh Dickinson University  
2. Marilyn Cheung, Foothill and De Anza Colleges,  
3. Jim Goonan, Embry - Riddle Aeronautical University  
4. Joe Hindrawan, University at Buffalo, State University of New York  
5. Danielle Klebes, Central Penn College  
6. Michael Sexton, Santa Clara University

**Wednesday 18 February 1.00pm**  
Associate Professor Rufus Black, Master of Ormond College, Melbourne University.

All girls in Year 12 are invited to meet Professor Black in G1 at the beginning of lunch. Ormond College is the largest residential college at Melbourne University and one of the most popular colleges on campus. Come along and hear about the opportunities available for students at Ormond.

**Meet The Business Leader 2015 - Save the date!**
Chartered Accountants Australia New Zealand are hosting the annual Meet The Business Leader (formerly Cadetship Evening) on Wednesday May 20, 2015 at Luna Park. A fantastic opportunity for students to connect with universities and top employers and secure a highly sought after cadetship. More Information email careers.nsw@charteredaccountantsanz.com

_Andrea Pinnock_  
**Careers Adviser**

**Cafeteria Specials - Week 4**

**Monday 16 February**  
Beef & Black bean stir fry with noodles  
Pasta w/- Nut Free Pesto, Baked Mushroom & Ricotta  
Grilled Halioumi & Vegetable Salad

**Tuesday 17 February**  
Beef Burger with Avocado & Salsa with Salad  
Vegetable Burger with Tomato Chutney  
Greek Salad

**Wednesday 18 February**  
Fettuccine Carbonara  
Spaghetti Napolitana  
Thai Crunchy Noodle Salad

**Thursday 19 February**  
Tandoori Chicken Burger  
Fettuccine in Creamy Tomato & Garlic Sauce  
Caesar Salad

**Friday 20 February**  
Baked Fish with Salad (GF)  
Bean Fajita with Light Cheese  
Roast Vegetable & Cous-Cous Salad

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**Sports**

**Netball**  
Congratulations to Amy Parmenter who has been selected in the NSW U’19 Netball Team. Amy will compete at the Nationals in April. Amy also made her senior debut for the NSW Swifts on the weekend playing in a trial game against the Melbourne Vixens.

**Twitter**  
For all wet weather information for both Primary and Secondary before and after school sport, please refer to the SCEGGSSport Twitter feed. This can be accessed from the parent portal, twitter app or SCEGGS App.

_Alison Gowan_  
**Director of Sport**
Ross & 10
“Father”/Daughter Breakfast

RSVP the SCEGGS General Office by Thursday 12th February.

Father’s (or significant elder’s) name .................................................................

Daughter’s name ........................................................................ Daughter’s Roll Class ..............

Total Amount $ ......................... ($25.00 per person, $50.00 per couple)

Payment Options:

☐ Cash/Cheque (payable to SCEGGS P & F)

☐ Online Payment (Community/Parents and Friends section)

Guest Speaker: Phoebe GOODWIN
SCEGGS Old Girl (2005)

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Enquiries to:
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