I would like to thank the fantastic parents who have volunteered as Stall Convenors for all the wonderful stalls that will be a part of the Festival on Forbes. Thank you for coming along to the meeting last Tuesday afternoon. Planning for the Festival has now commenced in earnest and I look forward to working with all of you!

**A Message from Year 11: Pre-loved/Vintage Clothing Stall**

Do not throw away your pre-loved clothes, scarves, shoes or costume jewellery. We need them for the SCEGGS Fair so start putting them aside! This is a wonderful opportunity for your girls to have a ‘spring’ clean and donate their beloved cast-offs to the pre-loved/Vintage Stall. Please put aside any clean clothes, jewellery and shoes (must be in very good condition). We will gladly accept clothes for any age group and gender: children, teenage, or adult. Old formal dresses would be greatly appreciated. We also need clothes racks, hangers and a dressmaker’s dummy. We would be so grateful if anyone could provide these. Kindly leave your laundered donations at the General Office. Contact Mrs Cathy Limmer if you have any questions or are able to donate a dressmaker’s dummy or clothes racks.

**Silent Auction**

The popular Silent Auction will again be part of this year’s Festival on Forbes. Its success relies very much on our community’s generosity in providing Auction items. We are seeking donations of unique, interesting and, of course, popular Silent Auction lots. Imaginations welcome! A great range of prize values would be fantastic. Please have a think about donations such as:

- Art Galleries/art
- Vacation weekends
- Bottles of wine
- Gym membership or classes
- Farm stays
- ‘Priceless’ experiences
- Opera, ballet or concert tickets
- Hairdressing, beautician or massage vouchers
- Your local eatery or fine dining voucher
- Surfing or tennis lessons
- Cooking classes
- Electrical goods
- Vouchers for Hotel stays
- Food and wine hampers
- Clothing store vouchers
- Work experience placements are invaluable - even for a day!

Let loose your imagination! Please contact Mrs Megan Reed. Donations may also be left at the General Office for Miss Daisy Bahen, SCEGGS Development Office.

**Book Stall & Vintage Bags**

Thank you to all those who have brought in bags, books, CDs and DVDs! We remind you that these items, along with computer games and vintage magazines in good condition, can be dropped in at the GO. Ask neighbours and grandparents for donations!

**What’s On Week 5**

- **18-22 May**
  - Assessment Week Years 8, 9 and 10
- **Wednesday 20 May**
  - Year 4 Excursion to State Library of NSW
- **20-22 May**
  - Year 5 Outdoor Education Camp – Tallong. Departing SCEGGS: 7.30am
  - Year 3 Outdoor Education Camp – Tallong. Departing SCEGGS: 8.45am
- **Friday 22 May**
  - Years 11 & 12 ‘Father’/Daughter Breakfast – SCEGGS Great Hall, 7.00am
  - Years K-2 Assembly, 12.20pm
  - Year 5 Camp returns 3.30pm
  - Year 5 Camp returns 4.00pm
  - Senior House Debating Rounds 1 and 2, 3.30pm
  - Film Club Wajida (2012): nominated for Best Foreign Film at BAFTAS 2014
  - Finish time 5.10pm
- **24-25 May**
  - Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Bronze Practice Expedition – Benowie Track

**Coming Events**

- **Monday 25 May**
  - AGM SCEGGS Trust and AGM SCEGGS Darlinghurst Limited
- **Thursday 28 May**
  - School Photograph Day (Years K-4 and Years 7-12) Individual and group
  - Years 3-6 Assembly – Lecture Theatre, 2.30pm
- **Friday 29 May**
  - School Photograph Day (Years 5-6) Individual and group
  - Years K-2 Mini-Athletics Carnival – Sports Hall, 1.45pm-2.45pm
  - (No Years K-2 Assembly)
- **Wednesday 3 June**
  - ICAS Science Competition, Years 4 – 6
  - Year 2 Excursion to Susannah Place, The Rocks
  - Kindergarten Incursion: Alliance Francaise workshop
- **Thursday 4 June**
  - Years 3 – 6 Assembly, 2.30pm
- **Friday 5 June**
  - Year 3 Animation Day
  - Years K – 2 Assembly, 12.20pm
Parents' and Friends' Association

Year 11 and 12 ‘Father'/Daughter Breakfast – Friday 22 May

The Annual Years 11 & 12 ‘Father'/Daughter Breakfast (the last for our Year 12's!) is fast approaching. Our guest speaker is Old Girl, Ms Isabelle Danos (2008), who, in the short time since finishing school, has completed a Bachelor of Science at ANU, attained a Masters of Genetic Counselling at Sydney University and now finds herself back in the heart of Darlinghurst as a genetic counsellor in the Department of Medical Oncology at the Kinghorn Centre of St Vincent’s Hospital.

Join us for breakfast in the SCEGGS Great Hall to hear what this talented young girl has learnt since venturing beyond the Green Gate.

Term II General Meeting – Tuesday 2 June

The Parents’ and Friends’ Association are pleased to welcome, not one, but three special Guest Speakers for our next ‘General Meeting’ on Tuesday, 2 June. We are going to address a very troubling issue for all of us as parents: “How can we best support our child’s mental health and wellbeing?” “If there are mental health issues, how do we recognise it, how do we handle it and what help is there?” We warmly welcome once again Dr Timothy Sharp, SCEGGS parent, Psychologist and our enormously popular 2014 Term I Guest Speaker. Dr Sharp will be joined by representatives from Batyr, a social enterprise that focuses on preventive education in the area of young people’s mental health. Our three guests will each give a short presentation before participating in a panel discussion taking questions from our audience.

We encourage all to come along from our Primary and Secondary School for this very special presentation and discussion.

The evening will commence with refreshments available from 7.00pm before presentations commence at 7.30pm in the Lecture Theatre. Please contact Mr Stuart Lee of your intention to attend to ensure we have adequate seating and for catering purposes.

Karen Niederer
President

School Photographs

School Photographs will be taken on Thursday 28 May (Years K-4 and Years 7-12) and Friday, May 29 (Years 5-6).

To order your daughter’s photograph pack, ordering envelopes will be sent home with students on Friday 15 May. These envelopes must be returned to school by Monday 25 May.

Alternatively, you can order online at www.advancedlife.com.au, see ordering information in the School Community version of Behind the Green Gate, accessed from the SCEGGS Portal. Online orders are due by Thursday 28 May.

Equity Scholarship Opportunity 2016

Due to the kindness of a generous benefactor we are now able to offer an Equity Scholarship for a student to commence in Year 7, 2016.

We are hoping to assist a family who has some significant social and economic disadvantage. If you know of a family to whom this may apply, please encourage them to fill out an application. Forms are now downloadable from our website: http://www.sceggs.nsw.edu.au/enrolments/scholarships. Please telephone The Registrar, Ms Carrol Evans, on 9332 1133 for any further information. Applications will close on Friday 29 May, 2015.

School Shop

Blazers
Just a reminder that blazers will be required for Photograph Day on Thursday 28 May. We have new blazers in all sizes available and a good selection of blazers in sizes 6 or 8 in Clothing Pool.

Clothing Pool
Clothing Pool stocks have been depleted with the winter uniform changeover. We are in need of good quality clean items, especially blazers in larger sizes and cardigans and jumpers in all sizes. You can donate items or sell on consignment. Details of the consignment are on the web: http://www.sceggs.nsw.edu.au/community/sceggs-shop under the heading 'Clothing Pool Information'.

Plastic Bags
We are in need of plastic shopping bags (especially the supermarket type).

Lost Property
Lost drink bottles and lunch boxes are collected in the tub inside the School Shop doorway. If you have lost either of these items please check the tub. There is no charge to retrieve them. Primary girls may also like to check here if they are missing items.

Sue Humphrey

Class Parent Functions

Year 7 Cocktail Party
Friday 15 May, 7.30pm onwards
56 New Beach Road
Darling Point

Year 8 Parents Drinks
Friday 22 May, 7.00pm onwards
The 3 Weeds
197 Evans Street, Rozelle
$35.00 per person includes canapés
(drinks separate)
Please pay online and RSVP by Friday 15 May

Year 10 Charity Event
Sunday 31 May
Meet 8.30am for 9.00am start
Centennial Park
Let’s Get Physical run/walk and morning tea
$25.00 per person donation to Charity – Plan’s Because I am a Girl campaign
Please RSVP by Sunday 17 May – pay online

Year 4 Mother and Daughter Event
Our Big Kitchen
Sunday 31 May
10.30am to 12.30pm
$40.00 per mother and daughter or $20.00 per person
RSVP via SCEGGS online payment by Monday 25 May
Drama

Tickets sales are now open for The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, the SCEGGS Musical with Cranbrook and Sydney Grammar. Performed for four nights only, tickets are selling fast! This year we are using the online booking system, Trybooking, for you to purchase tickets.

The Musical takes place in the St Peter's Playhouse here at SCEGGS, and seating is numbered. You will be able to book seats from the online seating plan. So if you want to go as a group, as many of the girls will want to do, we encourage you to get together so that you can book seats to ensure you sit with your friends.

Dates: Wednesday 10, Thursday 11, Friday 12 and Saturday 13 June
Time: 7.30pm
Place: St Peter’s Playhouse
Tickets: Adults $30, Concessions $25
Booking: www.trybooking.com/HQYD

A Midsummer Night's Dream is being performed at Cranbrook, with Bridget Tracy as Hermia, next Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7.00pm, and Sunday at 5.00pm. Tickets on sale through Cranbrook.

Debating

Eastside
Congratulations to the Years 8, 9, 10 and 12 Eastside Debating teams who have made it through to the Semi-Finals of this competition. This is a superb effort and a special congratulatory note must be made of the Year 8 team who have finished the competition undefeated so far. We wish all the competitors good luck for the Semis which will be held at Sydney Girls’ High School this Friday. The teams will travel to SGHS with their coaches and myself and are expected to be collected by their parents at the end of the evening. The Junior debates will start at 6.15pm and the Senior debates at 7.15pm. There will not be any social debates this week.

IPSHA
The Year 6 Primary girls began the IPSHA Debating Competition last Friday with the SCEGGS Blue teams travelling to St Andrew’s School for Round 1. While St Andrew’s won both the debates on the topic that “Television is the enemy of family life” the girls enjoyed the experience of meeting students from another school and practising what they have been learning in their debating training sessions.

National Schools’ Debating Competition
We also wish Imogen Harper, Year 12, good luck as she leaves at the end of the week to compete in the National Schools’ Debating Competition being held in Adelaide next week. Imogen will captain the New South Wales team.

Margaret Schuitema
Debating Co-ordinator

Sport

Hockey
Congratulations to Miriam Pritchard who has been selected by Hockey Australia into the Australian Futures Squad. This is a targeted squad of young potential international players that will attend camps and be given specialised training as they develop through the elite pathway.

Well done to Lee Davis and Gabriella Lee who were selected in the IGSSA Open Hockey Team this week. Both girls will compete at the NSWCIS Championships next Wednesday. Good luck!

Congratulations to Lee Davis and Miriam Pritchard who have been selected in the NSW U ‘18 squad for 2016.

Netball
Well done to Amy Parmenter who was selected in the IGSSA Open Netball Team.

Football
Further congratulations to Hannah Dews on being selected in the IGSSA Football Team.

Sydney Inter-Schools Snowsports Championships
Any students interested in representing SCEGGS at the Inter-Schools Snowsports in Thredbo from July 8-11 need to return their entry forms to the PDHPE Office ASAP. Competition is open to all girls from Years K-12. Please speak with Ms Gowan for more information.

Sports Training During Examination Period
Some sports training sessions will be cancelled during the examination period. Girls should check their emails, sports noticeboard, or confirm with their sports co-ordinator if their relevant training sessions are going ahead. Fitness, Pilates and Athletics training will continue as normal for those that wish to attend.

Alison Gowan
Director of Sport

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**Careers Corner**

**SCEGGS Darlinghurst University Presentations**

Tuesday 26 May – Year 12 Form Meeting. All students in Year 12 will hear a presentation about studying at Melbourne University presented by Ms Lois Carlton, the NSW Melbourne University Representative.

Monday 1 June - SCEGGS Darlinghurst is pleased to welcome Mr Ivar Moller from St Andrew’s University, Scotland who is available to meet any interested students in Years 10, 11 and 12 at recess. Please come to the General Office if you wish to find out about studying at this beautiful and prestigious UK university. Parents are also very welcome to attend. Please RSVP andreapinnock@sceggs.nsw.edu.au.

Bond University will be visiting SCEGGS Darlinghurst on Tuesday 2 June at 1.00pm in G1. Bond offers an extensive scholarship program and highly regarded courses in a number of areas including Law, International Relations Business, and Communications. Parents are most welcome to attend also. Please RSVP to andreapinnock@sceggs.nsw.edu.au.

**Meet the Business Leader 2015**

Chartered Accountants Australia New Zealand are hosting the annual Meet the Business Leader (formerly Cadetship Evening) on Wednesday 20 May 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.

**UNSW Co-op Scholarship**

The Create Your Career Evening on Wednesday 3 June offers students the opportunity to hear from Industry Leaders and gain an insight into the career opportunities which exist through the degrees available in the Co-op Program.

The Co-op Program is a Career Development Scholarship which offers students an unprecedented head start in their chosen career, while still at university.

UNSW will put the spotlight on six exciting career paths:

- Accounting and Business Management
- Actuarial Studies
- Finance and Banking
- Information Systems and Technology
- Marketing
- Engineering

Each session will include:

- Introduction to relevant degree and academic requirements
- Career opportunities within the Industry
- Co-op scholar experience of studying and working
- Q&A Panel

For more information go to: [http://www.whatson.unsw.edu.au/egateway/students.schedules_search?p_event_id=70](http://www.whatson.unsw.edu.au/egateway/students.schedules_search?p_event_id=70)

*Andrea Pinnock*

*Careers Adviser*

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**Music Matters**

**Congratulations**

Year 12 Music students for a carefully prepared concert, presenting the ‘first slice’ of their HSC programs. Great to reach this point in the year. Thanks to Ms Holmes for her outstanding musical accompaniment and continuing support. Looking forward to the next event.

Amati Strings and soloists Jacqueline Brown (Year 10 - Violin), and Ophilia Kong (Year 9 - Piano) for their performance of "Time Lapse 03" by Ludovico Einaudi. Originally written to accompany a series of films shot in time-lapse. The piece was suggested to us by Olivia Walls (Year 10). Good pick Olivia….many thanks.

**Compose - 120 Project**

As part of the School’s 120th Anniversary celebrations composers have been invited to write pieces specifically for SCEGGS Co-curricular Music Ensembles. Their pieces are being prepared and premiered throughout the year in each of the Series 120 Concerts. Two pieces have already been premiered: Old School, New School by Mr Matthew Moore for Percussion Ensemble and an arrangement of Secret Agent 440 by Mr Ian Cleworth, for the combined forces of Years 5 and 6 Percussion Ensembles, Sinfonietta and Chamber Strings.

In the next of the Series 120 Concerts, the combined Choirs will premier two, quite special pieces: Shout and Sing by Mr Michael Atherton and Shine by Mr Tony Backhouse. Both pieces have been written especially for our Choirs to be shared in celebration with the whole school at forthcoming special events.

**Peripatetic Program – Practice Challenge Continues**

“Practice Tips” can be found on SCEGGSnet.

Girls doing recent AMEB examinations have been finding the Music Practice Tips very useful. I am aware that already some of our String players have received some very fine results in their recent examinations. Well done.

**Co-curricular Music Ensembles**

Reminder - “Business as usual” for regular, weekly rehearsals, as ensembles tackle new repertoire for Semester 2 performance events and projects occurring early in Term III.

**Bands** - preparing new repertoire for NSW Schools’ Bands Festival (Sunday 19 July).

**Choirs** - learning our special commissioned pieces for the Series 120 Concert 3 (Friday 24 July).

**Strings and Smaller Ensembles** - new repertoire for the Series 120 Concert 3 (Friday 24 July).

**House Music – All That Jazz…**

Rehearsals will begin in earnest in Week 6 - have you ‘put you hand up’ to be involved?

Two items being prepared by each House: Small Ensemble and the Stage Production Item.

The Small Ensemble item is judged on musical proficiency and musical excellence.

The Stage Production item is judged on entertainment value with an emphasis on participation across all year levels.

House Music Challenge for Bonus Points – student improvisation (singing or playing) to be featured in some way.
Soirees and other Solo Performance Opportunities
A full listing of solo performance opportunities available on SCEGGSnet.

All students encouraged to prepare a piece for participation.
Families and friends always welcome to attend.

Forthcoming Events
Years 8 & 9 Elective course - Piano students - Friday 15 May -
Lunchtime Concert - SCEGGS Great Hall.

Organ Masterclass - Organ Scholars Thursday 21 May - 4.15pm - 7.00pm - SCEGGS Chapel.

Vocal Soiree - Ms Jessica O’Donoghue’s students Wednesday 27 May - Lunchtime - DB 1.

Vocal Soiree - Ms Jenny Russell’s students - Thursday 28 May - 4.00pm - SCEGGS Great Hall.

Primary Piano Concert - Thursday 11 June - 3.30pm - SCEGGS Great Hall.

Vocal Soiree - Ms Jo Burton and Ms Amandine Pettit’s students - Thursday 11 June - 4.15pm - SCEGGS Great Hall.

Felicia Chadwick
Head of Music

Cafeteria Specials - Week 5

Monday 18 May
Mexican Lamb Wrap with Avocado Salsa
Fettuccine with Rocket Pesto & Tomato Caesar Salad

Tuesday 19 May
Spaghetti Bolognaise
Vegetarian Pizza with Salad
Crunchy Noodle Thai Salad

Wednesday 20 May
Teriyaki Chicken Kebabs with Rice
Stir Fried Rice Noodles with Tofu
Crunchy Vegetable Salad

Thursday 21 May
Ham, Tomato & Cheese Focaccia Melts with Salad
Bean Nachos with Lite Sour Cream
Roast Pumpkin and Feta Salad

Friday 22 May
Lemon Crumbed Baked Fish with Salad
Stuffed Feta Mushrooms with Brown Rice
Chicken Caesar Salad
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Dr Sharp, Psychologist and Founder/C.H.O (‘Chief Happiness Officer’) of the Happiness Institute, returns to join, and moderate, our panel. No stranger to local and international media, he has been a regular presenter at the Happiness and It’s Causes Conference taking the stage in company with the Dalai Lama. He presented to a very large and appreciative audience at the P & F Meeting in 2014.

Batyr aims to engage, educate and empower young people to speak out about mental health issues by fostering an environment where talking about these issues and getting help is not only accepted, but is encouraged and supported.

We warmly welcome and encourage our SCEGGS Community in both the Primary and Secondary Schools for these very special presentations and discussion.

RSVP to Stuart Lee