Parents' and Friends' Association Meeting
You will have seen that the Parents' and Friends' Association Meeting this term is featuring some speakers from Batyr, a social enterprise that focuses on preventive education in the area of young people's mental health. We recently had Batyr speak to our Year 11 students and I highly recommend them. Their presentation was powerful, challenging, comforting, informative, inspiring – all at the one time!

The focus of the meeting will be:

‘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?’

It is being held on Tuesday 2 June at 7.00pm and I warmly encourage all parents to be there. It will be a terrific night.

Our Boarding Students – We Need Your Help!
Most of you would know that we have about 10-12 Boarders who attend SCEGGS and board at St Vincent’s College, Potts Point. We think that this is a wonderful part of SCEGGS – it brings a richness to our education and a wonderful diversity to our student body.

We need, however, to help our Boarders to get to Sport on a Saturday morning. If there is a Boarder in your daughter’s team and you are able to help us with this, then we would be very grateful. It is not easy for them to ask their friends for help with a lift to Sport, so I would ask you to be sensitive to this and help if you are able to. We are all very grateful for any assistance you might be able to provide.

From Ms Allum

Year 9 – Gourmet Pantry
Calling all cooks!
Do you have a specialty jam, chutney or preserve you are proud of? Maybe if you have been in a pickle or a jam lately you would relish the opportunity to get together with your friends for a cooking session!

All puns aside, our Year 9 Class Parents would love to hear from you about what enticing product you could make to fill a few jars. The jars and labels will be provided. As the empty jars are purchased in bulk, our Year 9 Gourmet Pantry co-ordinators would like to know how many they should be ordering, so do not be shy! You might even convince an Aunty, Uncle, Grandmother or Grandfather to don the apron and turn out a batch of lemon curd, passionfruit jam, pesto, pate, sauce or jelly.

If you think you can contribute, please email Tiffany.

Year 12 – Handbag Stall
Old bags, young bags, bags and wallets of all descriptions wanted! Year 12 Class Parents are ready for your bag donations for the Festival on Forbes. Please deliver to the General Office.

Karen Niederer 
Fair Convener

What’s On Week 6
24-25 May
- Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Bronze Practice Expedition – Benowie Track

Monday 25 May
- AGM SCEGGS Trust and AGM SCEGGS Darlinghurst Limited – Auditorium, 7.30pm

Tuesday 26 May
- Archdale Debating Round 1 vs Loreto Normanhurst

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)
- Film Club The Lunchbox (2012) – India: nominated for Best Foreign Language Film at BAFTAS 2015 Finish time 5.20pm

Coming Events
Tuesday 2 June
- Parents’ and Friends’ Association Term II Meeting

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
- Year 7-12 Inter-House Athletics Carnival – E S Marks Field
- Years 3-6 Assembly, 2.30pm

Friday 5 June
- Year 3 Animation Day
- Years K-2 Assembly, 12.20pm

Saturday 6 June
- No Sport

Monday 8 June
- Queen’s Birthday – Public Holiday

10, 11, 12, 13 June
- SCEGGS Musical Production The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee – St Peter’s Playhouse, 7.30pm
From the Primary

**Years K-2 Mini-Athletics Carnival – Friday 29 May**

Due to the cancellation of the Years K-6 Athletics Carnival earlier this term, a Mini-Athletics Carnival has been organised for girls in Kindergarten-Year 2, to be held on Friday 29 May from 1.45pm-2.45pm in the School’s Sports Hall. Years K-2 girls may wear their PE uniform to school for the day, decorated with House colours if they wish. There will be no Years K-2 Assembly that day, but parents and grandparents are very welcome to join us at the carnival.

*Elizabeth Cumming*
Head of Primary School

**Dogs on School Premises**

For the safety of all members of the community, the Companion Animals Act (1998) places restrictions on dogs in specific public places, including children’s playgrounds and on school premises such as at SCEGGS.

Dogs (apart from police dogs, guide dogs, other disability assistance dogs or corrective services dogs) are not permitted anywhere on the school grounds, even if the dog is on a leash or is otherwise restrained. These restrictions apply at all times – during the school day, out of school hours, on the weekends and during vacation periods.

We ask that all SCEGGS parents, staff, students and other community members abide by this and help us ensure that all children are safe on school premises and in the immediate vicinity of the school.

*Holly Gyton*
Deputy Head

**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](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.

**Careers Corner**

**Post-School Cadetships**

Many private and public organisations offer cadetships to students who are first or second year university students. These cadetships allow students to combine study with paid work in a job related to their degree. Cadets are usually offered continued employment upon completion of their degree.

Cadetships are typically available in professions such as engineering, finance, commerce, accounting, information and communications technology, as well as various departments of federal and state governments.

Non-government university cadetships can be viewed by searching the internet or visiting career offices at universities.


*Andrea Pinnock*
Careers Adviser

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**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 have already been 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](http://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.

**Debating**

**Eastside**

Congratulations to the Years 8, 10 and 12 Eastside debating teams who won their Semi-Final debates at Sydney Girls’ High School, last Friday, and are now in the Grand Final to be held at Sydney Girls’ High School on Friday 29 May. The Year 9 team fought valiantly on the negative side of their topic but were defeated by Grammar. The Years 8 and 9 teams debated the topic ‘Greyhound racing should be banned’ while the Years 10 and 12 teams debated ‘We should deny welfare to people who do not vaccinate their children’.

In the Grand Final, Year 8 will be against Grammar, Year 10 against Sydney Girls' High and Year 12 against Sydney Boys' High. On the night of the Grand Final there is a Swans AFL game being held at the Sydney Cricket Ground so traffic and parking may be difficult for parents and friends attending the debates. All the debates start at 6.30pm and the game starts at 7.50pm. All debaters must wear their School blazers for the Grand Final.

**Archdale**

Next week our second Debating competition begins. Round 1 of Archdale will be held on Tuesday 26 May at Loreto Normanhurst. Due to the distance to Loreto, permission has been given for the girls debating to leave class at 2.55pm on that day in order to get to Loreto Normanhurst by 4.00pm. All host schools provide a substantial afternoon tea before the junior debate preparation starts at 4.30pm.

The Junior debates start at 5.30pm and the Senior debates at 6.30pm. The bus will return to SCEGGS by 8.30pm. Parents may come to the debates and take their daughters home from there but need to advise me that they intend to do this. All girls must wear their School blazers in this competition.

*Margaret Schuitema*
Debating Co-ordinator

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**Class Parent Functions**

**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


**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](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) by Monday 25 May
Public Speaking

Lions Youth of the Year
Just a brief recap... **Eleanor Armstrong** won the District Final of the award and was the first contestant from the Sydney Lions Club to do so. The next step was the State Final held at Campbelltown on Saturday 11 April. While Eleanor did not get past this level she gained wonderful experience as she faced many interview panels and spoke at four rounds of the competition. A wonderful effort.

**Plain English Speaking Award**
**Imogen Harper** and **Isla Collee** represented the School in this senior speaking competition. Both girls were successful in the district round but unfortunately Imogen had to withdraw due to her debating commitments. Isla contested the very challenging Sydney Regional round, and was selected to speak at the State Semi-Final on Friday 12 June.

**Rostrum Voice of Youth**
After winning the first round of the Rostrum Voice of Youth, **Madeleine Kowalenko** and **Ruby Adler** spoke in the Junior division of the competition and **Charlotte Munns** the Senior division. Though not winning this round both Madeleine and Charlotte spoke passionately and were commended for their strong speeches. **Ruby Adler** won the Regional round and now progresses to the State Final.

Congratulations to all speakers and good luck to those girls proceeding to the next level of their competitions.

**School Shop**

**Blazers**
Just a reminder that blazers will be required for Photograph Day on Thursday 28 May. Do not leave it until the last minute to purchase one. 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](http://www.sceggs.nsw.edu.au/community/sceggs-shop) under the heading 'Clothing Pool Information'.

**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.
Music Matters

Congratulations

Madrigal Ensemble contributed to the Ascension Day Service of Holy Communion and the Old Girls’ Service last week. Such special music being shared. Thanks and congratulations to Miss Harrigan for her very fine work with the girls.

Organ scholars Jacqueline Brown and Suzannah Keene played for the Old Girls at the Ascension Day Chapel Service. Suzannah played Prelude in A Major BWV 536 by JS Bach at the commencement of the Service and Jacqueline played Koraal (from Suite Modale) by Peters at the end of the service.

A milestone in their eighteen months of Organ learning. Thanks and congratulations to Mr Kurt Ison for his preparation of the girls.

Poppy Lynch (Year 12 – Clarinet) provided musical entertainment for the Old Girls’ Ascension Day lunch. So lovely to watch this gathering of special ladies thoroughly absorbed in Poppy’s performance of Sonata for Clarinet and Piano – 1st Movt. - Saint Saens. Thanks to Ms Holmes for preparing and accompanying Poppy on this special occasion.

Ms Holmes also had the great pleasure of accompanying the Old Girls in their rousing rendition of Breeze from the Harbour Blowing. Written in 1912, and taking its tune from the Eaton Boating Song, the song has special significance for Old Girls. It was impressive to see so many of the gathered ladies singing each of the five verses from memory. When you consider that all gathered had left school fifty or more years ago, you understand the importance of … Thoughts of our school days here.

Piano students from Elective classes shared their pieces in a pre-examination lunchtime Concert. Thanks to Ms Jones for organising and supporting the girls. A valuable, preparatory opportunity.

AMEB Examination Success

Congratulations to the following Flute students of Ms Lucie Benz.

- Elizabeth Armour (Year 8) – Grade 4
- Jessica Cassimaty (Year 8) – Grade 4
- Eliza Wenham (Year 6) – Grade 2

Congratulations to the following String students.

- Bondi Barlow (Year 2) – Grade 1: Violin
- Scarlett Cooper (Year 4) – Grade 2: Violin
- Eleanor Fair (Year 9) – Grade 4: Violin
- Ella Godhard (Year 6) – Grade 1: Violin
- Sophie Mossenson (Year 7) – Grade 1: Violin
- Lilah Shapiro (Year 8) – Grade 3: Cello
- Adrienne Thackway (Year 8) – Grade 2: Violin
- Amelia Kuit-Troy (Year 6) – Grade 1: Violin

Thanks to Mr Jonathan Whitting and Ms Belinda McGlynn who have been providing piano accompaniment for SCEGGS girls in these national examinations.

Co-curricular Music Ensembles

Reminder – ‘Business as usual’ for regular, weekly rehearsals, assembles tackle new repertoire for Semester 2 performances 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).

Advance Notice – Term III Staff Day Workshops

Tuesday 14 July

Clarion, Holst and Basie Jazz Bands, and Choir, Madrigals, CVE and Cantare members should have received advance notice, via email, of special workshops and combined rehearsals being held on Tuesday 14 July. The concentrated time will allow girls to re-group after the mid-year break, and enable polish for work being prepared for the NSW School Bands’ Festival, Back to SCEGGS Day, and the Series 120 Concert 3.

Notices confirming arrangements also appear on SCEGGSnet.

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

- Vocal Soiree – Ms Jessica O'Donoghue’s students: Wednesday 27 May – DB1, Lunchtime.
- Vocal Soiree – Ms Jenny Russell’s students: Thursday 28 May – SCEGGS Great Hall, 4.00pm.
- Primary Piano Concert: Thursday 11 June – SCEGGS Great Hall, 3.30pm.
- Vocal Soiree - Ms Jo Burton and Ms Amandine Pettit’s students: Thursday 11 June – SCEGGS Great Hall, 4.15pm.

Felicia Chadwick
Head of Music
Drama Productions

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

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, with Cranbrook and Sydney Grammar, takes place on Wednesday 10, Thursday 11, Friday 12 and Saturday 13 June at 7.30pm.

Tickets are selling fast, so make sure you book your tickets soon. Purchase through the Trybooking online booking system by clicking here. As the seating is numbered, you can choose your seats from the online seating plan.

Venue: St Peter’s Playhouse
Tickets: Adults $30.00, Concessions $25.00

Inga Scarlett
Head of Drama
The Parents’ and Friends’ Association are very pleased to once again welcome Dr Timothy (aka ‘Dr Happy’) Sharp as a guest speaker, in company with two representatives of Batyr, a social enterprise that focuses on preventive education in the area of young people’s mental health. Each of our guest speakers will give a presentation before joining forces for a panel discussion where they will take questions from our audience.

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?’

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 Its 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