Behind the Green Gate
SCEGGS Darlinghurst
May 7, 2015

What’s On Week 4

Monday 11 May
• Year 8 Parent Information Evening rescheduled – Lecture Theatre, 7.00pm-9.00pm (entry via St Peter’s Street)

12-14 May
• Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 NAPLAN testing
• Year 7 Assessment

13-15 May
• Year 4 Outdoor Education Camp – Stanwell Tops
• Year 6 Outdoor Education Camp – Attunga

Thursday 14 May
• Ascension Day

Friday 15 May
• IGSSA 21st Annual Cross Country Carnival – Frensham
• Years K-2 Assembly – Primary Music Room, 12.20pm
• Eastside Debating Competition Semi-Finals – Sydney Girls’ High School

Coming Events

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 3 and Year 5 Outdoor Education Camps – Tallong

Friday 22 May
• Years 11 & 12 ‘Father’/Daughter Breakfast
• Years K-2 Assembly, 12.20pm
• Film Club Wajida (2012): nominated for Best Foreign Film at BAFTAS 2014 Finish time 5.15pm

24-25 May
• Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Bronze Practice Expedition – Benowie Track

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)

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Fair Convener

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Elizabeth Cumming
Head of Primary School

From the Primary

NAPLAN
All girls in Years 3 and 5 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) next week on 12 May, 13 May and 14 May. There are four tests in total: Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar), Writing, Reading and Numeracy. While girls cannot study for these tests at home, their best preparation will be to have a good night’s sleep the evening before each test and a good breakfast each morning. For those girls who may be absent 12-14 May, a ‘catch up’ test day is scheduled for Friday 15 May.

Years 3 – 6 Outdoor Education Camps
All girls in Year 3 to Year 6 will attend a three day outdoor education camp over the next two weeks. Activities at the camps will vary, depending on the age of the girls, but will include bushwalks, cook outs, navigation activities, rivers courses, raft building and in Year 6 an introduction to abseiling. One of the major aims of our camping program is to instil in our girls a love of the great outdoors, and to equip them with some of the necessary skills to enable them to enjoy all the outdoors has to offer. Importantly, the program also aims to help the girls develop their independence, and their willingness to challenge themselves and give things a go. If each girl does one thing at camp that she has never done before, or thought she could never do, then the camp will have been a success. I wish each and every girl a wonderful time at camp, and I look forward to hearing about their experiences, and achievements, upon their return.

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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
Head of Primary School

NSWCIS Hockey Trials
Emily Michel, Year 5, was selected for the IPSHA Hockey team. She then trialled again for the NSWCIS Hockey and played very well. Up against many other students in Years 5 and 6, she did not make this team; however, she looks forward to all her other hockey representation in the next couple of weeks.

Term III Sports Choice Form
Kindergarten-Year 6 have received their Sports Choice Forms for Term III. There are limited places for some co-curricular activities, so please ensure your daughter’s forms are handed in by the due date: Monday 11 May.

Athletics - IPSHA Squad Selection
Due to the cancellation of the Athletics Carnival, the IPSHA Team selection will be taken from a combination of the Athletics training sessions on Monday and Thursday afternoons, and the 100m and 200m sprint trials completed in PE lessons last term. If you have any further questions please contact me on 9332 1133 or lisamurray@sceggs.nsw.edu.au.

Lisa Murray
Primary Sport Co-ordinator

Parents’ and Friends’ Association

Years 11 and 12 ‘Father'/Daughter Breakfast
Information regarding the Years 11 and 12 Annual ‘Father'/Daughter Breakfast will be posted on the school website and a flyer will be mailed out shortly. In the meantime, please save the date – Friday 22 May at 7.00am in the SCEGGS Great Hall. This will be the final opportunity for our Year 12s to attend this Breakfast unless, of course, they one day return to speak as an Old Girl!

Save the Date: Term II General Meeting, Tuesday 2 June
Our Term II Guest Speaker presentation will be held in the Lecture Theatre at 7.30pm with refreshments available from 7.00pm. Further information to come in Behind the Green Gate.

Karen Niederer
President
Drama

Tickets for The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, the SCEGGS Musical with Cranbrook and Sydney Grammar will be on sale on Monday 11 May.

This show is a whole lot of fun - and a great way to test your spelling prowess!

Performed for four nights only, tickets will go fast, so get in early to reserve your seats.

This year we are using an online booking system, Trybooking for you to purchase tickets.

The Musical takes place in St Peter’s Playhouse here at SCEGGS, and for the first time, 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 $30.00, Concessions $25.00
www.trybooking.com/HQYD from Monday 11 May

Inga Scarlett
Head of Drama

Mock Trial

The Round 2 of the Mock Trial competition was completed on Wednesday 29 April. As most of the previous team was involved with examination preparation in the lead-up to the Trial, a new team had to be formed. The newly formed team accepted the challenge as the Plaintiff in a case of Negligence by the local council. Ascham was allocated the defence role. SCEGGS put forward a well prepared argument incorporating precedents established in previous cases to win the case - both the verdict and the point score. The new team of Year 10 students worked diligently to prepare their case under the guidance and advice from the first team and with the help of their teachers and expert counsel offered under remote access, from an absent coach.

Annabelle Boyd and Jacqueline Brown both provided convincing performances in their roles as Barristers. Lucy Edwards, in her role as the Solicitor, offered invaluable support to the Barristers and the Witnesses, in the preparation of the case and during the Trial. Her thoughtful research and comments revealed a deep understanding of the case and its implications. Tahila Halasz-Valverde and Jacqueline Rousselet exhibited strong performance as the Witnesses, especially when under the pressure of cross examination. Isabelle Grbin competently managed the flow of activities in the courtroom, in her role as Magistrate’s Clerk.

Ruth Crawford
Mock Trial Co-ordinator

Eastside

The Scots College hosted SCEGGS on Friday 1 May for Round 6 of the Eastside Competition. Congratulations to the Years 8, 9 and 12 teams who were successful in their debates. Years 8 and 12 continued their undefeated record and Year 9 have only had one loss.

The final round of Eastside will be held at SCEGGS this Friday against Sydney Boys’ High School on the topic area of ‘International Issues’. There will also be social debates for Years 7 and 8 this week. After this Round the teams who have made the Semi-Finals will be decided. The Semi-Finals will be held on Friday 15 May at Sydney Girls’ High School.

Margaret Schuitema
Debating Co-ordinator

Netball Trials

A final reminder that Netball Trials are coming up this weekend. All girls must trial to be placed in a team. Girls are to indicate on the Sports Noticeboard what positions they are trialling for.

Saturday May 9 at Indoor Central, 5 Kent Road, Mascot.
Years 8 & 9 – 1.00pm-2.30pm
Year 7 – 2.30pm-4:00pm

Monday May 11 at Robertson Road, Moore Park
Years 10-12 – 3.15pm-5.00pm

Australian All Schools Triathlon Championships

Congratulations to Ruby Swadling who finished 8th individually in the Junior section of the Australian All Schools Triathlon Championships. Ruby then followed this up with a Silver medal in the Teams Relay event.

NSWCIS Swimming Carnival

Well done to Daisy Message who finished 6th in 12-14 years 400m Freestyle event at the NSWCIS Swimming Championships.

SCEGGS Equestrian Riders

Could any students who are planning to compete at the NSW Inter-Schools Equestrian Championships in June please come and see me or Ms Cosgrove in the PDHPE Department.

Sydney Inter-Schools Snowsports Championships

Any students interested in representing SCEGGS at the Inter-Schools Snowsports in Thredbo from 8-11 July need to return their entry forms to the PDHPE Department as soon as possible. Competition is open to all girls from Years K-12. Please speak with me for more information.

Alison Gowan
Director of Sport

Cafeteria Specials – Week 4

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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 to 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 and 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 Term III 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.

Garry Lee-Lindsay
School Chaplain

Year 10 Work Experience Forms Due

Forms are due on Friday 29 May. Thank you to the students who have completed the task of organising their Work Experience forms. However, this is a reminder that all of Year 10 need to have submitted their completed Work Experience forms to me by 5.00pm Friday 29 May. It is imperative that Work Experience Form 1 is completed and given to me. The information is a requirement of the Department of Education and Training and is necessary for insurance, and the School must know of the contact details of each student’s work place.

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Chicago University and John Hopkins University (USA) Presentation

Friday 15 May in G1 at 1.00pm. All interested students in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 are welcome to attend this information session on studying at either Chicago University or John Hopkins University. Parents are welcome to attend this information session also. Please RSVP me at andreapinnock@sceggs.nsw.edu.au.

Engineering and Technology Cadetships

Applications for the Engineering and Technology Cadetships (ETCAD) Program opened on 28 April. The 2015 Program provides Year 12 students with the opportunity to apply for an Engineering Cadetship at Rolls-Royce or a Technology Cadetship at Westpac. On completion of their cadetship, Technology Cadets are well placed to pursue a career in ICT and in business. For further information visit www.etcad.com.au.

Interstate Law Experience Day Bond University

Saturday 23 May from 9.00am to 3.00pm (AEST) – Gold Coast. Cost $99.00: includes return airfares between Sydney and the Gold Coast; transfers from Bond University; morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea; and a full day of seminars and activities. For more information contact Ms Nicole Stratigos, Events Coordinator: LawEvents@bond.edu.au.

The University of Sydney: Year 10 Information Evening

Wednesday 3 June and Monday 22 June, 6.00pm-8.00pm

The information evenings are designed to help Year 10 students and their parents choose subjects for the HSC and navigate through the process of applying to university.

Topics discussed include:
- ATAR, scaling and assumed knowledge
- Subject selections
- Career pathways
- University transition


University of Sydney: Scholarships Information Evening

Tuesday 16 June, 6.00pm-8.00pm

The information evening for Year 12 students aims to give insider hints and tips on completing the Sydney Scholars application. Attendees will also hear a current scholarship recipient speak about their experience as well as on-campus residential representatives speak about their scholarships. Further information can be found at http://sydney.edu.au/future-students/domestic/undergraduate/upcoming-events/index.shtml.

Bond University: Bond with Bond

Thursday 11 June, 6.30pm-8.30pm

State Library of NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney

Bond University is inviting prospective students and their families to attend Bond with Bond to find out more about studying at Bond and meet other future students. Contact: Ms Kayla Warner on 0418 556 880 or kwarner@bond.edu.au. You can find out more at http://bond.edu.au/future-students/study-bond/see-yourself/bond-bond.

Australian Catholic University: University Experience North Sydney: Friday 10 July

Strathfield: Wednesday 8 July

An opportunity for Years 10, 11 or 12 students to experience university life by living a day as a student studying arts, business education, health or theology. To find out more go to http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/courses/applying_to_acu/experience_uni_before_you_start/university_experience.

Discover Engineering Day

The Discover Engineering Day program presents an opportunity for students to be exposed to engineering as an industry and as a profession. The day consists of hands on engineering activities, presentations from student and professional engineers. Students will also be given the opportunity to meet with the engineering faculties from universities in Sydney. The day is for students in Years 10 and 11 who are interested in engineering as a career choice and also those who want to know what engineering is all about.


Andrea Pinnock
Careers Adviser
Music Matters

Congratulations
More than 300 performers who participated in the very moving Series 120 Concert No. 2. With the theme of Commemoration the concert was a musical tribute to all Australians who have served our country in war and marked the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli. There were ‘glimpses’ of the daily life of SCEGGS at the time of war.

Members of Clarion and Holst Bands, Primary Percussion Ensembles, Chamber Strings, Sinfonietta, Cantare Choir, School Choir, Madrigal Ensemble, Years 5 and 6 Combined Choirs, Amati and Guarneri Strings and special guests, members of the Cranbrook Senior Choir. Such wonderful musical moments, girls responded so professionally to musical and stage direction requirements.

Vocal students of Ms Eloise Evans who shared songs as part of a Vocal Workshop. A confidence-boosting opportunity.

Year 10 Elective Music Students for the All That Jazz - House Music ‘demo’ at Assembly. Night in Tunisia was ‘built-up’ on stage and then improvisations were shared. A great example of ‘keep it simple’. Thanks to Mr Jewitt for leading this demonstration.

Peripatetic Program – Practice Challenge Up and Running
‘Practice Tips’ have been uploaded to SCEGGSnet. Practice cards are available from Tutors. Girls keep a record of the work undertaken. Those who regularly practice, with a specific focus in mind, will enjoy worthwhile improvement.

Co-curricular Music Ensembles
What’s next? ‘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 17 July).

Strings and Smaller Ensembles - new repertoire for the Series 120 Concert 3 (Friday 17 July).

House Music – All That Jazz...
House Officials are in ‘planning mode’. Rehearsals will begin in earnest in Week 6.

Our Theme is All That Jazz. Can be chosen for Small Ensemble and/or Production item. Offers great opportunities for singing, dancing and playing.

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
• Year 12 Concert: Thursday 7 May – SCEGGS Great Hall, 5.30pm.
• Ascension Day: Thursday 14 May. Madrigal Ensemble for both morning Services.
• Years 8 and 9 Elective course - Piano students: Friday 15 May – SCEGGS Great Hall, Lunchtime Concert.
• Organ Masterclass - Organ Scholars: Thursday 21 May – SCEGGS Chapel, 4.15pm-7.00pm.
• Vocal Soiree - Jenny Russell’s students: Thursday 28 May, 4.00pm.

Felicia Chadwick
Head of Music

Year 12 Charity
To go along with the Prefects 2015 theme of COURAGE, a group of Year 12 students and staff are cutting off their ponytails in support of cancer research in Australia. For those battling with cancer and their loved ones, getting through it takes an extraordinary amount of courage. The hair cutting will take place on Friday 8 May during lunch.

Girls who have 20cm or more of hair will be donating their ponytails to Pantene Beautiful Lengths to make wigs for women who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment.

Our goal is to raise $15,000.00 and we hope that the whole school can jump on board and help us with our fundraising mission. All money raised goes to Cancer Council Australia.

Go to our fundraising page at:
http://nsw.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/SCEGGS
You can pass on the link to your family and friends or anyone who you might think will be supportive!

Year 12 Prefects