Parents' and Friends' Association

The Parents' and Friends' Association Annual General Meeting was held last Tuesday 10 November. Thank you to all those who attended. New Committee Members were elected as follows:

President – Ms Tiffany Hutton
Vice Presidents – Mrs Karen Niederer and Mrs Jenne Tsangaris
Treasurer – Mr Michael Kotowicz
Secretary (Acting) - Mrs Karen Niederer and Mrs Jenne Tsangaris
Secondary School Convenor – Mr Stuart Lee
Primary School Convenor – Mrs Claudine Cooney
Old Girls’ Union Liaison – Ms Vanessa Liell
NSW Parents’ Council – Mrs Nicholle Lindner
Event Co-ordinators – Ms Jane Scheumack, Ms Rhonda O’Sullivan

(We are still looking for someone to fill the role of Secretary, so please email me if you are interested.)

Welcome to all P & F Committee Members! Once again, we have parents on the Committee from both the Primary and the Secondary Schools. We are looking forward to another great year of community-building.

On behalf of the whole SCEGGS community, I would like to thank Ms Karen Niederer for the outstanding job she has done as President for the last two years. I am very grateful that she is staying on as Vice President!

A copy of the AGM Minutes and associated Reports from the Treasurer, NSW Parents’ Council Representative and President are available in the General Office.

Class Parents 2016

2016 will be a slightly quieter year than 2015, as we do not have the double delight of 120th celebrations and Festival on Forbes, so if you have been thinking about volunteering as Class Parent, this could be the right time! Class Parent duties are not terribly onerous and it is an excellent way to get to know parents in your daughter’s Year group.

Tiffany Hutton
President

Primary Sport

2016 Football and Modball Trials

Trials for Years 4 and 5 Football for 2016 will be held on Tuesday 24 November at Moore Park, corner of Robertson and Lang Road from 3.15pm-5.00pm. A bus will transport the girls to and from the venue and if you would like to collect your daughter from the fields, please be there by 4.50pm.

Wet Weather – Before and After School Sport

There are numerous ways to check whether Sport is on before and after school.

1. (Before School) Check Twitter. This can be accessed via the Twitter App or through the SCEGGS App or on the SCEGGS Parent Portal.
   (Afternoon sport) Check SCEGGSSport twitter feed.
2. The SCEGGS Wet Weather number – 9332 4179.
3. An SMS may be sent to your mobile number where time permits. All wet weather activities conclude at 4.30pm. Please ensure you collect your daughter from the Sports Hall promptly at 4.30pm. If you are late your daughter will be taken to the Primary Office.

Lisa Murray
Primary Sports Co-ordinator

What’s On Week 8

Wednesday 25 November
• Kindergarten Excursion to Wendy Whiteley’s Secret Garden
• Year 5 Open Classrooms for Parents: Science, Art and Music, 1.50pm-3.10pm

Thursday 26 November
• Festival of Lessons and Carols – SCEGGS Great Hall, 7.30pm

Friday 27 November
• Years K-6 Assembly: Year 6 Farewell – SCEGGS Great Hall, 12.20pm

Coming Events

Wednesday 2 December
• Years K-2 Last Day Celebrations – Primary Playground, 2.00pm

Thursday 3 December
• Speech Night – Sydney Town Hall
• End of Term IV

Class Parents Functions

Year 5 End of Year Party
Sunday 22 November, 9.30am onwards

Year 10 Parents’ Party!
Friday 27 November
6.30pm-10.00pm
Private home in Tamarama

$45.00 per person – includes food and drinks
Please pay online by Thursday 19 November

SCEGGS Darlinghurst
November 19, 2015
Anglicare Toys and Tucker
Every girl in the school is asked to contribute towards providing a Christmas gift for a child of a certain age group which will be collected at our School Christmas Service. Most of these gifts will go to Anglicare who will then deliver them to families struggling with poverty in our city. This always brings a lot of joy to the children as well as the parents. Some parents feel ashamed that they cannot provide a gift for their children due to their circumstances and our donations help them to have something to celebrate during Christmas.

Festival of Lessons and Carols
I hope that you can join the SCEGGS Community as we celebrate the message of love, joy, peace and hope that comes at Christmas. This year’s offertory from the Festival of Lessons and Carols will be donated to Lou’s Place. Lou’s Place is a safe place for women… but it is much more than that.

Lou’s Place is a unique community based, daytime drop-in centre for women who are in crisis, homeless, feeling isolated and/or in need of support. Housed in a terrace in Kings Cross it can welcome 15 women at any one time. Due to the drop-in nature of the service, up to 30 women may come to Lou’s each day.

Since opening in April 1999, there have been over 40,000 visits by women and children to the centre. 85% of these visits involve repeat access allowing clients to build trust and offering them the opportunity to progress on a journey to long term change.

Garry Lee-Lindsay
School Chaplain

Public Speaking
The National Final of the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award was held in Melbourne at the Shrine of Remembrance on Monday 16 November.

Those of you who have been following Claire Yin’s progress will be pleased to know that she achieved 3rd place at the National Final. Congratulations, Claire!

Sandra Carter
Public Speaking Co-ordinator

Ordering Group Photographs
Group photographs taken at the beginning of this term are now on display in the General Office and the Primary School Office. You can also view these photographs online, via the link and login code below. Purchases can be made either online with a credit card, or via the School with cash or cheque. All Orders need to be completed as soon as possible, due to the end of year fast approaching.

To pay by credit card, order online at: www.advancedlife.com.au enter the code: LAF MAC YTE

To pay by cash or cheque: Collect an envelope from the General Office or Primary School Office. Write the student’s name and Form Class then indicate the group or team photograph you wish to order. Enclose the correct money or cheque and return the envelope to the General Office or Primary Office as soon as possible.

English
Young Australian Writers’ Award for Poetry
Year 8 student, Margot Lee, has been selected as one of the winners of the 2015 Young Australian Writers’ Award. There were over 20,000 entries for this award and her poem ‘The Perfectionist’ was the overall poetry winner for the Secondary School section of the competition. Her tightly structured poem employs a range of metaphors to powerfully explore the agony of perfectionism. Along with her parents, she is attending a special formal dinner and award ceremony to collect her prize. She will also be published in the OzKidsinprint magazine. We congratulate her on this outstanding achievement.

The Perfectionist
by Margot Lee
The ruler is straight, but how do we know?
The house is tilted and the flowers don’t grow.
The calculator adds, the mind divides,
The laws of nature the land abides.
Tear up the world because it’s not right.
Tear up the world; it’s a horrible sight.
You cannot step before the line,
What is perfect you must define.

The pattern’s symmetrical, as is the code
But the gown is wrong; not perfectly sewed.
There is no beauty where order is lost;
The answer is false when two lines cross.
No one understands and no one sees
Why it has to perfect; why the mess is disease.
Four lines rhyme, four rhymes repeat,
And life always ticks to the metronome’s beat.

Another talented writer is Stella Zikos (Year 7). Her poem, submitted to the Australia-wide write4fun competition has been chosen for publication in the write4fun online site at www.write4fun.net.

My Special Place (Poetry)
by Stella Zikos
The soft white pearly sand,
The swishy smooth rain,
The corals beautifully coloured,
The bushes overgrown,
Glistening fish swimming around,
Showing their radiant colours,
The buffeted wind blowing,
The palm trees swaying to the melodic tune,
I love her damp earth smell of the forest,
Her seductive birds of every colour,
The psychedelic sunrises that looks down at the sea,
Impeccable cyan blue water,
I love her too much, I have to say,
I hope I see her another day.

We are very proud of our budding young writers.

Marilyn Pretorius
English Department

Sport
Touch Trials
Current Years 7 and 8 girls who are playing Touch in Term I, 2016 – your trial will take place on Tuesday 24 November at Moore Park, Robertson Road, 3.30pm-5.00pm.

Lisa Thompson
PDHPE Department
Music Matters

Congratulations
Students from Years 3-11, and Primary and Secondary Staff for another successful rehearsal, combining Vocal parts for the Speech Night, Whole School Item – *Ficus Macrophylla* (Fig Tree). Words memorised… well done. Orchestra added next week.

So many wonderful solo performances at Soirees in the last few weeks. I feel very proud of girls who have contributed well prepared pieces. Thanks to Ms Stephanie Holmes and Ms Heidi Jones for supporting organisation and accompaniment.

**Madrigal Ensemble** reprising their performance of Dan Walker’s *Ngākau* and the Stars for the whole school, under the direction of Miss Allison Harrigan and accompanied by Ms Holmes. Another beautiful, melody for us to enjoy… under the stars in the SCEGGS Great Hall. Soloist was Ginger-Rose Harrington.

**Percussion students of Ms Jayne Groves and Combined Percussion Ensemble performing at the recent Soiree.** Plenty of terrific performances by Primary and Secondary girls on snare drums, xylophones, timpani and drum kit. Thanks to the ‘backing band’ of Ms Jayne Groves (keyboard), Mr Matthew Moore (bass), Mr Richard Bornman (guitar) and Ms Loretta Palmero (Sax) who provided a ‘real’ experience for the young musicians. Drummers very much enjoyed being able to play with a ‘band’. Student compères did a fine job. Thanks also to Ms Jones for accompanying.

**Flute students of Ms Marie Heinrich** for their well-polished performances at the recent Flute Soiree. Great to hear progress being made as a result of consistent effort and application to regular practice. Ms Heinrich commented that girls had worked through many pieces throughout the year. Thanks again to Ms Holmes for supporting the girls in their preparation and performances. The last of a very long line of Soirees.

**Renee Ayoub (Year 5)** who also recently performed at the 37th Annual Suzuki Graduation Ceremonies held at the Sydney Opera House. A mighty effort.

**Guarneri Strings** finishing their year by sharing music with the community at Elizabeth Lodge Aged-Care facility. A very worthwhile way to celebrate the end of the year. Thanks to Ms Joanne Waples and Mr Jonathan Whitting for preparing and supporting the girls throughout a great year of playing, and in this venture.

**Piano students of Ms Ellie Cumming** for their performances at the recent Piano Soiree. These girls have enjoyed a busy and productive year. Well done girls.

**Combined Choirs** – Choir, Madrigal Ensemble and Contemporary Vocal Ensemble (CVE) putting in a mighty effort for the first combined rehearsal for their Speech Night item. Going to be quite special. Get that text memorised.

**Last rehearsals for 2015** for Guarneri, Clarinet Ensemble, Clarion Band, Basie Jazz Band and Secondary Percussion Ensembles. What are your plans for 2016 involvement?

**Combined Bands** – Holst and Clarion Bands two rehearsals only remaining, to prepare a special program of entertainment for Speech Night.

**Special Project Orchestra** – two rehearsals remaining to prepare Speech Night Ceremonial music and the special orchestral accompaniment for our Whole School item – ‘Ficus Macrophylla.’

**Speech Night - 120 years on…** Whole School Item – ‘Ficus Macrophylla’ (The Fig Tree) by Dan Walker

Form Classes from each year have this week been ‘singing for their breakfast’… literally. Competition is fierce, with each class required to sing the complete Speech Night song, from memory, with accompaniment.

Sound files on SCEGGSnet are being used to assist everyone with the learning words, melodies and harmonies.

Encouraging all students (and staff) in their effort to bring this special performance to fruition.

**2016 Music Tutorial Placements**
Music Tutorial placements for 2016 have commenced. Requests for in-school lessons are currently being processed and families being advised of the success or progress of their applications. Students still wishing to have vocal or instrumental lessons at school should complete a Music Tuition Request Form available on SCEGGSnet. There are vacancies in the areas of Brass, some Woodwind and Percussion instruments. Ms Heidi Jones is available in the Music Department to assist parents on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays until the end of term.

**Forthcoming events**
- Monday 23 November: *Bugles Band & Project Brass* – Primary playground for Parents, 7.50am.
- Monday 23 November: *Bugles Band* – Primary playground for Primary students, Lunchtime.
- Wednesday 25 November: *Carols Dress rehearsal for Choirs and Amati Strings* – see schedules on SCEGGSnet and Music Department displays.
- Thursday 26 November: *Madrigal Ensemble to Wayside Chapel, Lunchtime.*
- Thursday 26 November: *Festival of Lesson and Carols – Choirs and Amati Strings* – SCEGGS Great Hall, 7.30pm.
- Monday 30 November: *last rehearsal of Combined Choirs* (Choir, Mads, CVE) for Speech Night preparation.
- Tuesday 1 December: *last Combined Bands* rehearsal – SCEGGS Great Hall, 3.30pm-4.45pm.
- Tuesday 1 December: *last Special Project Orchestra* rehearsal – SCEGGS Great Hall, 5.00pm-6.00pm
- Thursday 3 December: *Speech Night* – Music groups will receive detailed rehearsal schedule for Town Hall rehearsals.

Felicia Chadwick
Head of Music

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