From Ms Allum

Merry Christmas to All Our Community

A number of girls are leaving us at the end of the school year - you go with our best wishes and genuine desire for you to stay in touch with us. We care about you and your journey after SCEGGS deeply and will always want to hear how you are going. Once a SCEGGS girl, always a SCEGGS girl!

Also a number of staff members are leaving at the end of the year – either to go to different teaching positions or on different types of Leave. We wish them all the best and thank them for the contributions they have made to the School while they have been with us.

I hope you all have a restful and relaxing holiday and a blessed Christmas. My best wishes to you all, too, for 2016, whatever that might bring. See you next year.

Speech Night - Thursday 3 December

Parents will have received a letter from Ms Allum, detailing the organisation for Speech Night this year. Rehearsals will be conducted throughout the afternoon at the Sydney Town Hall with the ceremony commencing at 7.30pm.

Students are not required to attend school on the Thursday morning, as the school will be closed. Attendance at Speech Night is compulsory for all girls from Years 3-12. Please be advised, there is only limited seating in the Sydney Town Hall. It is anticipated that Speech Night will conclude at approximately 9.30pm. Correct summer uniform should be worn (blazers are not required).

Students in the Secondary School will go straight to the Town Hall on Thursday afternoon, arriving progressively for their rehearsals. All instrumental musicians are required at the Town Hall from 2.30pm onwards, while the School Choir, Madrigal Ensemble and Contemporary Vocal Ensemble are required from 3.30pm. Further details will be provided to all musicians by the Music Department. All remaining students in the Secondary School will be required to meet their Form Teachers at the Town Hall at 4.30pm, for the full school rehearsal.

Parents of Secondary girls who are in groups that rehearse prior to the arrival of the majority of the Secondary School should be aware that girls will be dismissed for short, unsupervised breaks in the vicinity of the Town Hall. Students in the Secondary School will also be dismissed for a short dinner break from 6.15pm-6.45pm when students will also need to remain in the vicinity of the Town Hall. All Secondary students will need to be seated, with their Form Teachers, in the Town Hall before 7.00pm.

All Primary girls (Years 3-6) will meet at school and travel by hired buses to the Town Hall for the rehearsal. Supervision will be provided from 3.00pm, but all girls must be at school by 3.30pm. It is important the girls are at school on time.

After the rehearsal, there will be a 45 minute break before the girls need to be seated for Speech Night. The girls are asked to bring with them a light evening meal, including a drink, packed in fully disposable wrappings - please no lunch boxes/drink containers. An area has been reserved within the Town Hall for all the Primary girls, and their teachers, during this break.

Primary girls will not be given permission to meet at the Town Hall, or to leave the Town Hall between the rehearsal and Speech Night.

At the conclusion of Speech Night, parents of Primary girls are asked to collect their daughter from her seating area within the Town Hall.

We look forward to seeing you all on Speech Night.

What's On Week 9

Monday 30 November
- Years K-11 Christmas Service (Gifts for Anglicare)

Wednesday 2 December
- Final Assembly Term IV – SCEGGS Great Hall
- Years K-2 last day 2015
- Years K-2 Last Day Celebrations – Primary Playground, 2.00pm

Thursday 3 December
- Speech Night (Years 3-12) – Sydney Town Hall, 7.30pm-9.30pm
- End of Term IV

Coming Events

Wednesday 16 December
- HSC results available online and by SMS

Friday 29 January
- Year 7 (2016) Welcome Day

Monday 1 February
- Term I begins

Wednesday 3 February
- First day Kindergarten (2016), 10.00am

School Holiday Arrangements

The School will close for the Christmas Holidays on Friday 18 December.


During the holidays, hours will be 9.00am to 3.00pm.

School resumes on Monday 1 February, 2016.

SCEGGS Parent Portal

The SCEGGS Parent Portal will be inactive during the December/January School Holidays. Parents will be able to access information from the 2015 school year until 3.00pm on Friday 11 December. If you feel you will need access to the contact details of parents in your daughter’s Year group during the holiday period, please ensure you have downloaded the Parent Contact List from the portal before Friday 11 December. The SCEGGS Parent Portal will become active again on the first day of the 2016 school year.
From the Primary

End of Primary School
Year 6 are now in their very last week of primary schooling. The girls are so excited about next year, and all the new challenges that await them in the Secondary School. Year 6 parents recently organised a wonderful party for the girls to celebrate the end of their Primary School years, and a special Years 5-6 Assembly will be held at 12.20pm tomorrow, Friday 27 November. After the Assembly, the Year 6 girls will change into casual clothes and enjoy a pizza lunch with their teachers. We wish the girls all the very, very best for the next stage of their schooling.

Years K-2 End of Year Celebrations
Wednesday 2 December is the last day of the school year for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. Parents are invited to join us for an end of year celebration at 2.00pm in the Primary Playground - and hopefully a ‘special visitor’ will join us too! We look forward to seeing you there.

Elizabeth Cumming
Head of Primary School

School Shop

Lost Property (Secondary School)
Only one week for any lost property to be collected from the School Shop. It will not be here next year. All girls have been emailed a reminder this week.

If you have lost something now is the time to check if it is here at the Shop, we have a collection of unnamed items awaiting owners.

Holiday Hours
The School Shop will be closing from Friday 4 December and re-opening on Monday 6 January.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

Sue Humphrey

History Debating

The Years 10 and 11 History Debating teams recently won their Semi-Final debates against Kincoppal and will now proceed to the Grand Final against The King’s School. This is only the second year that we have fielded teams in both divisions of this competition so it is a great achievement for both teams to reach this stage.

The topic for the Year 10 debate was ‘That the policy of appeasement triggered the outbreak of the Second World War.’ Appeasement is a senior Modern History topic, so the team embraced the opportunity to learn about a new area of History. They obviously learned well as they secured a solid win with their convincing argument and thorough rebuttal. Many congratulations to Jacqueline Brown, Piper Devlin, Lucy Edwards and Rachel McCrossin.

The topic for the Year 11 debate was ‘That historical films undermine the study of history’. Having researched film as an historical source in Modern History earlier this year, the Year 11 team felt quietly confident in their material. On the day, their argument was indeed strong, but the adjudicator also commented on the team’s excellent structure and solid rebuttal. The team of Penelope Henderson, Charlotte Munns, Naomi Segal and Francesca Spry is to be congratulated for their fine efforts.

We wish all of the History debaters the best of luck as they head into the Grand Final!

Kelly McManus
History Debating Co-ordinator

Final Fee Account

The Final Fee Account for 2015 was due for payment on 13 November 2015, we ask any families that have not yet paid to please settle your account before the end of the term.

Payments can be made online by clicking here and selecting School–School Fees or by calling the Business Office with your credit card details.

Kristy Ahearn
Business Manager

Changes to Bus Route Numbers

The State Transit Authority of NSW has written advising changes to the three-digit route numbers of School Special bus services used by SCEGGS students.

From the start of Term I, most School Special bus services will be renumbered to eliminate any duplication of route numbers that may have caused confusion to students in the past.

These changes do not impact the level of service provided to SCEGGS or the route taken by these services. The only change is to the three-digit route number of these services.

Detailed information regarding these changes is available on the Sydney Buses website: click here to access.

Pocket Awards

Girls in the Secondary School who are awarded a ‘Pocket’ for excellence and outstanding achievement in a co-curricular activity are able to have their blazers embroidered only during holiday periods.

Awards will be announced at Final Assembly on Wednesday 2 December and blazers may be left at the General Office on that day or no later than:

Friday, 4 December by 1.00pm.

Blazers can not be accepted after this time and you will need to wait until the next holidays.

Embroidery and dry cleaning will be done during the holidays and the cost will be charged to your daughter’s account.

Air Force Cadets – 306 Squadron

Sydney Grammar School and SCEGGS Darlinghurst
A ceremony was held last Friday 20 November at Sydney Grammar, where the cadets were reviewed by Wing Commander (AAFC) Paul Hughes.

Congratulations to the following SCEGGS girls who were presented with trophies on the day – Cadet Corporal Olivia Wallace-Smith who was awarded the Spitfire Association Shield for excellence in instructional technique, and to Cadet Warrant Officer Anna Dixon, awarded the Richmond Trophy for dedication to the morale, discipline and bearing of the Squadron.

All members of the Cadets should be very proud of their achievements this year.

Congratulations and best of luck to the candidates attending Promotion Courses in January.
Inter-House General Knowledge Competition

Results of the Inter-House General Knowledge Competition are as follows.
1st – Badham (78 points)
2nd – Barton (68 points)
Equal 3rd – Christian and Docker (64 points)
Equal 5th – Beck and Langley (60 points)

Parents’ and Friends’ Association

It is hard to believe that it is only a week until Speech Night. We are already making plans for 2016, which leads neatly to...

Ms Penny Gerstle has accepted the role of P & F Secretary. Thank you for taking on this important role.

Class Parents 2016

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to be Class Parents for 2016. We are still looking for volunteers for the following Year groups:

- Year 1
- Year 2
- Year 3
- Year 4
- Year 11

If you could help, please email Stuart Lee.

Happy Holidays!
The P & F would like to wish everyone in the SCEGGS Community - staff, students and families - a wonderful, safe and happy Christmas. See you all in 2016!

Tiffany Hutton
President

Careers Corner

University of NSW
Art & Design: Media at UNSW Careers and Industry Evening
Monday 14 December, 6.00pm-8.00pm
John Niland Scientia Building, UNSW Kensington

Hear from a panel of teaching academic staff and industry-based alumni about the breadth of study options within media at UNSW.

More information can be accessed by clicking here.

Scholarships

While applications for the majority of school leaver scholarships closed on 30 September, applications are still open for the Robertson Scholars Leadership Program and UNSW’s Equity Scholarships. Click here to find out more.

Bradman Scholarship

Applications close on Sunday 28 February

Each year the Bradman Foundation offers a $5,000 per annum scholarship to one Australian student commencing university. The scholarship is chosen based on a blend of academic, sporting (cricket), personal and social skills which best fulfil the purpose of the scholarship. Contact: (02) 4862 1247 or info@bradman.com.au. To find out more click here.

Charles Hawker Scholarships

Open Monday 7 December 2015 and close on Friday 8 January 2016

C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships are one of the most generous privately funded scholarships available to undergraduate students in Australia. Each residential scholarship is valued at up to $45,000 over three years.

Information about the C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship and an application form are available at www.hawkerscholarship.org or by contacting the secretary to the Trustees on 08 8127 1654.

Andrea Pinnock
Careers Adviser

Head Lice Prevention

An instance of head lice has been reported within the Junior Secondary School. The problem can only be eradicated if all parents co-operate in ensuring their daughter’s hair is free of head lice.

Parents are asked to inspect their children’s hair on a regular basis. If any trace of head lice or eggs is noted, hair must be washed in a special head lice treatment shampoo available from a chemist.

Family members need to undergo the same treatment. If there are any eggs visible in your children’s hair, these must be removed using a special fine toothed comb, also available from a chemist.

Children with head lice should remain at home until all traces of the head lice have disappeared. Further information re treatment can be found at http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/pages/default.aspx.

The co-operation of all parents is much appreciated.

Sophie Kearns
Director of Pastoral Care

Drama

Saving SCEGGS

Over four nights last week we ‘saved’ SCEGGS. The performance, chronicling the financial turmoil that almost closed the school in the 70s, also told of the grit, the energy and the School spirit that brought Old Girls, parents, teachers, students and other community members together in a fund raising drive that raised extraordinary sums that would allow SCEGGS to continue to exist.

Old Girls who were current students at the time attended the performances, as well as members of the original fund raising committee. There were current students and parents too, who came to hear this real but highly dramatic story.

Thank you to Ms Linden Wilkinson, who researched, wrote and directed Saving SCEGGS. And thank you to the cast and crew of SCEGGS girls who brought this amazing story to life in 2015.

The Crucible at SCEGGS Term II 2016

Thank you to the many students from SCEGGS, Grammar and Cranbrook who auditioned for our Term II Drama Production. It was a strong field of auditionees.

Here is the Cast List:

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Director of Pastoral Care

Andrea Pinnock
Careers Adviser

Inga Scarlett
Head of Drama
Music Matters

Congratulations
Special Project Orchestra, Combined Choirs, Years 3-6 and Whole School for a wonderful ‘bring together’ of the elements of our Whole School item: *Ficus Macrophylla*. Some very beautiful moments emerging.

**Bugles and Project Brass** ‘blowing’ up some great pieces in the Primary playground, before school and at lunchtime. Well done to everyone on a successful year of playing. Bugles have worked very hard under the direction of Ms Marie Heinrich and Project Brass girls have been prepared by Mr Gergely Malyszcz. Terrific to hear these players coming together to share some festive music.

**String Students** who completed AMEB Examinations this week. Thanks to Mr Whitting for supporting them. Good to work towards this goal.

**Madrigal Ensemble** for sharing Christmas Music at the Wayside Chapel. Thanks to Miss Harrigan, Ms Holmes and Mr Jewitt for their support. A very appreciative audience.

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

**Special Project Orchestra** – one rehearsal remaining to prepare Speech Night Ceremonial music and the special orchestral accompaniment for our Whole School item: *Ficus Macrophylla*.

**Ms Stephanie Holmes** – Thanks and Farewell
Wishing to acknowledge the work of Ms Stephanie Holmes whose time at SCEGGS has come to an end. Since June 2013, Ms Holmes has accompanied and supported hundreds of student performances as part of the Classroom, Peripatetic and Co-curricular programs. This year she has also taught Years 7, 9, and 11 Music classes. When we hear her work accompanying the Whole School Item, we are reminded what a special talent she has… so many notes! Wishing her every success in her new ventures.

**Sydney Children’s Choir - SCEGGS Involvement**
I have received a letter acknowledging the contribution of SCEGGS girls to the regular, weekly activities of the Sydney Children’s Choir. “Each student significantly contributes to the culture of the choir, and participates in all aspects of our Choral program”. Congratulations to the following girls on their work:

Billy Palmer (Year 4), Annika Deitz (Year 6), Sophie Whitting (Year 7), Jiayi Liu (Year 7), Jedda Thorley (Year 7), Erin Zikos (Year 7), Stella Zikos (Year 7) Eloise Lowey (Year 8), Isabella Emanuel (Year 11).

**Speech Night - 120 years on…**

Whole School Item: *Ficus Macrophylla* (The Fig Tree) by Dan Walker
Speech Night song, from memory, with accompaniment… Sports Hall next week.

Encouraging all students (and staff) in their effort – some very effective singing/confidence developing.

**2016 Co-curricular Music Ensemble Placements**

Girls wishing to join new ensembles, or join for the first time, will have an opportunity to ‘sign-up at Music Ensemble Expo: Wednesday 3 February at lunchtime.

**Secondary Ensembles**: all CURRENT Ensemble members should have responded to Mr Jewitt’s email indicating their intentions for 2016.

**Player reviews** for Clarion-Holst and Guarneri-Amati have been completed. Outcomes to be advised early next year.

**Primary Wind, Brass and Percussionists**, with one year experience, will have received invitations to join Bugles Band in 2016.

**Primary String players** will be allocated to an appropriate group and advised by Mr Whitting.

**Primary girls in Years 4, 5 and 6 (in 2016)** are able to audition for Cantare (Primary Choir).

**2016 Music Tutorial Placements**
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.

**2016 SCEGGS Eisteddfod**
The Annual SCEGGS Eisteddfod will take place around the middle of Term I, 2016. Now is the time to start working on a new piece and with regular application to daily practice, it will be well polished for the Eisteddfod Heats in 2016.

**Instrument Security Through Holidays**
Girls are required to take all instruments home. Security of instruments left in Music Practice shelving in either the Primary or Secondary Schools and spaces cannot be guaranteed.

**Instrumentalists performing in Speech Night** will need to transport their own instruments to and from the Sydney Town Hall, unless there has been a discussion with Mr Jewitt.

**Thanking Families**
Taking this opportunity to thank families for the support and encouragement for their daughter’s involvement, in what has been a wonderful year of musical celebrations. There have certainly been some ‘shining’ moments. Please continue to encourage girls in their daily application to music-making throughout the holidays.

**Forthcoming events**

- **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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**Cafeteria Specials - Week 9**

**Monday 30 November**
Grilled Portuguese chicken burger with salad
Penne pasta with bechamel, roast tomato & basil sauce
Caesar salad

**Tuesday 1 December**
Pork Vindaloo with steamed rice (GF)
Vegetarian fried rice with egg
Roast vegetable & haloumi salad

**Wednesday 2 December**
Spaghetti Bolognese
Vegetable steamed buns with dipping sauce
Greek salad