The School Student Transport Scheme

Changes to SSTS Applications and the Introduction of the School Opal Card
From Term I, 2016, Transport for NSW will be issuing School Opal cards to students eligible for travel under the School Student Transport Scheme via a new online application process.

Automatic Renewal
Most parents, guardians and students will not need to apply for a School Opal card if they have already been given a school student travel pass and will automatically receive a School Opal card in 2016. Renewed passes will be sent to the School for distribution to students in Term I, 2016.

New Applications
A new application is needed if the student:
• is just starting school and has not had a pass before
• is moving from Year 2 to Year 3
• is moving from Year 6 to Year 7
• is changing schools, including going between Primary and Secondary school
• is changing address.

Applications must be made by a parent or guardian for children aged 15 years and under. Applications must be made by the student if aged 16 years or older. All new applications received for travel from the start of 2016 will be sent directly to the student's nominated address.

Online Application Form
Parents, guardians and students can go online, from this week, to complete their application form. Online application forms will need to be printed, signed and dated, then submitted to school for endorsement.

To find out more or to apply, visit https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/home.

Parents’ and Friends’ Association

The Parents’ and Friends’ Association AGM
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Karen Niederer
President

Behind the Green Gate
SCEGGS Darlinghurst
November 5, 2015

What’s On Week 6

Tuesday 10 November
• Inter-House Tennis Competition – Parklands, 6.30am
• AGM Parent’s and Friends’ Association and Term IV Meeting – Auditorium, 7.30pm

10-13 November
• Years K-2 Art Show – Primary Library (Tuesday 10 November Opening, 8.30am)

Thursday 12 November
• Mother/Daughter Breakfast – JFSATC Foyer, 7.00am
• Years 3-6 Assembly – Lecture Theatre, 2.30pm

Friday 13 November
• End of Year 6 Party – SCEGGS Great Hall, 6.00pm-8.30pm

14-16 November
• Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Silver Qualifying Expedition – Blue Mountains

Coming Events

Tuesday 17 November
• Year 3 Excursion to Sydney Observatory

17-20 November
• Year 10 Social Justice Week

18-21 November
• SCEGGS Drama Production – Saving SCEGGS, 7.00pm (Assemble at the Green Gate)

Friday 20 November
• Years K-2 Concert – SCEGGS Great Hall, 2.00pm

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, 7.30pm

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

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

Karen Niederer
President

Years K-2 Art Show
Date: Tuesday 10 November
Time: 8.30am
Where: Primary Library
Exhibition will remain open until Friday 13 November.

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History Department

Congratulations to Cindy Purvis who has been named both the NSW and National winner for the Year 8 level of the National History Challenge! The theme for this year’s challenge was entitled ‘Leadership and Legacy’. Cindy’s entry involved formulating her own area of historical inquiry and conducting an investigation addressing this theme in order to write a 1000 word essay. Cindy’s essay, an extensively researched and thoughtful analysis, explored the leadership and legacy of Fidel Castro.

Cindy received her State award at NSW Parliament House last Thursday. She will receive her National award, at Parliament House in Canberra, in December. Congratulations, Cindy!

Rebecca L’Estrange
Head of History

Mother Daughter Breakfast

The Annual SRC Mother Daughter Breakfast will be held on Thursday 12 November from 7.00am-8.00am in the JFSATC Foyer. This year’s special guest speaker is Ms Matilda Raynald, who works with Batyr, an organisation that aims to engage, educate and empower young people to speak out about mental health issues.

Tickets are $15.00 per person and include a light breakfast. Money raised from the Breakfast will support Headspace, the non-for-profit National Youth Mental Health Foundation, which supports the mental health of young people. Tickets can be purchased online via the SCEGGS website under the School Event ‘SRC Mother Daughter Breakfast’.

We hope to see you there!

The Student Representative Council

Drama

Saving SCEGGS

Our Term IV Drama Production is being performed on Wednesday 18, Thursday 19, Friday 20 and Saturday 21 November at 7.00pm.

This verbatim performance has been developed by Ms Linden Wilkinson for SCEGGS as part of our 120th Birthday celebrations.

Saving SCEGGS is a roving theatre experience, and audience members will move across 14 sites within the grounds of SCEGGS over one night. Seating is provided in some venues and stairs are involved to access some sites. Tickets available through: http://www.trybooking.com/EventEventListingURL.aspx?aid=522.

The Crucible at SCEGGS in 2016

Auditions take place for Arthur Miller’s The Crucible next week: Wednesday 11, Thursday 12 and Friday 13 November, from 3.30pm-5.30pm in the DBPAC. Call backs will be the following Tuesday, 17 November, from 3.30pm.

Girls in Years 7-10 may audition. To register for an audition, please put your name on the sign-up sheets outside the Drama Department. The character list, audition information and the audition pieces are available on SCEGGSnet.

For more information and any questions, the Staff in the Drama Department will be happy to help you.

Inga Scarlett
Head of Drama

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
**Sport**

**Water Polo**
Well done to Ruby Swadling who was selected in the IGSSA Under 17 Water Polo Team.

**Rhythmic Gymnastics**
Congratulations to Mali Alexiou, Cassandra Davies, Laura Davies, Lelia Hutley, Aisha Imtarnasan, Tia Khan, Serena Lam, Sophie Mossenson, Alexandra Slater and Sally Webster who competed at the Rhythmic Gymnastics Junior State Championships held on 24-25 October at Sydney and Gymnastics Aquatic Centre, Rooty Hill.

Our Gymnasts excelled with their Rope, Hoop, Ball and Clubs routines and received the following results:

![Image](https://i.imgur.com/3.png)

- **Cassandra Davies** (Level 3 Sub-Junior)
  Placed 13th in Ball, 17th in Clubs - 20th overall in NSW
- **Serena Lam** (Level 3 Sub-Junior)
  Placed 10th in Ball - 23rd overall
- **Sally Webster** (Level 3 Sub-Junior)
  Placed 11th in Hoop, 2nd in Clubs - 7th overall
- **Aisha Imtarnasan** (Level 4 Junior)
  Placed 13th in Rope, 14th in Ball, 11th in Clubs - 15th overall
- **Lelia Hutley** (Level 4 Junior)
  Placed 18th in Clubs - 19th overall
- **Mali Alexiou** (Level 4 Senior)
  Placed 12th in Clubs - 17th overall
- **Laura Davies** (Level 5 Sub-Junior)
  Placed 13th in Rope, 10th in Hoop, 13th in Clubs - 12th overall
- **Tia Khan** (Level 5 Junior)
  Placed 15th in Rope, 16th in Hoop, 9th in Clubs - 15th overall
- **Sophie Mossenson** (Level 5 Junior)
  Placed 17th in Hoop and 23rd overall
- **Alexandra Slater** (Level 6 Junior)
  Placed 14th in Hoop, 11th in Ball, 14th in Clubs and 13th overall

Level 3 Sub-Junior Team (Cassandra Davies, Serena Lam and Sally Webster, members of Team) placed 1st overall

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**University of NSW**

**Portfolio Entry Workshops**
Wednesday 18 November, 10.00am-12.00pm
UNSW Art and Design

Submitting a portfolio is a great way for prospective Art and Design school students to boost their chances of entry. Participants of every workshop receive personal feedback and step-by-step advice on how to prepare and submit their portfolio. For more information visit [https://www.artdesign.unsw.edu.au/whats-on/events/portfolio-entry-workshops-0](https://www.artdesign.unsw.edu.au/whats-on/events/portfolio-entry-workshops-0).

**New Dual Degree Civil Engineering and Surveying**
From Semester 1 2016, students will be able to study a five year combined Bachelor of Civil Engineering and Bachelor of Surveying degree. Graduating students will be eligible for accreditation as a professional engineer and a professional surveyor. To find out more click here.

**Elite Athletes and Performers (EAP) Program**
The EAP Program (including Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award) supports students with a flexible entry process that considers both academic and elite achievements and recognises these by awarding bonus points.

Students can be considered for EAP bonus points for undergraduate study at UNSW. The EAP Program awards up to five bonus points to secondary school leavers who have excelled in areas of sport, academia, leadership, and/or music at an elite level. Activities and/or commitments must have been undertaken in Years 11 and/or 12.

Students must submit an application by 30 November each year to be considered for bonus points.

For further information on the process, including the current EAP Bonus Points table, please download the Elite Athletes and Performers Bonus Points Program guide here. [http://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/bonus-points](http://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/bonus-points).

For more information on support for elite athletes, please see the elite athletes support program website or email [h.bryson@unsw.edu.au](mailto:h.bryson@unsw.edu.au).

For enquiries regarding Music, Leadership or Academic achievements, please contact: UNSW Future Students Office: (02) 9385 1844 or [eap@unsw.edu.au](mailto:eap@unsw.edu.au).

For enquiries regarding elite Sporting achievements, please contact: Ms Helen Bryson - Elite Athlete and Performers Scholarships and Support Program Co-ordinator (02) 9385 5725 or [h.bryson@unsw.edu.au](mailto:h.bryson@unsw.edu.au).

**Macquarie University: Gifted and Talented Program**
Applications close: Wednesday 16 December

The Gifted and Talented Program allows high achieving students the opportunity to enrol at Macquarie University while still at secondary school. Students will study Macquarie’s first year Critical Thinking unit in Year 11 and then pursue their passion with another Macquarie first year study unit to be undertaken in Year 11 or Year 12. Students who successfully complete their units with the necessary GPA will gain an early offer for a Macquarie University degree. More information can be found by clicking here.

**EducationUSA**
This U.S. Government Website provides advice to students interested in applying to U.S. colleges and universities. Information includes: how to apply, testing, financial aid, visas, and more. The U.S. Consulate General in Sydney has an EducationUSA Centre, and students, parents and career advisers can make appointments to visit the centre. Visit [https://www.educationusa.info/australia](https://www.educationusa.info/australia).
Sydney Dance Company: School Holiday Workshops
Thursday 14 January–Friday 15 January
Pier 4, 15 Hickson Road, The Rocks
Sydney Dance Company offer School Holiday Workshops for experienced young dance enthusiasts. The workshops provide a fun but focused environment for students to improve their technique under the direction of professional choreographers.

Contact: Ms Tamara Wheeler on 02 9258 4818 or tamaraw@sydneydancecompany.com. To find out more click here.

Charles Hawker Scholarships
Open Monday 7 December 2015 and close 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

120 Years of SCEGGS and Cockatoo Island
Just a reminder that the Year 10 Visual Arts Exhibition, 120 Year of SCEGGS and Cockatoo Island opens this Thursday 4 November, 3.10pm to 5.00pm. We warmly invite you to attend and afternoon tea will be served. The show runs until Friday 13 November in JF1.

Katrina Collins
Head of Visual Arts

Class Parents Functions
Year 10 Mother Daughter Dinner
Wednesday 11 November at 7.00pm
Hannibal Restaurant
95 Glebe Point Rd, Glebe

Year 11 Parents’ Cocktail Party
Thursday 12 November at 7.00pm
Venue: Private Home
$50.00 per person
See emailed invite for further details
Please RSVP and pay online by Sunday 8 November

Year 2 Parents’ End of Year Celebration
Friday 13 November from 7.00pm
Venue: La Scala on Jersey, Paddington
$35.00 per guest
Please RSVP and pay online by Monday 9 November

Year 3 Parents’ Cocktail Party
Saturday 14 November from 6.30pm
Venue: Private residence
$55.00 per person, please pay online

Year 5 End of Year Party
Sunday 22 November, 9.30am onwards
Botany Waterslides
Corner of Myrtle and Jasmine Streets
BYO picnic rug and plate
Entry/slide tickets paid for at Pool entrance
Music Matters

Congratulations

Elective Music Students for the outstanding performances shared during the examination period. Such diversity of repertoire choices. Such confident playing and singing by so many students. All girls have made the type of progress that comes from a regular approach to practice and participation in performances. Thanks to Ms Stephanie Holmes and Ms Heidi Jones for their continuing work in their roles as Accompanists and Performances Coaches.

String students from across the School who presented solo performances at one of the three String Soirees held this week. I have been thrilled to hear so many students present very successful performances, supported by Mr Jonathan Whitting and members of the String Tutorial Team – Ms Jenny Drurey, Ms Dominique Gallery, Ms Jessica Quarmby, Ms Shelley Sorensen, Ms Rachel Valentine, Ms Joanne Waples, What a great year it has been for the String program at SCEGGS. Encouraging everyone to keep up the energy, focus and regular practice throughout the holiday period.

Combined Bands – first rehearsal for Speech Night. Great to see students from Holst and Clarion Bands ‘joining forces’ to prepare a special program of entertainment to be shared with the whole school community at the Sydney Town Hall.

Special Project Orchestra – first rehearsal, preparing Speech Night Ceremonial music and the special orchestral accompaniment for our Whole School item – *Ficus Macrophylla*. Very exciting indeed.

Speech Night – 120 years on…

Whole School Item – *Ficus Macrophylla (The Fig Tree)* by Dan Walker

You know you have got a good song when girls are uploading sample recordings as ring tones on their phones. All students from Years 3-11 are working towards this special performance. There are words, melodies and harmonies to be remembered within the next few weeks. Encouraging all students (and staff) in their effort to bring this special performance to fruition.

Sound files have been created and uploaded to SCEGGSnet to assist everyone with the learning and rehearsal.

Details of the Whole School Item Speech Night Form Competition have been forwarded to Staff … which Form classes from each Year will earn themselves a special treat?

The following Co-curricular Secondary Ensemble groups will perform as part of Speech Night celebrations:

- Special Project Choir – Combined forces of Choir, CVE and Madrigal Ensemble;
- Combined Speech Night Concert Band – Holst Concert Band and interested members of Clarion Concert Band;
- Special Project Orchestra – selected members of Amati Strings and selected members of Holst Concert Band;
- Percussion Ensemble – selected Percussionist who already support Bands.

Details of rehearsals for each of the Speech Night groups appeared in last week’s *Behind the Green Gate* (see also SCEGGSnet).

Music staff look forward to sharing outstanding student performances as part of the School’s 120th Speech Night. All enquiries to Mr Jewitt.

Czech Philharmonic Children’s Choir

The Music Department is always looking for opportunities for SCEGGS girls to experience artistic excellence and wanted to draw the School Community’s attention to the following concerts which will provide wonderful listening experiences for girls and their families:

Czech Philharmonic Children’s Choir at Glebe Town Hall on 13 and 14 November [www.glebemusicfestival.com](http://www.glebemusicfestival.com).

Voices of Angels by Sydney Children’s Choir and Gondwana Voices at City Recital Hall on 14 and 15 December [https://www.cityrecitalhall.com/](https://www.cityrecitalhall.com/).

Soirees

Continuing opportunities to sharing many student solo performances at the forthcoming Soirees (see details below). Any practicing musician may perform. Application Forms available on SCEGGSnet. Accompaniment is provided for all students.

Forthcoming Events

- Friday 6 November: Vocal Soiree (students of Ms Eloise Evans and Ms Jessica O’Donoghue), 3.30pm.
- Monday 9 November: Flute Soiree (students of Ms Lucie Benz) – Primary Music Room, 3.30pm.
- Wednesday 11 November: Woodwind Soiree (students Mr Christian Eder and Ms Sarah Young) – DB1, Lunchtime.
- Wednesday 11 November: Combined Speech Night Banks (Clarion and Holst players) rehearsals commence (continuing) – SCEGGS Great Hall, 3.30pm.
- Wednesday 11 November: (Speech Night) Special Project Orchestra rehearsals commence (first of 5 weeks) – SCEGGS Great Hall, 4.45pm-6.00pm.
- Wednesday 11 November: Meet the Music 2 – Sydney Opera House, 6.00pm.
- Thursday 12 November: Percussion Soiree (Students of Ms Jayne Groves and Percussion Ensembles) – SCEGGS Great Hall, 3.30pm.
- Monday 16 November: Project Brass combining with Bugles Band rehearsal – Primary Music Room, 7.30am.
- Monday 16 November: Flute Soiree (students of Ms Marie Heinrich) – DB1, 3.30pm.
- Wednesday 18 November: Piano Soiree (students of Ms Ellie Cumming) – DB1, Lunchtime.

Felicia Chadwick
Head of Music

Cafeteria Specials – Week 6

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