Behind the Green Gate
SCEGGS Darlinghurst
October 29, 2015

Parents’ and Friends’ Association

I am very pleased to advise that a slideshow of photos taken at the Festival on Forbes is now available for viewing on the SCEGGS Portal. (You will see it on the ‘Home’ screen after logging in) It is a collection of photos, assembled arbitrarily by myself, taken by Mrs Naomi Hamilton of Naomi Hamilton Photography and Mr Ian Lever who teaches the art of photography and the mysteries of the dark room at SCEGGS Co-curricular Photography. Thank you to both photographers for kindly allowing us to share your wonderful pictures from Fair day. Enjoy!

Class Parents for 2016

It is pleasing to see all the Class Parent functions scheduled for this term and Year groups are very appreciative of the effort put in by their Class Parents. If you would like to step forward and help organise such events for your Year in 2016, please contact your current Class Parents. Mr Stuart Lee is currently compiling the list of our happy crew for 2016.

The Parents’ and Friends’ Association AGM

Election of the Committee for 2016 will take place at the Parents’ and Friends’ Association AGM on Tuesday 10 November at 7.30pm in the Auditorium. Nominations Forms are available in the General Office. All parents are welcome to attend the AGM regardless of any intention to participate in the election. Indeed, it is a good opportunity to meet those on the Committee and learn more about the role of the Parents’ and Friends’ Association. Refreshments will be provided and you are welcome to join us for some Christmas cheer!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like further information via email.

Karen Niederer
President

History Debating

Last Thursday the Year 11 History Debating team competed in the Quarter-Finals of the JA Thompson competition against James Ruse Agricultural High School. The topic was ‘That the Weimar Republic was doomed to fail’. Both sides produced strong arguments which they defended skilfully, with the SCEGGS team emerging as victors. Congratulations to Samantha Barnes, Victoria Tanna, Charlotte Munns and Emily Moss. We wish them well as they proceed to the Semi-Finals against Kincoppal.

Kelly McManus
History Debating Co-ordinator

Debating

Congratulations to Charlotte Munns in Year 11 who is our new Debating Captain for 2016!

IPSHA

On Friday 16 October two Year 6 teams from Blue Group travelled to St Pius School in Chatswood while two teams from Red Group travelled to Queenwood School in Mosman to debate Round 8 of the IPSHA debating competition. They debated the topic ‘That Australians work too hard’. Congratulations to the Blue Affirmative team who were successful in winning their debate.

Margaret Schuitema
Debating Co-ordinator

What’s On Week 5

28 October - 3 November
• Assessment for Years 8, 9 and 10

Wednesday 4 November
• Years 1-3 Incursion, bilingual French/English, Puppet Show: Beauty and the Beast
• HSC Examinations finish

Thursday 5 November
• Year 4 Excursion to Sculpture by the Sea

Friday 6 November
• Kindergarten Incursion: Fire Truck visit

Coming Events

Tuesday 10 November
• AGM Parent’s and Friends’ Association and Term IV Meeting

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

Thursday 12 November
• Years 3-6 Assembly, 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

Tuesday 17 November
• Year 3 Excursion to Sydney Observatory

18-21 November
• SCEGGS Drama Production – Saving SCEGGS, 7.00pm

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

Wednesday 25 November
• Kindergarten Excursion to Wendy Whiteley’s Secret Garden

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
Years K-2 Art Show

You are warmly invited to celebrate some of the wonderful artwork the girls in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 have created this year.

Date: Tuesday 10 November

Time: 8.30am

Where: Primary Library

Exhibition will remain open until Friday 13 November.

Transport Passes

Students Starting in Year 3 or Year 7
Students who had a school travel pass in Years K, 1 and 2 must apply again when going into Year 3 even if they are attending the same school. Students going into Year 7 must also apply again. This is because the eligibility rules are different for students in Years 3-6 and change again for Years 7-12.

Change of School
A pass is valid for one school only, so you need to apply again if your child changes schools.

Change of Address
You need to make a new application if you change address, even if your child continues at the same school.

Ferry Passes
When applying for a Government Ferry Pass, a covering letter addressed to the Ministry of Transport is required explaining the reasons for the application. Please forward with your application.

Apply Early for 2016
Transport application forms are available from the General Office. Please return your form for the 2016 school year to the General Office as early as possible.

Class Parents Functions

Year 9 Parents’ Cocktails
Thursday 5 November at 6.30pm
Venue: Private home
See emailed invite for further details
Please RSVP and pay online by Friday 30 October

Year 11 Mother Daughter Dinner
Wednesday 11 November at 7.00pm
Hannibal Restaurant
95 Glebe Point Rd, Glebe
Cost $35.00 per person (BYO)
Pay via SCEGGS online payment by Wednesday 4 November

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

Australian Mathematics Competition

87 students from Years 7-9 sat the Australian Mathematics Competition on Thursday 30 July.

We received two High Distinctions and 21 Distinctions. Congratulations to these girls on achieving the following:

Year 7

Year 8
High Distinction: Sabrina Liu.
Distinction: Niamh Brazil, Emmanuelle Dunn Lewis, Louise Godhard, Catherine Inglis, Chloe Kneebone, Margot Lee, Hiroi Migita, Cindy Purvis, Greta Schaffer, Madeleine Scott and Mia Stapleton.

Year 9
High Distinction: Ophilia Kong.
Distinction: Johanna Garrick, Charlotte Guest, Charlotte Harris, Charlotte Sasse and Neave Taylor.

Scott Lankshear
Head of Mathematics

Mock Trial

The 3rd elimination round of the Mock Trial competition was completed on Monday 12 October. This was Round 8 in the competition. The SCEGGS team was acting for the husband in a Family Court matter while Tangara School for Girls was acting for the wife. This was particularly challenging for the team as their previous cases had been either civil or criminal matters. With some expert advice from Ms Joanna Elliot and the guidance of their teachers, the girls worked diligently to research and prepare their case. They were well rewarded with a convincing win.

Audrey Armstrong-Bailey and Charlotte Munns 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 Sophie Walker exhibited strong performance as the witnesses, especially when under the pressure of cross examination. Anna Douglas competently managed the flow of activities in the courtroom, in her role as Magistrate’s Clerk.

The team now progresses to the Quarter-Final where the last 8 schools in the State will compete for a place in the Semi-Final. This will take place at SCEGGS on Friday 30 October at 3.15pm. We would encouraged everyone to come along to OG9 and support this very successful team.

Jo Whiteman and Ruth Crawford
Co-ordinators Mock Trial
Howard Tanner Drawing Award
Congratulations to the Howard Tanner drawing award recipient Madeleine Gallagher.

The award recipient was selected by Mr Graeme Colman, Head Teacher Visual Arts at St Vincent's College. Mr Colman has had many years’ experience as the Co-ordinating Senior marker of Drawing and Painting at HSC marking and we welcome his wealth of experience in observing the qualities in drawing.

Comments that Graeme made about Madeleine’s work are:
Beyond the exercise of drawing her subject, Madeleine has evoked a sense of quiet place. She has explored a range of marking across her three works, utilising different qualities of drawing in each drawing, being sympathetic to the individual subject matter and mood. Her pencil marks worked well with her selection of textured paper, utilising rhythmic line and mark making. She used her knowledge of drawing to exploit the qualities in the paper for textural and tonal effect. There is variation in the work yet coherence. Lyrical quality of rendering of pattern adds interest. Deep sense of contemplation and quietness in the work that transports the audience to a calm and quiet place.

Congratulations also to Naomi Segal, Ginger-Rose Harrington and Sophia Mavris whose work was Highly Commended.

Thank you to everyone who contributed their work to what is a very powerful display of a diverse range of drawing skills at SCEGGS. We think that this is our strongest drawing show since the award began three years ago and heralds a return to the importance of drawing as a vital artmaking practice.

The show continues until Friday 31 October 2.00pm in JF1.

120 Years of SCEGGS: Cockatoo Island Exhibition
As part of the 120 Year Celebration of SCEGGS we are holding an exhibition of artworks by Year 10 Visual Arts students.

There will be two sets of works. One is a series of works based on an Art Workshop at the island with artist Peter Sharp. The other is a series of photographs that the Year 10 students have made around the school celebrating their view of SCEGGS as it is now. These works were made as part of a celebration of the 120 Year birthday of SCEGGS.

There is an official opening of the exhibition Thursday 5 November at 3.10pm-5.00pm. Anyone is welcome to attend but in particular we encourage the families of the Year 10 students to come to celebrate the fine work that our Year 10 students are making. Afternoon tea will be served and speeches are at 4.00pm. The show runs from 4-13 November.

Katrina Collins
Head of Visual Arts
Drama

SCEGGS Drama

SCEGGS saves itself in 3 weeks. This verbatim theatre performance recreates the turbulent events of 1976-77 when SCEGGS nearly closed its doors. How the school was brought back from the brink of financial ruin by a dedicated group of parents, Old Girls and other community members, is brought to life by a cast of current SCEGGS girls.

Performances: Wednesday 18, Thursday 19, Friday 20 and Saturday 21 November at 7.00pm


Details of meeting point, map of the venues, wet weather arrangements etc will be available soon.

The Crucible at SCEGGS in 2016

Our Term II Drama Production next year is Arthur Miller’s The Crucible. The play will be performed in June next year.

Auditions take place on Wednesday 11, Thursday 12 and Friday 13 November, from 3.30pm-5.30pm in the DBPAC. Callbacks 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, we will be happy to help you in the Drama Department.

Inga Scarlett
Head of Drama

Music Matters

Congratulations

Year 4 musicians who presented a lunch time concert, Year 4s Got Talent. Hosted by Ms Billie Palmer, around 100 Primary girls were entertained while eating their lunch, with performances on the piano, cello, violin, trumpet, flute and guitar. Performers included Milla Brown, Indiana Meers, Alices Macdonald, Scarlett Cooper, Jenimia L Smith, Ishara Verdict, Maya Mabee, Ruby Cooney, Sophia Wood, Connie Vertzas, Alexandra Kuo and Maggie-Rose Dunlop. Congratulations to these girls and thanks to Mrs Cleworth who was responding to girls’ urging that they should go back to the Concourse and repeat the Shine concert next week.

Brass, Brass, Brass… so exciting to attend a ‘mega-soiree’ of students studying Trumpet, Trombone and Tuba with Mr Gergely Malyusz and French Horn with Ms Cindy Sims. The Project Brass girls (1 year beginners) played solos and as an ensemble group… well done. Brass players of the Bugles, Clarion and Holst Bands played solo pieces… a great effort. We were all ‘bowled over’ by the appearance of a new Tuba student, Jessica Needle (Year 10) who, in addition to playing another instrument very nicely, has decided to accept the challenge of starting this new instrument. Cannot wait till we hear it in the Bands. Great to have Ms Thanom Shaw as a guest performer on French Horn. She has been a great supporter of our Speech Night, Special Project Orchestras for a number of years and most recently played in the Shine Concert. Well done to everyone, thanks to Ms Holmes for organising and accompanying the girls.

Secondary Ensemble

Rehearsals During Examination Period

Some regular, weekly Ensemble rehearsals will need to continue during the Years 7-10 Examination period. Students should check details on SCEGGSnet and on boards in the Music Department. Our work for the end of year events ‘will wait for no… woman’.

Speech Night - 120 Years On…

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.

Additional Performance Opportunities

A number of additional special performance opportunities for Speech Night will be available. Students intending to be part of these performances must agree to attend, and be well prepared, for ALL rehearsals. Some weekend rehearsals may be required. Students unable to commit to all necessary rehearsals may still participate in the weekly activities, tutorials and workshops, but should not expect to be part of the Speech Night Performances. Please also be aware that ‘early departures’ and ‘late arrivals’ will be problematic as rehearsal and tutorial time with professional musicians and tutors is very limited.

Speech Night

Combined Band

Rehearsals of a Combined Speech Night Concert Band will be held in Weeks 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. Students who currently, regularly attend rehearsals of the Wednesday Holst Concert Band, and invited members of Tuesday’s Clarion Concert Band, will form the Combined Speech Night Concert Band. This Band will prepare a fifteen minute program of music to be performed, in
the main auditorium, before the ceremony at Sydney Town Hall. The Combined Speech Night Concert Band will rehearse on Wednesdays (Weeks 5-8) and Tuesday in Week 9, from 3.15pm-4.45pm in SCEGGS Great Hall.

Special Project Orchestra (SPO)
A SPO, combining Wind, Brass, Percussion and String players is being formed again to accompany our Whole School item (Fiscus Macrophylla) at Speech Night. Selected Wind, Brass, Percussion and String players will be invited to join this orchestra to prepare Ceremonial Music and accompany the Whole School item. This Orchestra will rehearse on Wednesdays (Weeks 5-8) and Tuesday in Week 9, (following the Holst/Combined Band rehearsal), from 4.55.pm-6.00pm in SCEGGS Great Hall.

Details regarding participation requirements and invitations will be sent via email by Friday. Students intending to be part of Speech Night performances must return their Rehearsal Agreement Form immediately to Mr Jewitt.

Music staff look forward to sharing outstanding student performances as part of the school’s 120th Speech Night.

Soirees
Continuing opportunities to sharing many students’ 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
- Monday 2, Tuesday 3, Wednesday 4 November: String Soiree (open to any String players) – Primary Music Room, 3.30pm.
- Wednesday 4 November: Combined Speech Night Band (Clarion and Holst players) rehearsals commence (first of 5 weeks) – SCEGGS Great Hall, 3.30pm.
- Wednesday 4 November: Speech Night, Special Project Orchestra rehearsals commence (first of 5 weeks) – SCEGGS Great Hall, 4.45pm-6.00pm.
- Thursday 5 November: SSO Meet the Music Concert... Broadway hits (Years 8, 9, 10 and 11-1 Elective classes and invited Year 7) – Sydney Opera House. 6.30pm.
- 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.
- Thursday 12 November: Percussion Soiree (Students of Ms Jayne Groves and Percussion Ensembles) SCEGGS Great Hall, 3.30pm.

Felicia Chadwick
Head of Music

UNSW: Bridging Courses
Throughout January and February in 2016, UNSW will be holding bridging courses in Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics. Each course consists of 40 hours of tuition including lectures, tutorials, laboratory classes and/or demonstration sessions. For more information go to https://www.science.unsw.edu.au/future-students/bridging-course-timetable.

The University of Notre Dame
Apply now for 2016
If Year 12 students missed the Notre Dame main due date of 30 September and still want to apply, they still have an opportunity to submit an application. Applications can be downloaded at http://www.notredame.edu.au/school-leaver.php.

Getting to Know Nursing – Information Session
Students interested in a career in nursing can come along to a free information session on Monday 2 November from 6.00pm at the School of Nursing – 160 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst. Students attending this session will learn about nursing as a profession and the many and varied areas in which nurses are able to practice. For further details or to register go to www.nd.edu.au/events/sydney.

UNE New Courses in 2016
UNE have a number of new courses available to study in 2016, including the following:
- Advanced Diploma in Legal Studies
- Diploma in Prosecution and Advocacy
- Bachelor of Clinical Exercise and Physiology with Honours
- Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science with Honours
- Bachelor of Education (Pacific Focus)
- Graduate Certificate in Applied Leadership in Positive Education
- Master of Professional Psychology

To view more new courses, as well as revised courses, access the following: http://www.une.edu.au/study/study-options/new-courses.

UTS Discover Architecture Summer School
Closes 5 January
Runs 11 to 21 January
UTS School of Architecture, 702-730 Harris Street, Ultimo
Excursions, model making and drawings using advanced digital equipment, meet architects. Costs $599.00. Contact: Ms Joanne Kinniburgh on 02 9514 884 or Joanne.Kinniburgh@uts.edu.au. For more information visit http://www.utsarchitecture.net/discoverarchitecture/.

Andrea Pinnock
Careers Adviser
Primary Sport

IGSSA Gymnastics
Well done to the 15 girls who represented SCEGGS at the IGSSA Gymnastics Carnival last week.

SCEGGS finished in 12th place overall. In the Rhythmic Gym SCEGGS placed 10th, whilst in the Artistic Gym SCEGGS placed 15th

Highlights From the Carnival
Artistic Level 6
Erica Lehm – 3rd Bars and Beam, 5th Beam, 6th Floor
Taylor Liew – 5th Vault, 4th Bars, 7th Beam, 3rd Floor

Rhythmic Level 4
Leila Hutley – 5th Rope
Mali Alexiou – 8th Clubs

Rhythmic Level 5
Tia Khan – 5th Hoop, 4th Clubs
Sophie Mossenson – 8th Clubs and Rope, 6th Hoop

Rhythmic Level 6
Alexandra Slater – 4th Hoop, 5th Ball, 3rd Clubs

Rhythmic Level 7
Elliott Ainslie-Miley – 6th Rope and Clubs
Piper Devlin – 7th Ball

Category 3 Group placed 9th
Zoe Fogarty, Aisha Imtarnasan, Isabella Maraldo and Caterina Pizzinga

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Rhythmic Gymnastics Team Results
6th in Division 2 – Foundation 2: Chloe Copp, Olivia Gock, Lily Hallgath-Jolly, Samantha Jones, Madison Liew, Ava Nunley and Ilana Patkar.

7th in Division 2 – Category 3: Kate Brenner, Laura Davies, Serena Lam and Sally Webster.

An outstanding result for our Division 2 teams!

Sports Choice Forms
Just a reminder that Term I, 2016, Sports Choice Forms are due by Friday 30 October. Please either email kerrieroddie@sceggs.nsw.edu.au or hand to the PE Department as soon as possible.

Lisa Murray
Primary Sports Co-ordinator

Sport

IPSSA Gymnastics Results
Congratulations to the all the Artistic and Rhythmic Gymnasts who competed in the IPSHA Gymnastics Competition held on Thursday 22 October at the Sydney Aquatic and Gymnastics Centre, Rooty Hill. A big thank you to Ms Jess Viera and Ms Rachel Weiner and their coaching team on the success and enjoyment of Gymnastics over the past year.

Artistic Gymnastics Team Results
1st in Division 2 Level 1: Samantha Dawson, Matilda Hill, Zara O’Shea, Susannah Sheumack and Madeleine Tudehope.

1st in Division 2 Level 2: Milla Brown, Hannah Guest, Indiana Meers, Mia Polese and Katherine Wardlaw.

1st in Division 2 Level 3: Monique Bouchard, Jess Collishaw, Mia Freeland, Anabelle Harrington, Kate Rooney and Stefani Stewart.

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