From Ms Allum

SCEGGS Survey
A reminder about our Parents Survey regarding SCEGGS, which is currently being conducted by IPSOS. We do this every two years and it provides us with so much valuable information.

The return date for the on-line survey is Sunday 13 September.

There is a great deal of valuable information which we do reflect on and action. Please help us to make SCEGGS an even better school and complete the survey as soon as possible.

Year 12 Farewells
Everyone is most welcome to attend the Open Service on Sunday night, 13 September, to farewell Year 12 and their families. This service will be conducted by Reverend Garry Lee-Lindsay, the School Chaplain, and will be held in the Chapel at 6.00pm.

The Farewell Assembly for Year 12 will be held on Thursday, 17 September. It is a chance for the School to formally acknowledge the girls’ time at SCEGGS and their significant role as leaders of our student community.

Finally, we will have our Farewell Dinner for Staff, Year 12 girls and their parents on Friday, 18 September.

We will be thinking of them in their preparations for the HSC. They will be well prepared, and we hope that their final concentrated efforts will be smooth and productive. Good luck girls!

Parents’ and Friends’ Association
As I outlined in a previous Behind the Green Gate, the prime objects of the Parents’ and Friends’ Association, according to its Constitution, include promoting the interests of the School ‘by bringing parents, friends of the school, pupils and teaching staff into close co-operation’. I am happy to report the 2015 Festival on Forbes did exactly that!

Attached to this edition of Behind the Green Gate I have included a few photos from the day. Enjoy!

As a number of you have been enquiring after the cute and delicious gingerbread SCEGGS girls in the special presentation box, these are now available for purchase in the School Shop. Made by the award winning Great Australian Gingerbread Company in South Australia, they not only look great, they taste great!

Karen Niederer
President

Debating
The Archdale Quarter-Finals were held on Tuesday 25 August at Roseville and Abbotsleigh Schools. Congratulations to all five SCEGGS teams who debated in this event and won their debates to progress through to this week’s Semi-Finals which will be held at SCEGGS. The teams involved were 8A and 8B, 9, 10 and the Seniors. A special mention should be made about the Year 8B team who had to win a play-off round to get to the Quarter-Finals and then were able to defeat the Number 1 ranked MLC team to go through to the Semis. It was a great team effort!

The Grand-Final will be held next week at MLC on Tuesday 8 September.

Margaret Schuitema
Debating Co-ordinator

What’s On Week 9

3-15 September
• Preliminary Examinations for Year 11

6-7 September
• Duke of Edinburgh's Award Bronze Qualifying Expedition - Royal National Park

Tuesday 8 September
• Archdale Debating Grand-Final – MLC Burwood

Wednesday 9 September
• Kindergarten Excursion to Golden Ridge Farm
• Year 2 Excursion to Sydney Aquarium
• Year 6K Community Service – Wayside Chapel

9-13 September
• National Snowsports Championships – Mt Buller

Thursday 10 September
• Years 3-6 Assembly – Lecture Theatre, 2.30pm

Friday 11 September
• Years K-2 Assembly – Primary Music Room, 12.20pm
• Year 12 Formal – Doltone House

Saturday 12 September
• IGSSA Netball and Hockey Finals

Sunday 13 September
• Year 12 Farewell Service – School Chapel, 6.00pm

Coming Events

Tuesday 15 September
• Year 2 Open Classroom for parents: Mathematics, 10.15am-11.20am

Wednesday 16 September
• Year 5W Excursion to Art Gallery NSW: Archibald Prize Exhibition
• Year 4 Incursion: Robotics

Thursday 17 September
• Final Assembly for Year 12
• 5GH Excursion to Art Gallery NSW: Archibald Prize Exhibition
• Years K–6 Assembly, 12.20pm
• Year 12 Farewell Dinner

Friday 18 September
• Years 7-11 Final Assembly Term III
• No Years K-2 Assembly
• End of Term III
2015 Primary ICAS Spelling Competition

Each year, the girls in Years 4 to 6 participate in the Spelling Competition hosted by Educational Assessment Australia. In 2015, the competition was conducted in Week 9 of Term II. The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools Spelling Competition deals with four areas related to the acquisition of spelling skills. These are: Dictation, Spelling Rules and Conventions, Proofreading and Correcting. All of the girls are to be congratulated on their effort in the competition, particularly those who received awards:

20 students were awarded a Merit, 33 girls obtained a Credit, while the following girls were awarded either a Distinction or High Distinction:

**Year 4**

**High Distinction:** Ruby Cooney.

**Distinction:** Samantha Dawson, Maggie-Rose Dunlop, Eva Harris, Jessica Millin, Amelia Moran, Ivy Rush and Katherine Wardlaw.

**Year 5**

**High Distinction:** Ella Hackman.

**Distinction:** Kate Brenner, Emily Michel and Mary Williams.

Paul McGrath  
Deputy Head of Primary School

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Inter-House Science Competition

On Thursday 21 August, the fiercely competitive and always fun Annual Inter-House Science Competition was held in the Sports Hall.

After a battle of five rounds, the results were as follows:

6th place (84 points) – Langley
5th place (85 points) – Badham
4th place (86 points) – Beck
3rd place (87 points) – Docker
2nd place (89 points) – Christian
1st place (95 points) – Barton

Congratulations to Barton House.

Luke Hanson  
Head of Science

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Class Parent Functions

**Kindergarten Drinks Night**

Friday, 11 September, 7.00pm  
The Woollahra Hotel  
116 Queen St, Woollahra  
Upstairs at the Queen Street Lounge  
Cost $40.00 per person  
Pay via SCEGGS online payment by Thursday 3 September

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Primary Sport

**IPSHA Athletics Carnival**

Congratulations to the 40 Primary girls who represented SCEGGS at the IPSHA Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 25 August at the Sydney Olympic Athletics Centre, Homebush.

We are so very proud of every athlete, their effort and achievement, and it was a great day for all! Well done to the following girls who received ribbons for their events:

- Elise Aroney – 3rd in the 8-10 Years 200m
- Kate Brenner – 1st in the 8-10 Years 200m and 2nd in the Junior Relay
- Holly Burgess – 1st in the 10 Years 100m
- Kleopatra Calfas – 1st in the 12 years 100m
- Emilie Chick – 3rd in the 9 years 100m
- Sophie Davis – 1st in the 8 years 100m, 1st in the 8-10 years 200m and 2nd in the Junior Relay
- Mia Freeland – 4th in the 11 Years 200m
- Olivia Gock – 3rd in the 12 Years 200m
- Stella Gray – 2nd in the 12 Years 100m and 3rd in the 12 Years 200m
- Emma Jan – 3rd in the 11 Years 100m and 3rd in the 11 Years 200m
- Emma Juneja – 2nd in the 9 Years 100m
- Ruby Hill – 1st in the 11 Years 100m and 3rd in the 11 Years 200m
- Clementine Hooper – 4th in the 11 Years 800m
- Xanthe Kibble – 2nd in the 8-10 100m
- Sofia Kirby-Totani – 3rd in the 11 Years 100m
- Katherine Lake – 2nd in the Junior Relay and 4th in the 10 Years 100m
- Eleanor Lawson – 2nd in the 8 Years 100m
- Indiana Meers – 2nd in the 10 Years 100m
- Emily Michel – 1st in the 11 Years 800m
- Lillian Neylon – 3rd in the 12 Years 800m
- Julia Richards – 3rd in the 8 Years 100m
- Kate Rooney – 2nd in the 8 Years 100m and 2nd in the Junior Relay
- Madeleine Tudehope – 1st in the 8 Years 100m
- Eliza Wenham – 2nd in the 12 Years 200m and 4th in the 12 Years 100m
- Alexandra West – 4th in the 9 Years 100m
- Elizabeth White – 1st in the 11 Years 200m

Special mention to Kate Brenner, Sophie Davis, Katherine Lake, Kate Rooney and Elizabeth White who have been selected to represent IPSHA at the NSW CIS Athletics Carnival at the Sydney Olympic Athletics Centre on Wednesday 9 September. Good luck girls!

**IPSHA Basketball and Tennis Trials – Weeks 9 and 10**

All girls enrolled in IPSHA Basketball and Tennis in Term IV have compulsory trials on Tuesday 8 and Tuesday 15 September. These trials will take place at Moore Park Basketball Court, Robertson Road from 3.15pm-5.00pm. A bus will transport girls to and from the venue. If you wish to collect your daughter from the courts, please be there at 4.55pm.

**IPSHA Representatives Shirts**

If your daughter has represented IPSHA in either Athletics, Cross Country, Gymnastics, Snowsports, and/or Swimming, please see Mrs Sue Humphrey in the School Uniform Shop.

Lisa Murray  
Primary Sport
Australian All Schools Cross Country - Melbourne

Well done to Georgia Evans and Ruby Swadling who represented NSW at the Australian All Schools Cross Country.

Georgia placed 17th in the Under 18s, 4km. The NSW team placed 3rd in the Cross Country event and 2nd in the 5 x 2km Relay event. Georgia is currently the 1st reserve for the World Schools Cross Country Championships to be held in Hungary next year.

Ruby Swadling placed 45th in the Under 16s 4km. The NSW team placed 3rd in the Cross Country event and won the Gold Medal in the 5 x 2km Relay event!

Highlights From NSW Interschools Snowsports

21 girls competed at the NSW Interschools Snowsports held at Perisher last week. Results are as follows:

Cross Country

Division 1
Freestyle Team 2nd, Relay Team 1st: Sally Adams (5th), Kirstin Ross (8th), Georgia Niederer (15th).

Division 4
Freestyle Team 3rd, Relay Team 5th: Georgina O’Sullivan, Lily Punch (10th), Mia Polese (15th) Hannah Mavrakis (12th).

Division 2 Snowboard GS
Remie Bampton 14th.

Division 3
Skier Cross – Team 4th: Jacqueline Lee 7th, Eliza-Grace Gannon 12th, Georgia Skidmore.
Alpine – Team 2nd: Jacqueline Lee 1st, Eliza-Grace Gannon 5th, Georgia Skidmore.

Division 2
Skier Cross – Team 3rd: Bridget Malouf 5th, Bianca Senes 9th, Alexandra Punch.
Moguls – Team 2nd: Bianca Senes 3rd, Bridget Malouf 4th, Lara Herring 10th.

We wish all the girls well who will be competing at Mt Buller in the Australian Inter-Schools Championships next week.

Years 8 and 9 Touch Trials

Tuesday 8 September, 6.30am-7.50am
Corner Driver Avenue and Lang Road, Moore Park
A bus will bring all girls back to school at the end of Trials
Music Matters

Congratulations Year 12 Music 1, Music 2 and Music Extension students for the completion of the HSC Music Performances, and Composition and Essay submissions this week. What a great feeling of satisfaction they should have on work ‘well done’. This collective of girls has made a great contribution to the leadership of our Curricular and Co-curricular Music programs over many years. They will be missed.

Special thanks to Ms Stephanie Holmes who has supported these girls since they were in Year 10. What a mighty effort to provide accompaniment support for such diverse musical programs.

String players on the successful completion of AMEB Examinations. Well done girls, Music Tutors and thanks to parents for the continuing support of their daughters. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated team of String Tutors, lead by Mr Jonathan Whitting, supporting girls in their learning and performances.

Zoe Andrea, Year 2, Violin Preliminary
Zoe Klein, Year 2, Violin Preliminary
Natalie Assaad, Year 1, Violin 1st Grade
Georgina Dandolo, Year 3, Violin 1st Grade
Edie Holder, Year 6, Violin 2nd Grade
Mary Williams, Year 5, Violin 3rd Grade
Erin Zikos, Year 7, Violin 3rd Grade
Billie Palmer, Year 4, Cello 1st Grade
Genevieve Sheumack, Year 6, Cello 1st Grade
Alexandra Kuo, Year 4, Cello 2nd Grade
Stella Zikos, Year 7, Cello 2nd Grade
Peta Gilbert, Year 6, Cello 3rd Grade
Marie Karantanis, Year 6, Cello 3rd Grade

Piano Concert for Primary Pianists
Thursday 3 September, 3.30pm-4.30pm
Any young Pianist (whether learning at SCEGGS or elsewhere) can perform. Application Forms on SCEGGSnet. Great opportunity to share your favourite piece with an appreciative audience.

Series 120 Concert 4 - Shine
Sunday 18 October
The Concourse Concert Hall, Chatswood
The count-down has begun. Wonderful music being prepared by Bands, Choirs, Percussion and String groups. A concert not to be missed.

Please do mark the date in your diaries and encourage Family and Friends to attend. Ticketing information available soon.

Series 120 Concert 4 – Workshops and Rehearsal schedules for Sunday 11 October and Sunday 18 October have been forwarded - check your email.

Series 120 Concert 4 – invitation to Old Girls to participate in this special concert: Sunday 18 October – Concourse at Chatswood.

Who can participate?
Strings, Wind, Brass and Percussion players who are still active musicians. Interested and enthusiastic Choristers. Expressions of Interest due Wednesday 2 September. Music will be sent electronically. One-only rehearsal – Sunday 11 October. See SCEGGS Old Girls Facebook for details.

The 10 Piece Challenge and The 10 Week Practice Challenge
Count-up to completion Weeks 8, 9, 10!
Encouraging students and Tutors in their last weeks to achieve these challenges.
Successful performance of 10 new pieces, by the end of term, will attract a prize.
Certificates will be available to girls who successfully complete daily practice sessions, in each week of the term.

Forthcoming Events
- Primary Piano Concert: Thursday 3 September – SCEGGS Great Hall, 3.30pm-4.30pm. Application Forms on SCEGGSnet.
- All Primary and Secondary String players – combined rehearsal for Lux Angelis: Wednesday 9 September – SCEGGS Great Hall, 7.30am. Parents to deliver all girls, their instruments and their Music to Diana Bowman Gates from 7.15am.
- Year 12 Farewell Service – Madrigal Ensemble: Sunday 13 September (see notices SCEGGSnet for arrival and rehearsal times).
- Series 120 Concert 4 - Workshop/rehearsal day: Sunday 11 October – SCEGGS Great Hall (see SCEGGSnet for schedule).
- Series 120 Concert 4: Sunday 18 October – Concourse Concert Hall, Chatswood, 1.30pm-3.50pm.

Felicia Chadwick
Head of Music

Cafeteria Specials – Week 9
Monday 7 September
Mexican chicken fajita with guacamole
Bean nachos with lite sour cream (GF)
Caesar salad

Tuesday 8 September
Shepherd’s pie with lite cheese (GF)
Penne pasta with Napolitana sauce
Greek salad

Wednesday 9 September
Beef ravioli in carbonara sauce
Roast vegetable pizza with fetta
Crunchy vegetable salad

Thursday 10 September
Sweet chilli and ginger chicken with rice noodles (GF)
Fettucine with spinach and tomato sauce
Grilled haloumi and vegetable salad

Friday 11 September
Baked lemon fish with potatoes (GF)
Spaghetti Bolognese
Chicken Caesar salad