

# The Southern Star

Southern Cross Grammar

## Principal

**Mr Andrew Ponsford**

### **Year 10/11 Social – Friday 17 November**

I was so impressed by the excitement and warmth of this occasion for our oldest students. The students were outstanding in their combined sense of fun and occasion. Having the parents in attendance for a 'commencement cocktail' to begin proceedings only added to the sense of occasion and community. Finally, I cannot thank and commend the staff enough for their personal support of our students – to have 13 members of staff voluntarily in attendance, at one of the busiest times in terms of exam paper correction and report writing, spoke volumes of their professionalism and generosity. The benchmark has indeed been set high for the future!

### **VCE program for 2018**

Best wishes are extended to new and current staff and students for an important VCE orientation day next Monday 20 November.

Subsequent to this, a series of significant pre-2018 activities over Monday 20, Tuesday 21, Thursday 23, Friday 24, Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 November will set VCE students up for the holiday period prior to their return.

While attention and energy levels are starting to wane, this 'front-loading' strategy has proven benefits. Again, my best wishes for this 'flying start into 2018' for many.

### **Year 10 Work Experience**

At the time of writing, latest reports from students and employers were all extremely positive. Mr Familiari (Pathways Coordinator) advised me today that the exercise had been a very positive one indeed and that all employers were impressed with our students and would take on another SCG student next year.

### **Year 4 Special Assembly – Wednesday 22 November**

Well done to all involved in a special farewell to our Year 4 students. It was obvious that there was a tinge of sadness but also a sense of excitement for what is in store! Our Year 4's have obviously left the Junior School a better place through their activities and I commend Mr Wildsmith and Mr Morrison on their preparation of the group and the sense of enjoyment and success apparent.

### **House Swimming Sports**

Best wishes to all students Foundation – Year 11 for this compulsory activity. I really do hope that both occasions have the feel of our highly successful athletics carnivals earlier in the year:

- F-2 House Swimming Sports — 28 November
- 3-11 House Swimming Sports — 29 November

### **Year 6 Graduation – Friday 1 December**

I look forward to joining with families, students, staff and friends for this special evening on Friday 1 December commencing at 5:30pm. The activity seeks to recognise the conclusion of the primary years for the 44 students of Year 6 2017.

### **Head of Junior School**

**Ms Romina Pimpini**

We are enjoying a buzz in the Junior School this week, and it is timely, in that we celebrated our Year 4 cohort's achievements and impact in the JS with a 'Graduation Assembly' on Wednesday afternoon. Mr Morrison and Mr Wildsmith, together with our Junior School Co-Captaincy Team organised a reflective assembly about the impact the Year 4's have had in the Junior School.



Congratulations to Mia Cook, Jessica Dimovska, Zali Heenan, Sebastian Hyde, Cruz Merrin and Jacob Stark for their reflections and sharing with the JS audience. This was followed by an afternoon tea shared with parents and family members in the JS Hub.

As our Year 4's prepare to move to the Middle School at SCG, we wish them every success in their future goals and achievements, whatever they may be.

Earlier in the week, we hosted our F2018 cohort for their third visit to SCG. They were confident and happy to partake in fun activities, including showing off how they could write their name! We know that their visits with us are a great way to support their transition and confidence for this important stage of their life and we look forward to them joining our SCG family next year.

We have much to celebrate and prepare for, including our **F-2 House Activities Day ~ Tuesday 28 November** – please check the "Reminders" outlined in the newsletter.

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## Water Activities Week @ SCG



### F-2 House Activities Day

- ◆ This event is about fun, participation and team.
- ◆ Students will depart school from 10:30am.
- ◆ BYO Sunscreen – Students that do not provide their own sunscreen will be required to use Coles Everyday Sunscreen SPF 50+.
- ◆ NO Canteen access – be sure to bring your snacks with you.
- ◆ House colour item – ensure you wear a t-shirt or item reflecting your House colour!
- ◆ Photos of students in and around the Activities Program are not permitted on this day due to privacy laws – we hope all parents/carers will respect this.

### 3- 11 Swimming Sports

- ◆ This is a component of our core program – it is a compulsory event for all students.
- ◆ Students will return to school via bus, or with a parent – this should have been communicated via your return permission slip already.
- ◆ Canteen orders for the day must be placed prior to 8:00am and will be delivered on-site to students.
- ◆ BYO sunscreen and wear House colours!

### PFA—School Banking

Important dates for 2017:

28 November - last day for school banking.

Banking will resume in 2018 in the second week of school.

Thank you to all SCG families who have supported School Banking in 2017. This has raised over \$1000 this year. The PFA will put this towards the current fundraising goal – an outdoor shade structure.

### School Colour Fun Run

Friday 24 November 2017

4.00pm-7.00pm

Boronia Drive Reserve

10 Boronia Drive, Hillside



Only one sleep to go until our School Colour Run! Make sure you have your White T-shirt and runners ready for a fun-filled afternoon! Bring along some cash to enjoy a treat from Mister Whippy, and a sausage and drink from our PFA run sausage sizzle (halal and vegan options available). Registrations close 10pm tonight - if you haven't registered yet, either follow this link to register <http://ems.gs/3Aub0cibehj> or join us at the venue, and pay \$10 to register on the day! All students who register go in the draw to win an IPAD! Generously donated by Telstra Essendon

Please note, Sponsorship prize forms are due back at school on Monday 27 November to ensure the rewards arrive before school finishes for the year.

### WIN AN IPHONE

Go in the draw to win an iPhone 6s 32gb by purchasing a \$5 raffle ticket from the PFA. All proceeds go to our next big fundraising project! Tickets can be purchased after school by the Learning Hub and at the Colour Run! Only 200 tickets available!

### LRC

Mrs Dina Lira

### Last week of borrowing

As the end of year approaches, this week will be our last week of borrowing. All books currently on loan are due back by **4 December 2017**. Please return any overdue books as soon as possible to avoid replacement book fees. Your help at home in locating and returning books is greatly appreciated.

### Year 7 to Year 11

All English novels and Maths text books (or any other books loaned from the school) are now due back at school. Again, please return these as soon as possible to avoid replacement books fees.

Thanks for your assistance.



SOUTHERN CROSS GRAMMAR  
 Exhibition Launch 27<sup>th</sup> of November  
 3:30pm-5:00pm in the Junior School Hub  
 Artwork from Foundation to Year 10  
 Guest Speaker from the National Gallery of Victoria  
 Prizes to give away!

SOUTHERN CROSS GRAMMAR  
**CREATIVE ARTS EXHIBITION**

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