

# The Southern Star

## Principal

**Mr Andrew Ponsford**

## Bullying No Way

As part of our ongoing support of students and the continual growth and improvement of Southern Cross Grammar we have committed to a review of our pastoral support programs and strategies.

Initially, this will involve the following initiatives and activities –

Involvement in the national strategy, Bullying No Way initiatives on 16 March and subsequent to this, staff and student SWAT teams to investigate topics such as bullying prevention, practical strategies for implementation and the development of emotional literacy and wellness.

This is a key theme for the remainder of Term 1. I look forward to sharing with you our findings and encourage parents to communicate any thoughts they may wish to share with their relevant Head of School.

Other activities are planned for Term 2, which I also intend to share with you over the coming weeks.

The National day, Bullying No Way is one of positive action, of bring our community together in a united way and of reinforcing our commitment that bullying and violence in any form is totally unacceptable.

## Special congratulations

What a stellar season for our swimmers! First in the secondary competition and second in the primary section for our district.

Full results are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

## Sport News—Update

Regrettably, some names were omitted from last week's newsletter. Apologies to the following first placed swimmers:

- Jasmine Lim, Taylah Roberts, Tyana Su and Tegan Su- 11 year old Freestyle relay,
- Josie Woollard, Saanvi Venkat, Sakari Clarke-Oldani and Kristy Pappaluca - 12/13 year old Freestyle relay,
- Jasmine Lim- 11 year old 50m Freestyle,
- Jasmine Lim - 11 year old 50m Backstroke,
- Tomislav Kvesic - 11 year old 50m Breaststroke and 11 year old 50m Butterfly,
- Saanvi Venkat - 12/13 year old 50m Butterfly.



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE  
*Grand*  
OPENING  
OF THE NEW VCE CENTRE

On behalf of the Chair of the Southern Cross Grammar Board, Troy Heenan, and the Principal of the School, Andrew Ponsford, you are invited to join us for this significant event in the history of our School. The official opening of the new VCE Centre heralds an opportunity to honour the past, celebrate the present and embrace a bright future. We recognise the significant commitment of our whole school community to the personal and academic growth of our students and school.

**FRIDAY 16 MARCH**  
**3.00pm–4.15pm**

## VCE Centre Grand Opening

### Changed end of day arrangements

The VCE Centre Grand Opening will occur from 3:00pm – 4:45pm next Friday 16 March. The Lancefield Drive end of the oval will be cordoned off for guests and this event.

All senior students are expected to be in full formal school uniform. All other students to be in the correct school uniform as per their timetable.

Formalities will conclude at 3:45pm, with refreshments served to all involved until 4:15pm.

### **Please note the following changes of arrangements:**

The Lancefield Drive pedestrian gate between the VCE Building and the Sports field will be closed for the duration of the event.

Student exiting the school grounds at the end of the day will need to exit via Junior School, Becca Way or the Gourlay Road pedestrian gates.

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## Head of Middle School

Ms Janis Coffey

Next Friday 16 March is National Action Against Bullying and Violence Day. Here at SCG we are acknowledging this important day as it is the School's utmost priority to ensure that all students, staff, parents and other community members are able to work and learn in harmony at SCG. We often hear about bullying incidents in Australian schools; therefore, this week I thought it was important to understand what bullying *is* and what bullying *isn't*. The *Bullying No Way* organisation which facilitates the upcoming Action Day across all Australian schools has articulated a national definition. The national definition of bullying for Australian schools says:

*Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).*

*Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.*

*Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.*

Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:

- mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance),
- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection,
- one-off acts of meanness or spite,
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

Incidents such as the above are treated with care and efficiency at SCG. Our approach is holistic in nature and we do take the time needed to discuss issues with all parties, hear a range of perspectives and hold restorative conversations with parents and students where needed. Relationship reparation is an important step in restoring the harm that is done in relationships when any incident such as the ones listed above occurs. Taking the time to understand another's point of view, to reflect on one's own behaviour and choices and talking with a trusted leader within the School are all essential components of ensuring that restoration occurs.

We look forward to next week's event with a spotlight on Bullying in schools and having open conversations with students here at SCG. On behalf of the Middle School, I look forward to continuing to support our community to ensure we have a strong and flourishing culture at SCG.

## Sports News

Mr Michael Pell

On Wednesday 7 March, 26 Year 7-11 students travelled to St. Albans Swimming Centre to compete in the Maribyrnong Division Swimming Carnival. Following on from the success of the 2017 event the students put in another stellar performance to come away with 25 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes to finish atop of the standings at the end of the day. Students who finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place will now progress to the Western Metropolitan Region Carnival on Thursday 29 March in Geelong.

Congratulations to all students' involved, a fine team performance to compliment some individual brilliance also. See below for a complete list of placings from throughout the day.

## Individual Performances

Kayla Jones	1st	Girls 15 years Freestyle, 50m Girls 12-15 years Freestyle, 100m Girls 12-15 years Freestyle, 200m Girls 12-20 years Butterfly, 100m Girls 12-15 years Indiv Medley, 200m
Lauren Jones	1st	Girls 16-20 years Freestyle, 100m Girls 16-20 years Freestyle, 200m Girls 12-20 years Freestyle, 400m Girls 17 years Backstroke, 50m
	2nd	Girls 12-20 years Backstroke, 100m
Paris Laspas	1st	Girls 16 years Breaststroke, 50m Girls 16 years Backstroke, 50m Girls 16 years Butterfly, 50m Girls 16 years Freestyle, 50m
Aaryan Ram	1st	Boys 12-15 years Freestyle, 200m Boys 12-15 years Freestyle, 100m Boys 15 years Backstroke, 50m
Lylana Anstee	1st	Girls 17 years Breaststroke, 50m Girls 17 years Freestyle, 50m
	2nd	Girls 12-20 years Breaststroke, 100m
Marley Bragagnolo	1st	Girls 13 years Butterfly, 50m
	2nd	Girls 13 years Backstroke, 50m
Ayden Bragagnolo	1st	Boys 15 years Butterfly, 50m
Kristina Li Rosi	2nd	Girls 14 years Butterfly, 50m Girls 14 years Backstroke, 50m
	3rd	Girls 14 years Freestyle, 50m
Cristan Apostol	2nd	Boys 16 years Freestyle, 50m Boys 16 years Backstroke, 50m
Mason Heenan	2nd	Boys 14 years Freestyle, 50m
	3rd	Boys 14 years Backstroke, 50m
Tehya Clarke-Oldani	2nd	Girls 13 years Freestyle, 50m
Tomai Laspas	2nd	Girls 15 years Backstroke, 50m
Ethan Thai	3rd	Boys 13 years Butterfly, 50m
Antonio Magro	3rd	Boys 13 years Breaststroke, 50m
Elysia Veljanovski	3rd	Girls 14 years Breaststroke, 50m
Marcus Bagnato	3rd	Boys 14 years Breaststroke, 50m



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## Group Performances

Tehya Clarke-Oldani, Elysia Veljanovski, Emily Williams & Kristina Li Rosi	1st Girls 12-14 years Medley Relay, 4 x 50m
Marcus Bagnato, Mason Heenan, Ethan Thai & Chinmay Patil	2nd Boys 12-14 years Medley Relay, 4 x 50m
Chloe Su, Tomai Laspas, Amilia Sleman & Sophie Saloman-Best	2nd Girls 15-16 years Medley Relay, 4 x 50m
Mohammed Halal, Aaryan Ram, Cristan Apostol & Ayden Bragagnolo	3rd Boys 15-16 years Medley Relay, 4 x 50m
Lauren Jones, Lylana Anstee, Paris Laspas & Kayla Jones	1st Girls 17-20 years Medley Relay, 4 x 50m
Kristine Marasigan, Marley Bragagnolo, Sophie Salomon-Best & Tehya Clarke-Oldani	1st Girls 13 years Freestyle Relay, 4 x 50m
Ethan Thai, Christopher Yangco, Antonio Magro & Cody Apostol	2nd Boys 13 years Freestyle Relay, 4 x 50m
Tomai Laspas, Kristina Li Rosi, Chloe Su & Amilia Sleman	2nd Girls 15 years Freestyle Relay, 4 x 50m
Aaryan Ram, Ayden Bragagnolo, Chinmay Patil & Mason Heenan	1st Boys 15 years Freestyle Relay, 4 x 50m
Lauren Jones, Lylana Anstee, Paris Laspas & Kayla Jones	1st Girls 17 years Freestyle Relay, 4 x 50m



## International Women's Day

### Mrs Sarah Bagci

Our students attended the International Women's Day Event, 'More than Just A Number' today where they heard from inspiring woman working in the field of Mathematics and STEM. Students learnt about the CHOOSEMATHS Project run by AMSI and the importance of girls choosing Mathematics for Australia's future.



## Head of Junior School

### Ms Romina Pimpini

In the Junior School, we look to lay strong foundations. Personal goals and habits in accordance with our Student Centred Vision are being finalized for students this week and PGP's (Personal Goal Plans) will be sent home in the coming days.

As we know, good habits are developed over time and one good habit in life is being good with your money. This week we had Luke from School Banking visit the Junior School and through his 'knock & collect' visit, we had many students contribute to their savings this week. Congratulations everyone and keep saving!



Luke from School Banking visited the Junior School this week to 'knock & collect', inspiring young savers at SCG.

## Ride 2 School

We are hosting an event on Friday 23 March that will get us pedaling and scooting our way to SCG!



Ride 2 School for Years F-9 aims to maximise the number of students and families who choose an alternative to car travel to commute to school as well as providing an opportunity for students to partake in an inclusive House event.

Points will be awarded for each student who:

- Rides their bike or scooter to school to their allocated House gate,
- Rides or scoots safely wearing a helmet,
- Wears a House Colour t-shirt with their PE uniform on the day.

Detailed information about safety measures to be taken in preparation for this, as well as secure storage of bikes and scooters have been communicated to families earlier this week.

We look forward to all F-9 students and families actively taking part in this activity. Happy huffing and puffing!



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## Coles Vouchers

Thank you to the many families who have generously been collecting Coles Sports for School vouchers. Vouchers can be earned at all Coles stores, Coles Online and Coles Express until 3 April 2018. However, end of term is Thursday 28 March; so please ensure every voucher you earn is sent in to our School Reception by this date so that we can maximise our chance to collect as much sports equipment as possible!



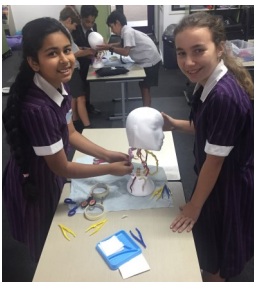
## Safety

Parents and Carers are encouraged to use the Coles car park on Gourlay Road for adequate parking, ease of access and a healthy attitude to road use for all. A reminder to all Parents/Carers and drivers of cars: SCG Car Parks are reserved for Staff. Please take care when travelling around our school's proximity – student safety is important and we must be reminded of the **legal 40km/h speed zone in and around schools.**



## GATEways

This week Southern Cross Grammar was proud to host the first G.A.T.E.WAYS workshops for 2018. The theme was 'Eureka' – which involved a variety of exciting Science topics.



Year 4, 5 and 6 students enjoyed the 'Staying Alive' workshop which was all about genetics, the 'I'm Going to Live Forever' workshop which focused on extending the lives of humans and the 'Just One Look' workshop which explored how our brains can change the perception of what we see. Some of the student's favourite activities included performing a head transplant, 3D printing an ear, experimenting with optical illusions and genetically modifying a woolly mammoth!



The Year 1, 2 and 3 students similarly enjoyed their workshops the following day. They participated in 'Our Living Earth' which looked at the science of natural disasters, 'Let's Catch That Breath' which focused on the human's respiratory system and 'Bugs Alive' which explored whether insects were in fact friends or foe. A highlight for the day had to be the demonstration of a tornado which was made out of smoke!



## PFA News

### Let's go to the movies!

The SCG PFA is delighted to bring you two private screenings at Hoyts Watergardens as a fundraising event for our school community.

Tickets are available for \$20.00 each or a Family Ticket for \$70.00 (2 Adults & 2 Children). You can also pre order popcorn and drink combos at a special price.

**Peter Rabbit**—Celebrate the end of term one with an Egg Hunt & a viewing of Peter Rabbit: Join us on **March 25** at 10am. Follow this link for tickets to Peter Rabbit: <https://www.trybooking.com/362210>

**Avengers: Infinity War**—This **release day** private viewing will be held on **April 25** (Anzac Day) at 4.30pm. Follow this link for tickets to Avengers: <https://www.trybooking.com/362444>

Siblings and family members are welcome but tickets are strictly limited to 97 per session so hurry as we anticipate these will sell out quickly! We look forward to seeing you there!

## SCG Colour Run - Friday 11 May 2018

### Ponsford Oval, Southern Cross Grammar

After the amazing time had by all at the event last year, be sure to mark this year's event in your Calendar NOW! More details to follow shortly.

## Board Nominations and Annual General Meeting

The School Company Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held early in Term 2.

Company members will, in the coming weeks, be asked to nominate other company members to stand for positions on the School Board. When required elections are held at the AGM with only company members eligible to vote on these important appointments.

Company membership application forms are available from the School Reception located in the Junior School as well as online on the school's website [www.scg.vic.edu.au](http://www.scg.vic.edu.au) by navigating to Information \ About Us \ School Board.