



Mr Andrew Ponsford
Principal

Creative and Performing Arts Showcase

Approximately 150 students from Years F - Year 9 will participate in the Performing Arts Showcase tonight. A further 150 students from F - Year 12 will have their visual efforts on display.

This represents one of the biggest single displays of creative work and talent we have undertaken in our history. To make this happen is no mean feat.

I warmly commend the combined efforts of our Learning Leaders, Ms Cynthia Drossinis (Creative Arts), Mr Robert Graham (Music and Performing Arts), Ms Samantha Calvert (Strings), and of course the efforts of their respective teams, to undertake such an ambitious project.

Other staff worthy of mention include Ms Kylie Lidgerwood (Junior and Middle School Art Teacher), Ms Judith Gowdy, (Year 5 Art Teacher), Mr Lincoln Busby (Media Teacher), Ms Bridgette Dias (Strings), Mr Alex Espinosa (Music Teacher), Mr Paolo Familiar (Music Teacher), Ms Vivien Lee (Piano), Mr Trevor McQuade (Guitar), Ms Patricia McPike (Voice), Mr Adrian Perger (Brass), Ms Genevieve Sathiasseelan (Music Teacher) and Ms Jacqueline Wong (Woodwind).

This says much about the enthusiasm of these staff and their passion for their areas of learning. The other noteworthy aspect is the efforts of 'others' in support of this initiative— Ms Romina Pimpini, Ms Janis Coffey, and Ms Louisa Rennie.

Music success at the Royal South Street Eisteddfod

Special congratulations to the following highly talented students on their outstanding success last weekend at this prestigious and keenly-contested event.

In the 11 Years and Under competition, Sienna Gauci won second place, Alexander Fu won third place, Gabriel Hyde received an Honourable Mention, and Lana Sapcanin (all four pictured above) was Highly Commended. In the 13 Years and Under competition, Dan Mai won first place, Lana Sapcanin won second place, Liam Gauci and Kiko Urgel received Honourable Mentions, and Elisa Vigniuoli and Sienna Gauci were Highly Commended. In the 15 Years and Under competition, Dan Mai won third place.

In the Royal South Street Singing Competition held in Ballarat, Janaki Easwar won first place in the Contemporary Ballad competition, and second place in the TV/Movie Solo competition.

Congratulations and best wishes

I would like to make special mention this week of the rare talent of one of our Year 8 students — Elena Micic. Her approach to school life is as impressive as her tennis games. Elena's humility, dedication and ability to manage competing interests all set her apart. She is to be admired and respected for the way she goes about the business of day-to-day life with a positive and no-nonsense approach. After Elena competed in New Zealand earlier this year, the International Tennis Federation ranked her 1401 in the world for Under 18 Girls. She has competed in China and Fiji so far this year, and will be playing in the 14 and Under Nationals at the end of September.

Mrs Julie Baud
Deputy Principal
Head of Teaching and Learning (F-12)

NAPLAN Results and Term 3 Progress Reports

NAPLAN results have now been received by the school, and will be packaged with the Term 3 Progress Reports that will be available for collection from the Junior School Hub from



3.00pm on Friday 14 September—the last day of Term 3. Families of Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students have been notified about these NAPLAN results via email today. The NAPLAN results provide a snapshot of where each student was in his/her learning at the time the tests were completed.

This data is valuable in that it can be used to support and inform our Teaching and Learning programs and in turn improve student achievement.

These results, along with other test data, therefore provide valuable input to our curriculum and are an addition to our own school feedback.

Trial Exams

Trial Exams have been scheduled for the third week of the upcoming holiday break, from Monday 1 October – Thursday 4 October.

All students enrolled in Unit 3/4 subjects are to attend and thoroughly prepare for these exams.

They are a vital part of the preparation process for the final November VCAA exams, and will provide valuable feedback for staff and students as to where our students are at in their preparation.

All exams will be held in the VCE Centre. VCAA Exam Supervisors will be facilitating these exams, so they will be run exactly as if they are VCAA exams.

The Unit 3/4 teachers will inform their students what they can and cannot take into the exam room, and will also provide advice around their preparation.

Unit 3 / 4 Trial Exam Timetable		
Day / Date	Session 1 - 9.00am - 11:15am	Session 2 - 2.00pm - 4:15pm
Monday 1 October	English (9.00am-12:15pm) Literature (9.00am-12.15pm)	Further Maths 1 (2.00pm-3:45pm) Maths Methods 1 (2.00pm-3:15pm)

Tuesday 2 October	Accounting Media Physical Education Computing	Physics Psychology VET Sport and Rec
Wednesday 3 October	Further Maths 2 (9.00am-10:45am) Maths Methods 2 (9.00am-11:15am)	Business Management
Thursday 4 October	Biology Chemistry VET Music	Health and Human Development

Ms Louisa Rennie
Deputy Principal
Head of Senior School (10-12)

Spotlight on Kate Vukoja



Kate joined SCG in 2016 as a Year 10 student.

Her highlight during her time at SCG has been the Year 12 retreat as it gave her a chance to connect with her peers.

Kate has really enjoyed Psychology and Health and Human Development this year, she studies best when stress is at a minimum and she is organised.

One of the main challenges she faces in Year 12 is maintaining a steady and consistent work pace so that the amount of work does not become too much.

At the end of Year 12, Kate is planning to study a Bachelor of Nursing at Australian Catholic University, in the hope to one day become a Nurse Practitioner.



In the new few weeks, Kate plans to draw on her teacher's knowledge and experience, as well as complete as many practice exams and revise as much as she can to help her achieve the best result possible for her VCE exams.

She has enjoyed her time at SCG and is excited to see what the future holds.

Kate has worked very hard since her arrival at our school and should be proud of her work ethic.

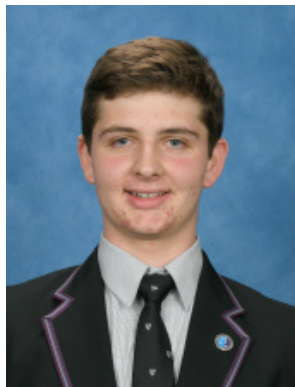
Spotlight on Vincent Muneretto

Vincent joined Southern Cross Grammar at the beginning of this year as a Year 12 student.

His biggest highlight was the Year 12 retreat, as it gave him the chance to meet all his new classmates and have some time to relax before entering the stress of Year 12.

Vincent's favourite subjects include Physics, Health and Human Development and Physical Education. He says he is a visual learner and likes to see things mapped out or explained with images and figures.

The biggest challenge for Vincent this year was having to move interstate and adapt to a new school program, while continuing to connect and meet new people.



His plans at the end of Year 12 are to get a job, go to university and do some travelling.

Vincent plans to study a biomedical and exercise degree at Victoria University in the hope of becoming a physiotherapist.

He has described the months ahead as 'nerveracking' and 'exciting'.

Vincent is very nervous about not doing well in his exams, but is very excited to finish school and experience life outside of a school environment. He feels confident that everything will be fine and believes that an ATAR does not define a person,

however, he is still striving to achieve the best ATAR possible. Vincent is thankful to SCG for making him feel welcome, and wishes all his classmates the best of luck for the future.

It is admirable to see Vincent working hard to achieve his goals after settling in so quickly.

Acknowledging Mrs Atal Carreon

Last month, Mrs Atal Carreon was asked to work with pre-service Chemistry teachers completing their fourth-year Bachelor of Education Honours degree at Monash University in Clayton.

They discussed the development of curriculum documents, using evidence-based data to shape student learning and teacher professional development. Mrs Carreon shared her daily routines with the pre-service teachers and described this as a unique opportunity to pass on her expertise to others.

'I was able to reflect not only on the learning of my own students but on my own learning as an educator. I believe that it is important for us as teachers to be lifelong learners, continually assessing our pedagogical content, values and teaching philosophy. I am fortunate to be in a school setting that fosters growth in these areas. I am thankful for Monash University and Southern Cross Grammar for giving me the opportunity to explore these aspects of my professional development.'

Congratulations to Mrs Carreon on being recognised as someone who is willing and able to share her skills and practical knowledge with emerging teachers.

Senior School Father's Day Breakfast (see also page 5)

With great delight, we welcomed forty Senior School dads, uncles and grandfathers to our Father's Day Breakfast.

Senior School students prepared coffee, tea and bacon and egg rolls for their dads, and it was a time for many of our dads to meet one another for the first time.

We are very grateful for the support that you have shown us through your attendance.



Ms Romina Pimpini Head of Junior School (F-4)

Recently in the Junior School, we have been celebrating fathers and male role models, as well as our community links with the PFA. The idea of 'success' is shown in many ways, particularly beyond the classroom.

Our Father's Day Stall hosted by our PFA could not have been as successful as it was if it had not been for the strong sense of team and collective responsibility shared amongst students at SCG.

Buddies helped each other make 'cool' purchases for fathers or important males in the lives of our youngest learners, making it a positive shopping experience for all. Thank you to our PFA volunteers — without you and your stall, these real-life experiences would be limited.

Looking beyond the classroom, one of our Year 4 students, Janaki Easwar, took part in the Royal South Street Singing Competition in August, which was held in Ballarat. She won first place in the Contemporary Ballad competition singing 'Hallelujah', and second place in the TV/Movie Solo competition performing 'Reflections'. There were forty-two contestants in her age group, so it was a fantastic achievement. Congratulations, Janaki!

Another Year 4 student, Yi-Jen Hsu (pictured above), has been selected for the 2018 Victorian Junior State Team in Table Tennis.

She will be competing in Queensland later in the year and we wish her all the best.

Yi-Jen showed determination and self-belief at the recent State trials for Table Tennis, and will now represent Victoria at the national level.

Whether in the classroom or beyond, we look forward to a strong finish for term from all of our Junior School students.

Next week we will celebrate our Year 1 Dinner, our Year 2 Sleepover and the End of Term Assembly on Friday afternoon.

Smiling Mind App

In our busy days, it is important to take a moment to breathe, and reset ourselves.

Recently we have been practising this with students in classes, and they are getting much better at it. This app is free and easy to use. Students may even use it as part of their bedtime routine, regardless of their age.



Senior School Father's Day Breakfast



Antonio and his father Frank attending the Breakfast

Michael Pell Head of Sport (7-12)

On Friday 31 August, twenty-four students from Year 7 to Year 12 competed in the Maribyrnong Division Athletics Carnival at the Keilor Park Athletics track. Despite the wet and cold conditions, the students gave great performances and achieved fantastic results.

Congratulations to all the students!

In 12/13 Year Girls, Tayla Aykutlu won 2nd place in the 100m and the 200m, and Kristine Marasigan won 1st place in the long jump.

In 12/13 Year Boys, Christopher Yangco won 3rd place in the 100m, 200m and the high jump.

In 15 Year Girls, Kayla Jones won 1st place in the 3000m, Olivia Malek-Jeffs won 1st place in the discus and 2nd place in the shotput, and Jessica Harbour won 3rd place in the long jump.

In 15 Year Boys, Flynn Coakley won 2nd place in the 100m and the high jump, and 3rd place in the 200m and the shotput.

In 16 Year Girls, Tahlia Balliet won 2nd place in the 100m, and Grace Muneretto won 1st place in the discus and 2nd place in

the shotput. In 16 Year Boys, Pavaan Parekh won 1st place in the high jump and 2nd place in the 200m, and Nguyen Quach won 1st place in the shotput.

In 17 Year Girls, Tahlia Balliet, Tijjani Rees-Farrugia, Kacey Mercieca and Grace Muneretto won 2nd place in the 4 x 100m relay.

Dina Lira Learning Resource Centre

MS Readathon

The MS Readathon has now finished. Congratulations to the students who have completed the month of reading and raising money.

Students can bring in the money raised and their reading lists (they are not already online) to me in the Junior School LRC as soon as possible.

Playground

Please take care on the playground at school, especially during pick-up and drop-off times each day.

Supervision of younger siblings is the responsibility of parents and carers, as yard duty prioritises safe arrival and departure around the school grounds.

Your support in this matter is much appreciated, for the safety of all children in our school community.

Parking

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 and carers, and to drivers of cars, that School car parks are reserved for staff.

Please take care when travelling around our school's proximity, as student safety is important and we must be reminded of the legal 40km/h speed zone in and around schools.