



Mr Andrew Ponsford
Principal

Remembrance Day 2018

It has been one hundred years since the signing of the Armistice, which ended World War One—a truly significant Remembrance Day for Australia.

Tomorrow SCG will hold a Remembrance Day ceremony, in recognition and memory of those men and women who have served. On Sunday, a small group of our students will also attend the Caroline Springs RSL Sub-Branch's Remembrance Day service at Woodlea Estate.

Year 3 and 4 Nillahcootie campers

Our Year 3 and Year 4 students are currently exploring and having fun at the beautiful Lake Nillahcootie (see right), on the Broken River in north-eastern Victoria. They are experiencing the true great outdoors—rock climbing, canoeing, doing archery and building huts.

Camps such as this provide valuable opportunities for our Junior School students to enjoy themselves, learn new skills and develop as brave, independent and capable individuals. Best wishes to the students of Year 3 and 4 in their adventures!

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

Year 11 and 12 students continued their VCAA exams during the School's mid-term break with two exams held on Monday, after some had already completed two or three last week.

Generally they have been happy with their efforts afterwards, with a couple of these exams apparently very difficult. Let's hope their hard work pays off as it has been a challenging time for all of them. We wish them all the best for their remaining exams.

Families are reminded that when these exams are in progress, it will be necessary to be quiet when entering and exiting the school through the gate near the VCE Centre. Large clearly-labelled signs will provide details around this and extra staff will be on duty, particularly when there is a late exam (3.00 pm - 5.15 pm) that cuts across school dismissal time.

Year 10 - 11 Exams

The Year 10 and 11 exams commenced today in the VCE Centre and continue until the end of next week. On arrival at school, Year 10 students and Year 11 students should sign in at Reception in the Junior School and move to room B109 until called through to the exam room.

The Year 7 - 9 exams are in Week 7 from Wednesday 21 November to Friday 23 November and are compulsory for all students.

The Year 7 - 9 and Year 10 - 11 Exam Timetables have once again been included in this newsletter so families can have a clear understanding as to when exams have been scheduled.

Teachers will assist Middle School students with the preparation for exams during classes, but parents are also encouraged to provide support at home. This can be done in a number of ways. For example, by ensuring students have a quiet space to work, plenty of sleep, a healthy diet, regular meals, exercise and a homework and study routine.



Remembrance Day 2018

As a school we will observe Remembrance Day together on Friday 9 November at 8:45 am.

You may also wish to join members of the SCG community to pay your respects at the Caroline Springs RSL Sub-Branch service to be held at Woodlea on 11 November, beginning at 10:30 am.



Ms Louisa Rennie

Head of Senior School (10 – 12)

Year 10 – 12 Presentation Evening

All students from Year 10 - 12 will join together on Thursday 22 November for the SCG Senior School End of Year Presentation Evening.

As this is considered part of our core program, all students are expected to attend. Up to four guests per student are warmly invited to attend the evening and share in the celebration of the 2018 school year.

The evening will be celebrated at the Moonee Valley Racecourse and formalities will commence promptly at 6:00pm.

As a result, we ask that families arrive no later than 5.45pm, in order to be seated prior to the scheduled commencement time.

Students will be seated with their peers, while parents, family members and guests will be seated centrally to enjoy the evening.

The Senior School event will be held in The Meeting Place, a function room on the first floor. The room will be well signposted and SCG staff will also be there to welcome you.

Access to the venue is via McPherson Street and parking is available at no cost, in the member's parking area.

Students will need to wear their formal summer uniform, including blazers, which are compulsory for all students. To ensure consistency of appearance and comfort during the evening, it is requested that jumpers are left at home. Male students are required to wear their short sleeve shirt, tie and shorts with their shirts tucked in and their top button done up.

We look forward to your attendance, should you have any questions regarding the event, please direct them to your child's Homeroom Teacher.

Work Experience

Our exam period is progressing well and we are proud of the way our students are approaching their exams. As you know, once exams come to an end, our students will commence a week of Work Experience.

Students may not secure placement in their chosen profession, if they indeed have a clear path to pursue, rather, Work Experience Week, is a time to sample career options, build confidence in one's capacity, develop life experience, extend one's professional network and exercise skills that are being developed through school.

Research highlights the need for students to develop myriad skills that are necessary and will be increasingly so, in the workplace.

Work Experience complements our curriculum by encouraging our students to rehearse the attributes, or soft skills that will assist them to develop as well rounded global citizens, ready to contribute to and lead future generations in work and life.

Some of the benefits of a quality Work Experience program include the development of employability skills, more realistic expectations of work, better decision making about study and career options, and increased employment, apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities.

Our Senior School staff are preparing to visit students while they are on their work placement and look forward to receiving positive feedback about the way our students are approaching the opportunity and representing our school.

Thank you to Mr Paolo Familiar, Careers Coordinator for his leadership of this program.

2019 Year 10 – 12 Program

Following Work Experience, our students return to school to commence the 2019 Learning program.

The seven-day program is an important time for all students in the Senior school to experience what lays ahead in their next year of schooling.

All students are expected to be in attendance. The program commences on Monday 26 November at 8:30 am in the VCE Centre.

It will also allow us to welcome new students to the SCG Senior School and all students will receive important information about preparatory work they can be doing during the December – January break.

The program concludes on Tuesday 4 December at 3:05 pm.



Ms Janis Coffey
Head of Middle School (5 – 9)

Revising for Exams

Students in Middle School in Years 7 – 9 are now preparing for their upcoming Exam period in Week 7.

So, the question on many students and parents' minds at the moment is: what's the best way to prepare for exams?

Should students listen to music or not listen to music? Do flash cards make a difference? Well, here are a few tips to get focused, stay on track and perform at your best.

1. If you do listen to music, make sure it is something that is in the background. Music can be helpful when you are studying but not if you are singing along to Eminem and getting distracted by a power ballad.
2. Arm yourself with healthy snacks. If you know that you get distracted and wander off into the kitchen for something to eat, make sure when you sit down to study that you have some blueberries, nuts or cheese to munch on while you work.
3. Pick a good location. Choose a specific space for your studying so that you are not tempted to go off track. Sometimes studying on your bed or in the kitchen where there's lots of activity can distract you too easily.
4. Write things down! Looking over your notes is a start but re-writing key points, making flash cards or making summaries of units assists with memory retention. Research shows that writing information down helps us remember better. Writing notes, rather than typing them on a device, leads to better quality learning.
5. Take short breaks. If you feel yourself losing focus after 30 - 40 minutes of intense study, you are better off stopping, stretching, and taking a walk. Your brain needs time to recharge and refuel in order to concentrate again for a length of time. Good luck!

Humanities comes to life at SCG

By Ms Filonenko, Ms Mou and Ms Oldham-Jones

Over the past four weeks, all Year 9 Humanities classes have been

learning about the causes of World War 1 and the effects of the war from the Australian perspective. We have visited the trenches of Gallipoli, the Western Front and decided rather than learn about trench warfare from the classroom, we would engage in our own game of warfare.

Therefore, on Tuesday 30 October, all classes were transported back in time to 1917 on the Western Front to conduct a game of Trench Warfare.

At 10 am, a small German military troupe were holding one of the last villages on the French/German border (the Junior School side of the Ponsford Oval).

They had received word that the Allies were coming.

Then soon after the Germans were being bombarded (with water bombs) by the Allies front line.

The whistle blew and Commander-in-Chief, Ms Filonenko, called up her second line.

She instructed the front line to begin crawling toward the German stronghold (behind some wheelie bins and a few gymnastic mats).

After two minutes the whistle blew and again the Allies advanced their attack, there were bombs flying everywhere.

The Germans, led by Ms Mou, called for reinforcements. However, the Allies brought in a third line of attack and pushed forward towards the town, it was raining bombs.

Students were immersed in battle for half an hour until the Germans conceded defeat (In reality, when the Foundation students arrived for recess).

Needless to say, the students were dripping wet but well-versed in the strategic advantages and disadvantages of trench warfare.

James (Year 9) reflected on this experience below:

'Overall, we feel this experience was beneficial and gave us an insight of fighting in the war in honour of our nation. This event was well organised and we took out a lot of knowledge out of this "game".

Everyone participated well and was engaging to all. We should definitely continue this game for all the years to come.'



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

Last Friday we held our annual Colour Explosion event.

The wind may have been blowing, the showers appeared, then arrived an army of PFA volunteers.

The skies cleared and everyone braved the wild winds to take to the Ponsford Oval and be covered with explosions of colour!

We had bric-a-brac community stalls in the JS Hub and Year 9 students did a great job with their Milkshake Stall.

All the while, we were entertained by DJ Antonio (Year 11) who was beating out some great tunes to keep the atmosphere electric!

The PFA would like to extend its gratitude to everyone that fund-raised and took part in our School Colour Explosion.

Initial forecast indicates just over \$5,000 was raised—a sensational effort!

Hayley and Madalyn got into the swing of things at our Colour Explosion with face painting at our community stalls (below).



F - 2 students were first to take off in this year's Colour Explosion at SCG (opposite above).

Students, parents and volunteers helped make SCG colourful last Friday afternoon (opposite below).



The PFA would also like to give a special thanks to all of the parents and students that volunteered to bring the day together from setting up activity stalls, cooking sausages, coordinating book and toy stalls, smothering SCG students in colour, and of course, delivering race logistics!

Thank you to the local businesses that supported the event—we hope you consider them when you next shop locally: Telstra Business Centre Essendon, Telstra Store Watergardens, Camp Australia, Bunnings, Fernwood Fitness Taylors Lakes, Rebel, One to One Printing and Simply Orthodontics.

Please be advised of the following important dates & actions for prizes:

- Fundraising will close on 8 November.
- Order your prizes by 12 November.
- The PFA anticipate delivery of prizes by the end of the school term.



Year 10 – 11 Exam Timetable Term 4 2018

Monday 5/11	Tuesday 6/11	Wednesday 7/11	Thursday 8/11	Friday 9/11
SCG Holiday	Melbourne Cup	10/11 Exam Prep Day	10/11 Exams	10/11 Exams
VCAA Unit 3/4 Exams 9.00 am - 10.45 am: Further Maths 2 3.00 pm - 5.15 pm: Business Management	Public Holiday	No Year 10/11 Exams VCAA Unit 3/4 Exams 9.00 am - 10.15 am: Maths Methods 1	8.30 am - 10.45 am: 10 Humanities Rms C102, C103, C104 12.15 pm - 2.30 pm: 1/2 Physics 1/2 Visual Comm Design Rm C201 VCAA Unit 3/4 Exams: 11.45 am - 2.00 pm: Health & HD 3.00 pm - 5.15 pm Maths Methods 2	8.30 am - 10.45 am: 1/2 Business Management 1/2 Media 1/2 VET Music 1/2 Music Performance (Kasey Mercieca: 1/2 Maths Methods Exam 1) Rm C102, C103 12.15 pm - 2.30 pm: 10 Gen Science Rm C201 10 Digital Technologies Rm C202 VCAA Unit 3/4 Exams: 11.45 am - 2.00 pm Physical Education 3.00 pm - 5.15 pm Accounting
Monday 12/11	Tuesday 13/11	Wednesday 14/11	Thursday 15/11	Friday 16/11
10/11 Exams	10/11 Exams	10/11 Exams	10/11 Exams	10/11 Exams
8.30 am - 10.45 am: 10 General Maths 10 Maths Methods 1/2 General Maths 1/2 Maths Methods Exam 1 (8.30 am - 9.45 am) Rms C102, C103, C104 12.15 pm - 2.30 pm: 10 Visual Comm Design 1/2 Psychology Rm C201 VCAA: 11.45 am - 2.00 pm Literature	*10.00 am: Presentation Evening Rehearsal (all Year 10 & 11 students) 12.15 pm - 2.30 pm: 10 English 1/2 English 1/2 Literature Rms C102, C103, C104 VCAA: 9.00 am - 11.45 am Chemistry	8.30 am - 10.45 am: 1/2 Legal Studies Rm C201 1/2 Art 12.15 pm - 2.30 pm: 10 Introductory Physics 10 Introductory Psychology 10 Literature 1/2 Maths Methods Exam 2 Rms C102, C103 VCAA: 9.00 am - 11.45 am Physics	8.30 am - 10.45 am: 10 Introductory Chemistry 10 Legal Studies/Politics 1/2 Chemistry 1/2 Computing 1/2 Drama 1/2 Physical Education Rms C102, 103 12.15 pm - 2.30 pm: 1/2 History (Liam Giacci; 1/2 Maths Methods Exam 2) Rms C102, C103 No VCAA Exams	8.30 am - 10.45 am: 1/2 Health & Human Development Rm C201 12.15 pm - 2.30 pm: 1/2 Biology Rm C102, C103 VCAA: 9.00 am - 10.45 am VET Sport & Recreation VET Music – Sound Production 3.00 pm - 5.15 pm Computing - Informatics

Other VCAA Unit 3/4 Exams Scheduled Before and After SCG Year 10/11 Exams

Wednesday 31/10	Thursday 1/11	Friday 2/11	Monday 19/11	Tuesday 20/11	Wednesday 21/11
9.00 am - 12.15 pm: English	9.00 am - 11.45 am: Psychology	9.00 am - 11.45 am: Biology 2.00 pm - 3.45 pm: Further Maths 1	3.00 pm - 5.15 pm: Media	No VCAA Exams	3.00 pm - 5.15 pm: Chinese

