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Embroidery arrangements for blazers

As mentioned previously, special arrangements are in place with Noone Imagewear for the progressive replacement of the SCG Blazer pocket over the next six months.

Year 3 students will, from 2019, wear a blazer featuring the new logo. Similarly, new students (Years 4 - 12, 2019) will also wear a blazer featuring the new logo.

Current students (Years 4 - 12, 2019) will have their pockets (and new and existing embroidery) progressively updated, at the School's expense, in the following manner:

- Those requiring embroidery for 2018 awards and Years 4, 5 and 6 2019 will be over the Christmas/New Year vacation.
 - Those requiring embroidery for 2019 Leadership positions and Year 7 and 8 2019 will be over the Term 1 holiday period (8 -18 April).
 - Years 9 and 10 2019 will be over the Term 2 holiday period (1-12 June). Year 11 and 12 2019, will be a voluntary activity, during the Term 2 holiday period (1-12 June).
1. Dry-clean the blazer and deliver it (in the plastic protective sleeve and with relevant instructions in the inside blazer pocket), to the Junior School Reception no later than Friday 7 December 2018 (final day of Term 4).
 2. If the blazer is not dry-cleaned, families will be charged the \$10.00 dry-cleaning fee.
 3. Any blazers not received by this time will need to be personally dropped off to Noone Imagewear in Niddrie and all costs incurred for embroidery and dry-cleaning will be the responsibility of the parent/carer. In addition to this, a \$25 single garment handling fee will apply.
 4. Blazers will be available for collection from Junior School Reception from 8.00am on the first day of the 2019 academic year—Thursday 31 January 2019.

Congratulations to swim stars

On 17 November, Aliviah Sleman (Year 5), Megan Scott (Year 5), Taylah Roberts (Year 5) and Elisa Vigniuoli (Year 4) (pictured left to right) completed their 3 and 5 km swimming certificates at Paul Sadler Swimland. Congratulations on a impressive achievement!



Please note: 2019 staffing information was issued to all families yesterday prior to today's Step-Up for F - 9.

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

Our students are to be commended on their many achievements this year—something that was highlighted during the recent Presentation Evenings. With awards presented to a small number of students, it is too easy to forget about the many others who have also excelled in different areas of school life. It is not possible to acknowledge them all, but it is important to recognise that our students have all grown in so many ways this year. It has been wonderful to observe. Let's hope this continues in 2019 as we continue to grow and develop as a learning community.

Reports

The staff have been very busy over the past few weeks preparing the Semester 2 reports and marking assessments and exam papers. The feedback on their students' achievements and growth has been very positive, with suggestions for future development also included. Details about the distribution of these reports will be included in next week's newsletter.

The 2019 Year 10 - 12 Introductory Program

The 2019 Year 10 - 12 students commenced their 2019 academic program on a positive note on Monday with a great deal of



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enthusiasm and spirit. These classes finish on Tuesday 4 December. Students will have holiday home learning to complete before they return at the start of the 2019 school year, but of course, a well-deserved break is also a necessary part of the upcoming Christmas holidays.

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

Thank you to the parents, family and students who attended our Senior School Presentation Evening last Thursday. The event was an opportunity to showcase the learning and talents of our students, thank our Senior School teachers, and celebrate the many successes and achievements of our students this year.

2019 Senior School Ambassador Program

Thank you very much to the many families who attended our Peru Expedition Information Evening on Tuesday evening. We were delighted to welcome so many students and families and to note the level of enthusiasm amongst the group. Students will meet on Monday at lunchtime to discuss the Ambassador Program, and in particular, fundraising. The expedition to Peru is one important factor in this Ambassador Program.

But there is more to the program than just the expedition itself. We seek to engage a group of our students who are interested, committed and inspired to build their leadership skills, exhibit pride in our school, work together to overcome challenges, reach out to others and make a lasting contribution to a Peruvian community, stick together when times get tough and really 'look out for each other'. Developing grit and resilience in the lead-up to the expedition will make the expedition even more worthwhile.

It is important that you understand that signing up to this program means you will need to commit to the team, regular meetings and working hard together and individually to raise the funds to support your travel. The commitment in the 2019 school year will need to be regular and ongoing across the whole year, and will include lunchtime and after-school meetings to:

- Develop cultural knowledge and understanding.
- Learn and practice Spanish.
- Increase fitness levels and develop stamina.
- Plan and execute regular group fundraising activities.

Students will work individually to raise their own funds, and this will be encouraged, but the group fundraising is critically important. What a life-changing experience this will be for our students! Working hard to raise the funds and achieve their goals will make the reward worth the effort! For insight into previous expeditions to Peru, please visit: www.twitter.com/campperu.

We look forward to seeing many students at the lunchtime fundraising meeting on Monday 3 December.

SCG Alumni Association



Left to right: Alicia, Muneib, Vincent, Kate and Tori

On Friday 23 November the first meeting of the Alumni Association was held. With six old scholars signed up to the Committee, their time was well spent appointing the team to lead the committee and then the conversation quickly turned to planning for their first reunion!

The Class of 2018 will reunite in June/July of 2019—a great opportunity for them to reconnect and enjoy each other's company, and reminisce about 'old times at SCG'.

Congratulations to:

- Vincent Muneretto (President)
- Kate Vukoja (Vice President)
- Muneib Rauf (Secretary)
- Alicia Ciacic (Treasurer)
- Tori Merrin (Committee Member)
- Phoebe Singh (Committee Member)

I am delighted to be working with this group and really looking forward to seeing them take the lead with the new SCG Alumni Association.



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

JS Celebration of Learning (Tuesday 4 December)

This is our annual event, as listed on the Term 4 Family Calendar—and is compulsory for all students. Arrangements and details have been emailed previously so that families can be best-prepared to maximise enjoyment of this evening. A suite of recognitions and awards will be included, such as Academic Excellence, Shooting Star and the announcement of our 2019 Junior School Captains. I look forward to your attendance as a member of the SCG Junior School family!

F – 9 Team Building Day (Thursday 6 December)

As we conclude the year, we have an opportunity to share a true cross-building set of activities on this day. All students in F – 9 will be involved in an array of activities in groups with new friends and across different year levels. Please note that: PE uniform will be required, including a hat for outdoor activity; there will be a PFA BBQ on-site for our enjoyment (meat and non-meat options); and there will be both indoor and outdoor activities to enhance the SCG community spirit.

Final Day of Term 4 (Friday 7 December)

This is a normal school day for all students F – 9. A final F – 9 Assembly will be held to reflect and celebrate the end of the year from 2:30 pm, with all students being dismissed at the conclusion of the regular school day. We hope this information assists in your family's preparation and commitment to our work together at SCG.

Mr Lincoln Busby
Year 9 Homeroom Teacher

School Production Candide

The story of Voltaire's Candide, as adapted in two hilarious hours by Southern Cross Grammar. Candide, the unlucky innocent, is led through a series of outlandish, side-splitting misadventures that span nine countries, in order to be reunited with his childhood love. Along his journey he encounters plane crashes, war, passion, riches beyond the comprehension of mortal man, revolution, slave traders, and monkeys—lots of monkeys. Throughout his escapades, he is forced to question his optimistic outlook: is life a cruel or kind

expedition? In the end, optimism and good prevail. Show Dates 2019: 10 May at 7.30 pm, 11 May at 2.00 pm Matinee, 17 May at 7.30 pm, 18 May at 7.30 pm. Tickets can be purchased from the following website: <https://bit.ly/candideproduction>

Mrs Dina Lira
Learning Resource Centre

Volunteers Morning Tea

Invitations have been sent out for the Volunteers Morning Tea which will be held on Monday 3rd December. Please RSVP to admin@scg.vic.edu.au by tomorrow (Friday 30 November) to confirm your attendance.

Learning Resource Centre

Last week of Term 4—keep those books coming in! Thanks to all students and staff for another great year in the LRC. Library sessions have now finished and all books are due back to the school. Overdue notices have gone out to all parents and students are also aware of what is overdue. Please look for lost books on the bookshelves at home, under the bed, or the couch. If it has a Southern Cross Grammar barcode or stamp on the book, it belongs to the school and we would appreciate it if you send it back as soon as possible. There are Book Return Boxes in the JS LRC or the MS Think Pad. Please contact Mrs Lira if you have concerns or queries.

Lost Property

If your child is missing items of clothing or other school items, please ask them to check the Lost Property shelf in the Junior School and Middle School (shown below) buildings.

