



**Mr Andrew Ponsford**  
**Principal**

I had the pleasure of attending opening night of Candide last Friday evening.

Voltaire's story is a complex classic which requires much of young actors who gave very faithful performances, true to the story and the many philosophical questions it presents on life.

There is still time to attend, with performances on Friday 17 May at 7.30pm and Saturday 18 May at 7.30pm.

Tickets are available [online](#)!

Well done indeed to the cast and crew;

- Harrison Andrews
- Liam Boesch
- Talia Chambers
- Damon Clark
- Natalia Collins
- Anish Davuluri
- Aditi Dhingra

- Ronan Ennis
- Basil Firea
- Matthew Fleming
- Sasha Gorman
- Tynan Grech
- Tanesha Grech
- Rishon Lucas
- Carmen Magro
- Udai Minhas
- Anushka Mudaliar
- Thomas Pham
- Gunnseerat Randhawa
- Pallavi Reddy
- Emily Sarris
- Zara Woollard





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

As we enter a busy assessment and reporting period, it is timely to remind families of the arrangements in place to provide further feedback on student learning for students and parent/carers. This semester, the reports will be emailed to families in the first week of the upcoming holidays. Hard copies will not be available for collection from the school.

Also, the grade scale below, similar to that used for Year 10-11, is once again being implemented for the calculation of end of semester scores for Years 7-9. The table below indicates the grade a student will be awarded for achieving each particular percentage. Year 7-9 students whose semester percentage is less than 50% for a subject will have an opportunity to re-submit or re-sit one major assessment task, or the exam, for that particular subject through negotiation with the teacher of that subject. If the mark in this task boosts the student's semester score to 50% or higher, the student will receive an "S" (Satisfactory) for the subject on the Semester 1 report instead of an "E" or "N" as well as a final percentage score. The initial percentage score for that particular assessment task will stand and will be included on the report.

Semester Grade	Semester Percentage
A+	90 – 100%
A	80 – 89%
B	70 – 79%
C	60 – 69%
D	50 – 59%
E	40 – 49%
UG	0 – 39% (Year 10-11)
N	0 – 39% (Year 7-9)
S	Satisfactory (Year 7-9)

It is anticipated this process will provide further opportunities for learning as students should develop a greater understanding of the work being assessed if given a second opportunity to revise the work and demonstrate their knowledge and skills. The other benefit is that Middle School students will become familiar with the language and processes that will become an important part of their senior years. As you are aware, for Year 10-12 subjects, students are asked to re-sit assessment tasks if they achieve less than 40% so they have the opportunity to achieve an "S" (Satisfactory), but the original mark stands.

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

**Senior School Formal and the Practice GAT Exam**

We are looking forward to sharing in the Senior School Formal celebrations with our students next week. Thank you to our Senior School SRC for the effort and enthusiasm you have put into preparing a wonderful Winter Wonderland evening! Creating milestones such as the Formal Dinner are important for the growth of our student community.

All students are expected to attend school on the morning of the Formal, and Unit 3/4 students will sit the practice GAT Exam from 9.30am – 1.00pm.

- 8.30am: roll call in homeroom
- 8.45am: Senior School students attend Period 1
- 9.30am: Unit 3/4 students sit the practice GAT, all other Senior School classes continue as per normal
- 1.00pm: all Senior School students are dismissed for the day
- 7.00pm: students arrive at the Luxor Convention Centre.

Thank you to all parents for your support of our schedule for next Friday. It is important that all students attend school in the morning and respect the privilege of an early departure, to allow them some time to prepare for their evening function.

**Thank you**

Grateful thanks to the many mums, aunts and grandmothers who joined us for our annual Mother's Day breakfast last Friday. It was wonderful to have so many of you in our company.

Thank you to Mrs Walsh, Mr Hedditch, Ms Gowdy, Mrs Radburn, Mr Graham and Mrs Vinski for your organisation of the morning.

Our Senior School SRC, musicians and music technicians led a fantastic assembly and introduced our guest speaker Mrs Joanne Camilleri, who shared some great advice for a successful future:

- Time is your most important asset
- Get a return out of what you spend time doing
- Nurture your mind, body and soul – you can't replace them
- You can have it all – just not all at once
- Hard work pays off
- Keep learning!



Her speech was warm, personal and encouraging and we are grateful for having the opportunity to hear of her career trajectory and the steps she took to achieve success.



**Mr Joseph Hedditch**  
**Assistant Head of Senior School (10-12)**

Last Wednesday 8 May, the Peru Ambassador Team ran a Sausage Sizzle during the Student Progress Interviews. They are excited to report that they raised \$371.00 toward their Peru effort. All team members are grateful to the SCG community for supporting them to achieve their goals. Their fundraising drive continues and they will be in touch soon about other ways you can support them. Well done to our Peru Ambassadors!

*Chloe Baillie, Chanelle Baldevia, Barath Baskaran, Paris Ekladious, Ronan Ennis, Taylah Erhart, Paris Lapsas, Joshua Macpherson, Kasey Mercieca, Andjela Micic, Grace Muneretto, Damien Razmovski, Maxine Shettigara*



**Ms Janis Coffey**  
**Head of Middle School (5 - 9)**

**Keep focus and manage distractions**

I know many students in the Middle School may be thinking about their upcoming exams later this term. Revising for exams and reviewing important content covered over the course of the semester has no doubt been a feature in some of the Student Progress Interviews over the last week. One of the strategies that I recommend to Middle School students is placing your phone or other technology, which can tend to be a distraction, in another room. Or, even better, give it to one of your parents! Set a time limit, such as 30 or 40 minutes of study, and then reward yourself with a few minutes on your phone or some other type of incentive. Knowing how your brain works, and that it craves rewards, can help you remain focused and manage your distractions.

**Dance Club**

Dance Club has been up and going for a few weeks now and Middle School students have been rockin' it! Dance Club is on every Wednesday after school from 3.15pm – 4.00pm. Don't forget to sign up on the Middle School Community Noticeboard. Come along and learn some new moves!



**Camp Information Afternoon Dates**

This is a reminder regarding the Information Afternoons for the Year 8 and Year 9 Camps taking place on the following dates, further details to follow:

- Year 8 Snow Camp: Thursday 23 May
- Year 9 China: Thursday 6 June
- Year 9 Broome: Monday 3 June
- Year 9 Melbourne/Tasmania: Tuesday 18 June



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

**Mother's Day Stall**

Last Friday, Junior School students shopped-till-they-dropped for their Mums and special ladies in their life at the annual PFA Mother's Day Stall. Our youngest students buddied-up with some help to make a purchase that would be a keep-sake or a creative item.



We would like to give a HUGE SHOUT-OUT to all the PFA volunteers who gave their time and energy to make the stall a special one. Also, our heart-felt thanks to the Senior School students for giving up some space to host the event – what a very special shopping trip it was!

**NAPLAN Champions**

Our Year 3 students began their NAPLAN testing this week – and they were very mature about the process.

As we know, NAPLAN is a snapshot of their learning, and, as they continue through the series of tests, there is something important they should know:

*These tests do not summarise all of what makes each of them exceptional and unique,  
They don't tell their teacher about all their awesomeness they see each week.*

*The people who score these tests don't know that some of our Year 3s love to draw,  
And they haven't seen their collection of impressive items on See-Saw.*

*They don't get to hear students' stories each Monday of what happened on the weekend,  
Nor do they see how much they help out their peers and SCG friends.  
For NAPLAN doesn't measure their efforts in Art, Sport or in the school yard,  
And it can't always tell us about things they find hard.*

*They do not know our students are caring, thoughtful and full of zest,  
Because these are qualities that we simply cannot measure in a test.  
The scores you get from NAPLAN will tell you how you did on that day,  
But they will not tell you everything or in what way.*

*NAPLAN is the longest series of tests for Year 3 by far,  
But they can't tell you how amazingly special you are!*

Well done to all of our Year 3s and a big thanks to Ms Busby & Ms Temuskos for their support and guidance throughout the year already.



**Athletics Carnival - Ready, Set, Let's GO!**

Get your House t-shirt ready and sports shorts on – we are going to Athletics, LET'S GO everyone!

Tuesday 28 May is the date for our Athletics Carnival for F-6 students. We look forward to students' participation at this compulsory event and the excitement we will share as we run, jump, throw and cheer loudly!

Details of the day and a call-out for parent helpers will be communicated very soon.

**Junior School Assembly - Friday 24 May at 8.45am**

Our next Junior School Assembly will be held on Friday of Week 5 in the Junior School Hub. We look forward to sharing this with parents/carers and family members.

**Collectors Unite!**



Earn & Learn is back at Woolworths supermarkets. Between now and 25 June, anyone who shops at Woolworths can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers.



Every \$10 of shopping will earn a sticker, as well as bonus sticker promotions each week.

Thanks to the many families who have already been adding to our collection at Reception. Keep filling those boxes!

This year we will be collecting stickers to expand our Junior STEM resources.

### Student Safety is important to us at SCG

To help us keep our students safe, we ask that ALL drivers:

- Obey speed limits in the vicinity of school
- DO NOT doublepark in Lancefield Drive or Becca Way
- Avoid school site driveways & car parks (students walk past here)
- Plan ahead for tim eto drop-off or pick-up



Safe use of our roads and parking will benefit everyone, especially our students.

### Ms Ally Richards Learning Area Leader

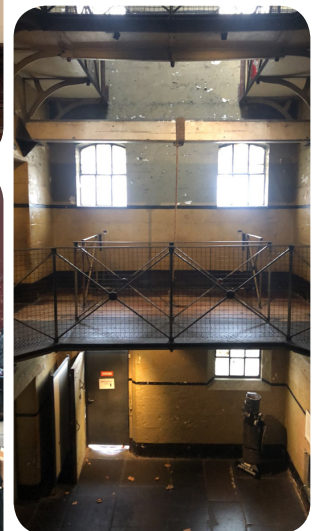
On Wednesday 15 May, the Year 10 Legal/Politics class went on an excursion to the Old Melbourne Gaol. Here, they were able to not only see their legal learning in action, but experience the history of Victoria's legal system. Starting in the original Melbourne Magistrates Court, students participated in a culpable driving courtroom scenario. Some students took on their roles exceptionally well!

The Old Magistrates Court sits on the site of the original Supreme Court of Victoria where Ned Kelly was sentenced to death by Judge Redmund Barry in 1880.

After this experience, students were taken on a tour through both the Old Police Watch House and the Old Melbourne Gaol itself. The City Watch House was where felons were brought to face justice whether arrested in the streets of Melbourne for minor misdemeanours or being brought before the court for significant crimes. The Watch House was built in 1909 and operated until 1994 and its original interior is complete in every way.

Built in the mid-1800s, the Old Melbourne Gaol dominated the Melbourne skyline as a symbol of authority. Inside the Gaol,

dangerous criminals were held alongside petty offenders, the homeless and the mentally ill. Between 1842 and its closure in 1929 the gaol was the scene of 133 hangings including Australia's most infamous citizen, the bushranger Ned Kelly. Students visited the Old Melbourne Gaol to find out what life was like for the men and women who lived and died here all those years ago.



### Mrs Judith Gowdy Vocational Education Co-ordinator

#### Year 10 Work Experience at Defence Science and Technology (DST)

DST are designing a work experience program for students at SCG. This program will be limited to 5-6 students only. To apply you must answer the Criteria Selection questions and return to Mrs Gowdy ([jgowdy@scg.vic.edu.au](mailto:jgowdy@scg.vic.edu.au)) by 30 May. (Selection Criteria can be



found on Schoolbox via the Careers page – scroll down to the Work Experience folder).

The DST site at Fisherman’s Bend (Port Melbourne) encompasses a range of science disciplines and activities, you will spend time in each department:

- Chemistry – analytical, organic, management of a quality system
- Biology – microbiology, immunology
- Radiology
- Engineering – focusing on aircraft, submarines and vessels
- Physical Ergonomics – soldier performance
- Cognition and Behaviour – soldier performance
- Computer science – modelling, information technology
- Work Health and Safety – e.g. ethics, managing chemicals in accordance with regulatory requirements, work place inspections, auditing

**Ms Kylie Lidgerwood**  
**Art Teacher (5-12)**

### Senior School Visual Arts

On 30 April, Year 10 Visual Art, Year 11 Studio Art and Year 12 Art students attended a Digital Art Making workshop at the National Gallery of Victoria. This was an opportunity for students to view a range of artworks from various art periods and disciplines. On the day students attended the Digital Art program directly linked to the key artworks, artists and ideas within NGV’s current exhibitions. Students participated in creating their own digital artworks during the session and learn’t a variety of new skills on the day.

**Mr Benjamin Hearn**  
**Junior School Art Teacher**

On Tuesday 14 May, both 4DG and 4DM had the opportunity to visit the Heide Museum of Modern Art in Bulleen.

With a wide array of exhibits to visit, the students were treated to works of art that sparked their thoughts towards biodiversity’s, renewable resources, and symbolism in place and displacement.

The wonderful guides at Heide introduced us to the works of Australian artists Patricia Piccinini, Isadora Vaughan, Albert Tucker, John Gollings and Mirka Mora, and helped us to visualise and recognise the ways in which the artists were using the materials and

spaces at the time to create such amazing works of art.

On the way home, many students shared their joy in the opportunity to have gotten to visit and how they had brand new ideas about how they could continue in the development of their own works of art.

Thank you to the amazing staff at Heide, and to the wonderful parent volunteers that assisted in the supervision.



**Ms Dina Lira**  
**Learning Resource Centre**

### Scholastic Book Fair – Week 6

With much excitement, we will be holding our Book Fair in week 6. The Junior School LRC will be transformed into a beachy, book oasis for one whole week.

Students will visit the fair during the day and will be able to buy books after school. All details will be sent home to families next week.





*We would love to have your help.*

In preparation for the Fair, we are looking for volunteers to help on the following dates 27 May to 31 May.

- Wednesday morning after drop off until 10.00am
- Monday – Thursday after school until 3.45pm
- Friday morning from 8.00am

If you can spare some time, even 30 minutes, during any of the above times and have a Working With Children Check; please email [library@scg.vic.edu.au](mailto:library@scg.vic.edu.au) as soon as possible to confirm your availability.

### Parents and Friends Association

A sincere thank you to all of the volunteers that gave their time to help set up, run and pack up the Mother's Day Stall last Friday, it was yet another great event in the school calendar. Students from the entire school were able to purchase some quality items with everyone walking away with a bargain! Anyone lucky enough to have received an umbrella as a gift, all profits from our purchases contributed to a total of \$2,238 being donated from the gift supplier to Buy A Bale-Drought Relief to support our Aussie farmers and rural communities throughout Australia.

We hope all the Mum's and special friends had a fabulous day on Sunday, enjoying their well thought out gifts and time with family.

### Upcoming Events



**Movie Fundraiser** - HOYTS Watergardens Sunday 23 June at 10.00am  
Tickets must be purchased in advance as there will be no sales at the venue.

You can purchase tickets as well as drink and food packages via the try booking link below

[Get your tickets here](#)

*Please note: parent/carers supervision is required at this event for each child who attends under the age of 13. It is not an SCG supervised excursion*

*Cyber Security Parent Workshop* - Tuesday 21 May at 7.00pm in the Junior School Hub

Parents are invited to attend with ALL of their Apple Products (iPad, iPhone, iPod etc) including devices used by children in their families for an information and practical workshop (more information to follow)

[Get your FREE tickets here](#)



### Reminders

*New 2 You Uniform Shop* will be closed until end of May, however, please contact us at [pfa@scg.vic.edu.au](mailto:pfa@scg.vic.edu.au) for any enquires on stock availability and we will contact you upon our re-opening.