



Mr Andrew Ponsford
Principal

As per the Community Announcement yesterday evening, our current Head of Middle School (5-9), Ms Janis Coffey has been appointed to the principalship of another Independent School located in the north-eastern region of metropolitan Melbourne and will depart Southern Cross Grammar at the end of this term.

Janis' enthusiasm and passion for a growth mindset among both students and staff, skill-sets which promote resilience and help build strong and healthy relationships, have all been key elements of the Middle School program that she has promoted during her time at Southern Cross Grammar.

This is a wonderful achievement for Janis as she fulfils a highly held, personal career ambition, even though we will be sad to see her depart. One of the key features of a success orientated environment is the capacity to build and grow the next generation of leaders – we want that for our students and we should also want that for our staff. We are therefore delighted for Janis and in doing so, also recognise and celebrate the talent and capacity of our staff.

The School will undertake a comprehensive recruitment process for the Head of Middle School (5-9) position and while this is undertaken, Mr David Wildsmith will serve as the Acting Head of Middle School (5-9) from the commencement of Term 3 2019.

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

Tomorrow morning the majority of our Year 11 and 12 students will complete a practice General Achievement Test (GAT) to help prepare them for the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) GAT scheduled for Wednesday 12 June. While the GAT results do not directly contribute to a student's ATAR, the results can play a very important role in determining the outcome of the final assessments. This practice exam is therefore an important opportunity for students to gain some insight into the type of questions they will need to answer.

The mid-year exam timetables for both Middle School and Years 10 and 11 are to be published in next week's Newsletter. As discussed with the students, exams for the 3/4 subjects will now take place on Thursday 11 July, Friday 12 July and Monday 15 July.

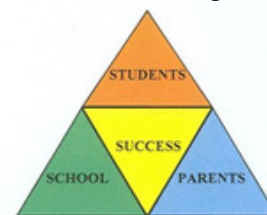
Students are currently being briefed about the exam week and their input is being sought over a number of issues so the schedule will be finalised very soon. I thank our VCE Coordinator, Ms Megan Unthank, for her work in this area. With the continued growth in the Senior School, it has become a more complex task to schedule all of these exams appropriately.

Semester 2 will commence in Week 9 (Monday 17 June) of this term, immediately after the conclusion of the exam week, so Year 11 and 12 subjects will commence Units 2 and 4. I remind families of our Senior School Attendance Policy (Page 18 of the 2019 Policy Handbook) that indicates students missing more than 20% of classes without the approval of the school may receive an "N" for that unit.' So despite being the end of term, attendance over these last two weeks will be important.

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

This week the PFA hosted a hands-on and engaging workshop for parents of Apple© products including iPads. It was wonderful to see a range of parents from Junior and Middle School in attendance with their devices in-hand.

Welcomed by our PFA Chair, Mrs Sarah Payton, a range of topics were introduced, discussed and shared amongst attendees.



In particular, we learnt about;

- Managing Apple IDs
- Family sharing
- Setting Parental Controls for devices
- Ways in which technology is used by children
- Parental advice about recommended screen time and parenting tools to help us at home.

Some of these resources may be found here:

- <https://austparents.edu.au/information-and-advice/digital-parenting/>



- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DMNyWXkry5c>
- <https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/play-media-technology/screen-time-healthy-screen-use/managing-screen-time-3-11-years#screen-time-management-strategies-nav-title>



A special thanks to our PFA volunteers in preparing information and sharing their expertise and time.

We would also like to thank Mr Chris Mitchell (IT Manager) for his technical advice and background support at SCG as our digital needs grow!



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 F- 6 Athletics Carnival to be held at the Melton Athletics track. This event is compulsory for all students so we look forward to everyone engaging in athletics events.

We look forward to students' participation and the excitement we will share as we run, jump, throw and cheer loudly!

Here's hoping some Mums and Dads might be able to spare an hour or two on the day to help with event marshalling. What a fun way to get involved with school! Please email Ms Moss if you are able to lend a helping hand tmoss@scg.vic.edu.au

See you trackside!

Junior School Assembly ~ Friday 24 May, 8.45am

Our Assembly this week will focus on events in the Junior School and help F - 4 students prepare for next weeks Athletics. We look forward to sharing this with parents/carers and family members.



Our sticker sheets are filling and more are still to come, We encourage our students to go shopping along with Dad or Mum. If you can collect these stickers and drop them off at school, We will buy some STEM equipment and make learning REALLY COOL!

Important Information for Adults and Drivers

To help us keep our students safe, we remind all drivers to obey road laws:

- Obey speed limits in the vicinity of school
- DO NOT double park in Lancefield Drive or Becca Way
- Avoid school driveways and car parks (students walk here!)



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

PFA News

Movie Fundraiser ~ HOYTS Watergardens

Sunday 23 June 10am

Join Buzz, Woody and your SCG friends in the next instalment in the Toy Story series. What might their adventures be?



★ LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE ★

Purchase tickets by 24 May to secure your seats.

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/carer supervision is required at this event for each child who attends under the age of 13. It is not an SCG supervised excursion

Mr Robert Graham Learning Area Leader - Music (F - 12)

Music Recitals

Music Recitals will be held on **Sunday 26 May** in the Junior School Learning Hub and will feature performances from students enrolled in Private Music Tuition at the school.

Recitals will run throughout the day and all members of the school community are welcome to attend. Please refer to the schedule below:

Time	Instrument	Staff
9:30am	Piano	Mrs Elizabeth Vincent
10:00am	Piano	Ms Vivien Lee
11:30am	Guitar, Drums, Brass and Woodwind	Mr Trevor McQuade Mr Adrian Perger Mr Rohan Laird
1:00pm	Voice	Mrs Patricia McPike
2:00pm	Strings	Miss Samantha Calvert Miss Bridgitte Dias

For further information about Music Recitals, or to enquire about the school's Private Music Program, email music@scg.vic.edu.au

Mr Michael Pell Head of Sport (7 - 12)

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the School Sports Victoria Maribyrnong Division Cross Country on Friday 17 May.

Chalice Harrison	2nd – 12/13 Girls
Kristine Marasigan	3rd- 12/13 Girls
Aleesha Doull	1st – 14 Girls
Jordan Shettigara	2nd – 14 Girls
Brandon Dimkovski	2nd – 14 Boys
Vasilios Prassinos	3rd – 15 Boys
Kayla Jones	1st – 16 Girls
Cristan Apostol	2nd – 17-20 Boys

They will progress to the next level of competition on Thursday 20 June at Brimbank Park, East Keilor.



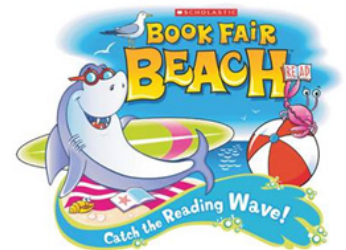
Mrs Dina Lira Learning Resource Centre

Scholastic Book Fair – Catch the reading wave!

The Book Fair is almost upon us here at Southern Cross Grammar!

The excitement is building and students are eagerly awaiting the chance to visit the Fair.

Students from Foundation to Year 6 will visit the Fair during the day with their class and the fair will be open to everyone from 3.10pm on Monday 27 May – Thursday 30 May.





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There will also be a LAST CHANCE opportunity to buy / visit the Fair on Friday 31 May from 8.00am.

All are welcome! Come along and support our school.



We are very excited to advise that students in Years 7-12 at Southern Cross Grammar now have access to a collection of eBooks and Audio books through Wheelers ePlatform.

This year we have purchased a Secondary School eBook and Audio book collection to ensure our students have access to a large collection of popular titles anytime, anywhere.

You can access eBooks or Audio books on your laptop, Apple or Android devices.

Simply [login](#) or download the app

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Password: scg123

Login in with your school email address and the passcode highlighted above, borrow a book and get reading or listening!

Don't hesitate to contact me on library@scg.vic.edu.au if you require assistance logging in.