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This time of the year is very much about 'exams' – but really the more important question here is about gauging progress against the personal goals we have set. This will of course vary for each individual.

On the topic, I take this opportunity to wish all students every success for meeting their goals over the next 7 school days.

Speaking of addressing a personal goal – special congratulations to Taylah Roberts of Year 6. It is an exciting achievement when one of our Middle School students reaches a goal, demonstrating that grit and perseverance pay off!

Last Saturday, Taylah swam 7km (280 laps) non-stop in well under 3 hours to complete her 7km certificate. By doing so Taylah became:

The first female, the youngest swimmer and only the 2nd ever swimmer to have swam 7km from Paul Sadler Parkwood Green.

Congratulations to Taylah on this significant achievement!





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

I wish our Year 10 and 11 students all the best for their mid-year exams that commenced today and remind families that Year 7-9 students will sit their exams next week on Tuesday 11 June and Wednesday 12 June. The exam schedules for both sections of the school are included in this newsletter.

During the exam period, Year 10 and 11 students are not required to be at school all of the time. They will be able to study at home and just come in to school for their exams and Unit 3/4 classes. Supervised Study rooms will be available for students who do want to

study at school during the exam period.

Students are reminded they need to sign in and out at Reception in the Junior School whenever they arrive and leave the school grounds during this time.

As previously indicated, the Unit 3/4 mid-year exams are now to be held at the end of the July holidays on Thursday 11 July, Friday 12 July and on Monday 15 July.

2020 Year 10-12 Information Night - Wednesday 19 June, 6:00pm

Ater exams, Semester 2 will commence in Week 9 and we will start planning for 2020. The Information Night for the 2020 Year 10-12 students is to be held on Wednesday 19 June from 6:00pm in rooms C102/C103/C104 in the VCE Centre. This is an important opportunity for parents/carers and students to learn about the courses on offer in 2020 and to ask teachers questions they may have about their subject areas. So, I encourage you to put this date in your diary and make it a priority to attend if you have any children in those year levels.



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

Teddy Bear's Picnic

"Last Wednesday 29 May, the Year 12 cohort spent the morning having a Teddy Bear's Picnic with students from Foundation! We were excited to bring our favourite teddy bears and a picnic blanket and introduce our bears to the Foundation students! Together we made Teddy Bear baskets so that we could go on a treasure hunt through the school grounds. The Foundation students were very industrious in their search, and willing to share the fruits of their treasure hunt with each other too! After the treasure hunt, we shared a delicious morning tea - fruit platters, teddy bear biscuits and mini muffins, followed by some fun on the playground. It meant a lot to us as Year 12's to spend time with the Foundations and build positive relationships with them – we remember when we started at school



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and how daunting this can be! We hope that they look up to us and feel comfortable to come up and talk to us too. We learnt that the Foundations are more mature than we thought and they are very curious. We hope they enjoyed the morning and that they will remember spending time with their Year 12 buddy when they are in Year 12 – there is something really special to be said about the oldest and youngest students of our school spending time with one another. It was a really fun morning and we all had an amazing time! Thank you to the Foundation teachers for taking time out of their day for this opportunity."

Njeab Zoghaib and Lauren Jones Year 12







Spotlight on Paris Laspas

Paris joined SCG in 2014 as a Year 7 student. The biggest highlight of her school journey has been conquering the many challenges that she has been presented with academically and socially. These experiences have taught her many valuable lessons, including developing the understanding that there must be a balance between her school/academic life and her social life in order to prevent herself from "burning out". Paris' favourite subject



has been English, as it has enabled her to develop and strengthen her writing skills, allowing her to develop a certain confidence that was not once associated with the subject.

Year 12 has been both a difficult and fulfilling experience and following the completion of her secondary education Paris hopes to pursue a career in the Animal Health sector. As her journey at Southern Cross Grammar comes to an end, Paris looks forward to the new challenges and experiences that she will be presented with.

Spotlight on Harrisen Andrews

Harrisen joined SCG in 2012 as a Year 5 student. His biggest highlight was not only the Year 9 Broome Camp and Year 12 Retreat but also the subject VET music. The camps gave him a chance to connect with his peers on a more personal level and to see how they work in a team, whereas VET music opened his eyes to the career path he wants to pursue. It is an area that he is particularly interested in and invested in. Harrisen is a hands-on



learner and once given instructions will execute them to the best of his ability. Some challenges he has faced are stress with the amount of homework and study needed to complete subjects with good scores- although it has been a rewarding experience it has been full of challenges. At the end of Year 12 Harrisen is planning to have a



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break and enjoy a stress-free environment! After that he hopes to go on to study at JMC Academy in an Audio Course and finish with a Bachelor in Sound Engineering, this will help him to follow his dream of becoming a Sound Engineer. Harrisen is focused on preparing for exams so that he can come through Year 12 with his head held high knowing he did his best.

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

Cognizance Program

The Year 9 students in Middle School have an exciting opportunity to participate in a Metacognition program led by educational neuroscientist, Dr Jared Cooney Horvath in cooperation with Independent Schools Victoria. In Term 3, the students will work directly with Dr Horvath at SCG in four 90min sessions focused on the science of the brain and how we learn. All parents are welcome to attend the Parent Information Session led by Dr Horvath.

Parent Info Session Thursday 25 July, 6:00pm – 7:30pm MS/SS Building

Please **RSVP** your attendance to <u>admin@scg.vic.edu.au</u> by Monday 22 July 2019.

Middle School Assessment Calendar

Middle School students now have the ability to view all of their assessment task and exam dates in their Schoolbox Calendar. When students log on to their Schoolbox account at http://schoolbox.scg.vic.edu.au and select the **DUE WORK** button on the top menu



Students will then be able to see all of the important assessment dates! This will help you create a study plan and co-ordinate your other activities.



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

Learning by doing has been the theme of our past week in the Junior School, complete with excursions, incursions and a picnic.

Year 2 CERES excursion

Aboriginal dreamtime stories and a focus on the environment were 2SM listened to dreamtime stories to better understand or environment and the land we live on in and around Melbourne.



2LH shared in ocre painting as they practised Aboriginal-style movement and dance at CERES Environmental Park.



Year 3 @ the Zoo ~ What type of hero are you?

Year 3s have just returned from the Zoo today where they investigated Australasian species to understand their features. This is linked to their recent learning an awareness of our environment, as well as how we can be stewards of our land and do our part for sustainability and become 'heroes' for animals and our environment.





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Year 4 - Mad About Science

4DG and 4DM had some Science success this week looking at forces including push, pull, air resistance and applying the theories of famous engineers and philosophers such as Gallileo and Aristotle.

Hands on learning has been so much fun for all our students



JS Assembly - Friday 14 June at 8:45am

Our next JS Assembly will be held on Friday of Week 8 in the JS Hub. We will hear from all year levels F-4 about their recent outings and learning. We look forward to sharing this with parents/carers and family members- and hope to see you there!

Collectors Unite!

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

We need to keep collecting...and there are only a couple of weeks to go! Thanks to the many students who have been delivering their stickers to the boxes at Reception.

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 and car parks (students walk past here)

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

Lost Property

Parents and students are reminded to check both the JS and MS lost property cabinets for any lost or misplaced items. There is an array of Tupperware containers, water bottles, items of clothing, books and diaries all eager to find their way back to their rightful owners.



Ms Taylor Moss Head of Sport (F - 6)

Divisional Cross Country - SCG Stars!

On Wednesday 5 June, four students from Southern Cross Grammar competed in the Division Cross Country Championships at Brimbank Park. The students all ran very smart races and tried their absolute best. Kiro Georges competed in the 9/10 year old boys category, Ashton Dessmann and Yi-Jen Hsu in the 11 year old girls category and Luca Spiteri in the 12/13 year old boys category.

The results for the day were:

- Kiro Georges 9th place
- Ashton Dessman 15th place (approximately)
- Yi-Jen Hsu 20th place (approximately)
- Luca Spiteri 12th place

Congratulations to Kiro and Luca for making it through to the Regional Championships on 20 June!





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Mr Ben Hearn Junior School Teacher

Year 3 Collaborative Art Piece

Over the past term, the Year 3 students have been working on recreations of 'The Great Wave' by Japanese Artist Katsushika Hokusai. Each student was required to develop individual layered designs first, focusing on the use of foreground, middle ground and background in the original artwork. Once finished, students from each of the Year 3 classes got to partake in a collaborative, mixed media, interpretation of the painting. The final piece resulting in a beautiful tiled effect that is made of a range of different medias and techniques.



Next PFA Meeting

Wednesday 19 June at 7:00pm in the JS Hub All parents welcome and encouraged to attend to find out more about upcoming events and be involved.

House Colour T-Shirts



Now available to purchase on My School Connect

Head to https://myschoolconnect.com.au and login (if already registered) or create an account. Click on the "My School Uniform" logo to order your child's house colour shirt.



Parents and Friends Association



Movie Fundraiser

HOYTS Watergardens Sunday 23 June at 10:00am
ATTENTION: Limited tickets available – DON'T MISS OUT!!
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. This is not an SCG supervised excursion



SEMESTER ONE EXAM SCHEDULE 2019 SENIOR SCHOOL EXAMS Y10-Y11

| | Thursday 6th June (Day 4) | Friday 7th June (Day 5) | Tuesday 11th June (Day 7) | Thursday 13th June (Day 9) |
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| <u>Session 1</u> 8.30am - 10.45am | Year 11 English Year 11 Literature Year 10 English | Year 11 Media Year 11 Legal Studies Year 10 Legal Studies | Year 11 Psychology Year 11 Specialist Maths (2) Year 11 Maths Methods (2) Year 10 Literature | Year 11 Health Year 11 Accounting Year 11 History |
| <u>Session 2</u> 11.45am - 1.30pm | Year 11 Physical Education Year 11 Studio Arts Year 11 Drama Year 11 Physics Year 11 Computing | Year 11 General Maths (1) Year 11 Chinese | Year 11 General Maths (2) | Year 11 Music Performance Year 11 Biology Year 11 VET Sport and Recreation |
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| Session 3 | Year 11 Business Management | Year 11 Maths Methods (1) Year 11 Specialist Maths (1) | Year 11 Chemistry | Year 11 VCD |
| 2.30pm - 4.15pm | Year 10 VCD Year 10 Art | Year 10 Digital Technology | Year 10 Physics | Year 10 Chemistry |

NOTE:

- Wednesday 12th June is the GAT and is compulsory for all students undertaking a Unit 3/4 subject 2019
- Friday 14th June is a catch-up exam day and will be compulsory for students with exam clashes

Middle School Exam Schedule Semester 1, 2019

| TUESDAY 11 TH JUNE | | | | | | | | | | |
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| YEAR 7 | | | YEAR 8 | | YEAR 9 | | | | | |
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