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I take this opportunity to thank our learning and teaching teams who have facilitated another highly productive semester.

Aside from the positive feel of our school, the focus and engagement of our students is the most common remark I receive when I show visitors and prospective families around the school.

As we lead into the second half of the school year, which from a timetable perspective commences next Monday, 17 June, I provide the following staff updates:

- Congratulations to Katelyn Morton (Reception) on the recent safe arrival of her second child, Evy Paige on 4 June
- Congratulations to Ashlee Walsh (Daily Organiser) who is expecting her first child and will commence Parental Leave in Term 4
- Best wishes to Samantha Calvert (Head of Strings) who commences Parental Leave in late August
- Congratulations to Sophie Macreadie (Senior School) who
 recently advised that she is expecting her first child at the end
 of this year. Sophie will commence Parental Leave after the
 completion of her VCE classes in Term 4
- Congratulations to Lisa Denys (Learning Support) who has been appointed to the significant role of Student Pathways and VET Co-ordinator in a local school from the commencement of next term. This is a wonderful career promotion and we warmly commend Lisa on this recent appointment.
- Best wishes to Nicole Saunders (Learning Support) who will take Long-service Leave during Term 3.

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

Our Middle and Senior School students are to be congratulated on the manner in which they have approached their exams. They have behaved appropriately and have willingly followed the supervisors' instructions. It has been a valuable learning experience for all as we continue to develop and build our academic culture. Our families also deserve a mention as they have, no doubt, provided much needed assistance on the home front. So, thank you for your support.

While we are keen for our students to learn from this 'exam experience', we should remember that Learning is ongoing. It is at the centre of everything we do. It is happening all day, every day, in all areas of the school. It is the core business for students, staff

and our community. Everywhere we walk around the school, we see evidence of learning. Year 2 students involved in their incursion, Foundation students learning how to read, Year 12 and Foundation students at the Teddy Bear's Picnic, a teacher observing a colleague in the classroom, Science students setting up experiments, Robotics students testing their machines. The list is never ending.

Our Student Centred Vision is reflected in the learning we see every day. We see students who aim high, strive to do their best, take risks, question and explore, problem solve, listen and are respectful. I encourage parents/carers to become involved in this ongoing learning as well. To encourage your children to persist to question, reflect and to not be afraid of making mistakes as that is how they learn. You will then see the benefits of this learning when they are tackling their senior secondary years.

I remind families of the following important event:

2020 Year 10-12 Information Night
Wednesday 19 June, 6:00pm – 8:00pm in Rooms C102/C103/C104 in
the VCF Centre

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

Spotlight on Cameryn Morgan Leheny

Cameryn joined SCG in 2013 as a Year 6 student. Her biggest highlight during her time at SCG was the many camping experiences she completed, the best camp being the Year 9 camp to Broome, she thoroughly enjoyed travelling with her friends. This year Cameryn is enjoying both Psychology and History and finds that she learns best when she is organised and passionate about



a topic. Cameryn has found it challenging juggling all components of life including part-time work, sporting commitments, school-work and social life. Once her school journey is completed, she plans to spend her holidays working and saving for her university experience as she wishes to study a Bachelor of Education (K-12) at either Charles Sturt University or Victoria University, in the hope of becoming a well-rounded school teacher. In the coming months Cameryn plans to work on maintaining motivation to complete her homework and exams to obtain the best possible results for her VCE. Overall Cameryn has enjoyed her time at SCG and is excited and eager to begin the next chapter of her life.



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Spotlight on Ying Ying Li

Ying joined SCG in 2015 as a Year 8 student. Her highlights include the Year 9 China camp and Year 12 Retreat as these allowed her to experience new things and connect with her peers. Ying really enjoys Chemistry and Legal Studies as she is able to apply the concepts that she is learning to real life. Ying likes to learn through practical and interactive activities. Some of the challenges that



she faces are being able to cope with the workload and organising her time

After Year 12, Ying is planning to continue her studies as a student at Melbourne or Monash University doing a Bachelor of Science. Her main concern is being able to have consistent motivation throughout the year and she worries about the future after her studies are complete. Stay focused Ying, you have achieved great success so far!

Fundraising - Team Peru

Next Tuesday 18 June, Team Peru will host a Sausage Sizzle and Soft Drink stand during the Middle / Senior School lunch time, to raise funds for their Peru experience. Thank you in anticipation of your support for our Team Peru!

Semester 2

With the commencement of Semester 2 next week, all students are encouraged to consider a 'new beginning'. Whether it be trying a new approach to your study habits, committing to regular attendance at after school study sessions, changing your attitude or approach to a particular subject or making a promise to yourself to submit draft work more frequently; use the commencement of a new semester to make some choices about setting yourself up for success. Perhaps you did not perform as well as you know you are able, or a lack of effort has impacted on your results. Make a choice to do something differently in Semester 2 and know that there are many dedicated teachers who here to help you achieve your best.

"You may have a fresh start any moment you choose, for this thing that we call 'failure' is not the falling down, but the staying down."

~Mary Pickford

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

In the Junior School, we enjoy 'brain food' each day to keep our mind working and sustain focus on learning. Breakfast plays an important role in helping our brain function and kick-starting our day. Research suggests that eating breakfast increases children's energy and ability to pay attention in class.

As the weather cools down, it is important for children to eat well both before school and during the day, as it helps;

- settling in to class
- following routines with peers
- retaining information and accessing recall.

Teachers notice the difference when learners are settled, as productivity increases (similar to the work place) in their classrooms and encourage all of our students to eat well.

We understand that time is valuable and families have busy lives, however, some simple planning can really help.

Kids Brainy Breakfast Ideas

A healthy, nutritious breakfast that provides your kids with adequate energy is a great way to start the day. The best breakfasts should include fruit or vegetables, a dairy product (or alternative) and a wholegrain bread, cereal or



grain product. Some may think that preparing and eating a healthy breakfast is time consuming, but this is not necessarily the case.

Why not try some of the following suggestions- you can even mix and match according to your children's tastes and preferences:

- Raisin bread or fruit loaf, either plain or topped with ricotta cheese, and chopped strawberries or banana
- Wholegrain cereal with milk and chopped fruit such as banana or berries, or pureed fruit
- Hot porridge with milk, chopped banana or berries
- Yoghurt topped with a muesli style cereal and chopped or pureed fruit
- Baked beans with wholegrain toast and a small glass of diluted fruit juice



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- Scrambled or poached eggs with toast and a glass of milk
- Wholegrain muffins with a slice of cheese and tomato and a piece of fruit
- Toasted bagels with avocado and a glass of milk
- Wholegrain toast with a thin spread of jam or honey plus sliced banana and a small tub of yoghurt
- Fruit smoothies simply blend milk, yoghurt, soft fruit and a sprinkle of wheatgerm or psyllium
- For an on-the-go breakfast, take a piece of fruit, a cheese stick and a few low fat crackers

What a way to start the day!

For more support, chat with your child's teacher or hop online and read an article on <u>eating tips for school children</u>.

JS Assembly - Friday 14 June at 8:45am

Our JS Assembly this week will give us an opportunity to share our learning and 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- hope to see you there!

Earn & Learn

There are only a couple of weeks left for us to collect as part of the Earn & Learn.

Until 25 June, we encourage anyone who shops at Woolworths can collect stickers to support the expansion of our Junior STEM resources.



Please Note

Please take care when travelling around our school's proximity – student safety is important and we must be reminded of the legal 40km/h speed zone in and around schools.



Parents and Friends Association

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.



PFA "New to you" Uniform Shop

We have returned to our regular Friday opening hours of 2:00pm - 3.30pm with the sale of old logo items continuing. Apart from regular uniform items, the *New to You* uniform shop also stock limited supplies of socks and the new SCG winter scarf.

Let's go to the Movies - Fundraiser

Woody & The Gang are ALL SET for a new ADVENTURE on 20 June.



In an effort to provide experiences that build our school community, the PFA has come together to arrange a dedicated screening at Hoyts Watergardens on 23 June at 10:00am.



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Just 3 days after launch, bring your family to an experience they can share with fellow members of the school community and fundraise for the school at the same time!

There are MORE THAN 50 tickets available for this event and if at least half of these are not sold by Friday, unfortunately this event will be cancelled. Please do not delay any further- if you are thinking about attending this event, use this link to BUY TODAY and encourage fellow members of the community to do the same.

We hope to see you there!



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

What's on Next Week!

Fri June 14	Exam Catch Up Day
Mon June 17	 Semester Two begins Chinese NGV Terracotta Warriors Excursion for Years 8-12 Chinese Language students
Tue June 18	 Year 10 History Excusion - Pop Culture Foundation Wicked Weather Incursion Year 9 Camp Information Night - Melb/Tas @ 4:00pm
Wed June 19	 SSV Year 7 Netball and Soccer 2020 Senior School Information Night @ 6:00pm
Thu June 20	SSV Western Metro Region Year 7-12 Cross Country

Ms Cynthia Drossinis Learning Area Leader - Creative Arts (F - 12)

Unit 1 VCD - Visual Communication in Context

Students produced visual communications that demonstrated an influenced by past and contemporary design movements.



Amilia Sleman - De Stijl



Elaf Elsheikh - Computer Age and Digital Design



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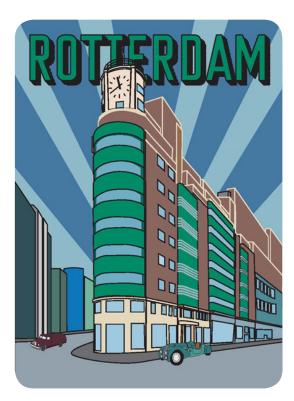
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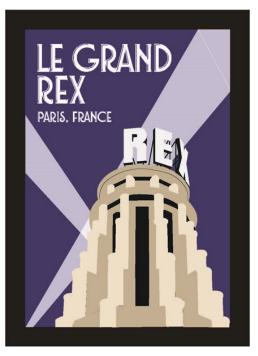
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Jerome Mamo - Art Deco Postcard



Philip Boermans - Art Deco



Mary Abu Naeem - Art Deco Postcard