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**Principal: Mr Andrew Ponsford** 

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

Now that the very busy exam period is over and with Semester 2 underway, I am sure our families are looking forward to the upcoming holiday break. It has been a busy few weeks with incursions, excursions, assessments, exams, sport and many other activities.

The Semester 1 reports will be emailed to families in the holidays. This is an ideal opportunity for reflection and discussion around how students can better prepare for exams, how class time might be used effectively, why the achievement levels in some subjects are not as high as others and how homework/study time can be used effectively.

Planning is now underway for next year with the 2020 Year 10-12 Information Night held last night. Thank you to those families who were able to attend. I encourage you to now spend time having conversations about possible subject choices and pathways for next year and beyond. There are some important decisions to be made in the next few weeks so this process will be easier if students can do some research and thinking before attending their interview.

The subject application process for the current Year 10 and 11 students will commence early in Term 3. As in the past, there will be opportunities for interviews to discuss possible options and pathways for each student. The Handbook containing details of the 2020 Year 10-12 academic programs will be on our website, families will be advised when it is available. Further details about this process will be available at the start of Term 3.

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

### Spotlight on Damien Razmovski

Damien joined SCG in 2012 as a Year 5 student and is the first Visual Art and Visual Communication and Design student. His biggest highlight is when he is surrounded with friends because he is a social butterfly. Damien enjoys the makings of his artworks and designing illustrations. He likes to learn visually as he can look at something and memorise it like a photograph. Damien has experienced many challenges, especially keeping his motivation



levels up, as sometimes this can slip and impact his ability to perform at his best. Damien is undecided about his pathway beyond Year 12, however he is considering becoming an illustrator, as a possible option. Damien is keen to attend an art course at TAFE to refine his skills and then try some different courses to see what he enjoys. Damien is often concerned about disappointing his teachers and parents, but mostly himself, and is working hard to stay focused on the work ahead. Damien is very thankful to have been an SCG student. He is grateful to his teachers and parents for never giving up and pushing him to try harder. We are proud of you and your many accomplishments Damien and your drive to do your best is admired by all of us – stay focused, you are nearly there!

#### **Spotlight on Briana Culos**

Briana joined SCG in 2015 in Year 8. Her biggest highlight at SCG was working toward earning her Duke of Edinburgh Certificate as it gave her something to work hard at. Briana has really enjoyed studying Business Management and likes working in a busy environment. A challenge she has faced throughout Year 12 is learning to balance the



amount of study and social time she needs, to still enjoy her time at school. Beyond school, Briana plans to go into the workforce and find a full time job in retail or hospitality. In the coming months Briana is looking forward to finishing school and having some free time before finding a full time job. She has enjoyed her time at SCG and has overcome the challenges that she has faced in order to focus on her schooling. She is looking forward to the next step on her journey. Briana, keep up the positive attitude and continue to do your best!

## What's on Next Week!

Fri 21 June	•	Establishing a Business Incursion - Business
		Students
	•	Year 8 and 9 blazers due in for logo change
Sun 23 June	•	Year 9 Camp - China
	•	Year 9 Camp - Broome
	•	PFA Movie Fundraiser - Hoyts Watergardens
Mon 24 June	•	Year 8 Camp - Mt Buller
	•	Year 9 Camp - Melbourne / Tasmania
Fri 28 June	•	Last day of Term 2
	•	Year 10 and 11 blazers due in for logo change



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

"On Tuesday of this week, our Foundation students had a Mad About Science visitor who shared with us their knowledge about meteorology. Titled Wicked Weather, the students made clouds, experimented with the sun's UV rays, looked at tornados, made



fake snow and investigated how a hot air balloon works. They were engaged from the beginning to the end and learnt so much in a short period of time."

Mr Frederick & Mrs Kibar

Here's hoping our Foundation student can help us with the wet & windy weather this week!









### **Empathy from our young learners**

Recently in Positive Education we have been learning about empathy and what it means to understand someone else's feelings or experiences. Year 1s have made wishes for themselves and created a Wishing Tree, as well as now extending their wishes to being for others they care about.

What better way to do this that to walk in someone else's shoes... literally! We swapped shoes and understood how our friends may walk, feel and experience life.

In fact, one lucky learner got to walk in Ms Pimpini's high-heel boots; what an experience that was for Ruhaan!



In today's world, we iPad, iTouch, iMac – and often focus on ourselves.

You might take an opportunity to chat at home about empathy and what it means to think about the experiences and feeling of others.

The following resources may be useful;

- www.smilingmind.com.au
- <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D0DZSOd4D3o">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D0DZSOd4D3o</a>
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2MW5BmKiy7I



#### The Countdown is ON

There's only ONE WEEK TO GO until 25 June- so anyone who shops at Woolworths can collect Earn & Learn Stickers to help us purchase some STEM products to extend Science, Technology and Maths learning at SCG.

Thanks to the many families who have been delivering their stickers to the boxes at Reception.





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## Mr Rajnesh Ram Learning Area Leader Science, STEM and Computing

#### Using the 'k-nex education box'

"Last Friday, our class experimented with building different types of simple machines using the 'k-nex education box'. The class made lots of creative simple machines such as, pulleys, levers and ramps. It was an interesting activity for all of us. Initially we all thought that the given activity is very complicated, but the guidebook helped us a lot, since it was having the proper steps which helped us to complete our tasks. Everyone did their best to build machines and prove their capabilities. It was an amazing opportunity to work as a team.

In this activity, we learned many things from the Student-Centred Vision:-

- Be fair and helpful.
- Do your best.
- Be creative and a problem solver.

This was one of my favourite activities in STEM." *Aarushi Tripathi* 









## Ms Dina Lira Learning Resource Centre

Term 2 has flown by and we are now down to our last week of general borrowing. Overdue notices have been sent home this week via email to parents. Please return these overdue books at your earliest convenience.

Chinese Cinderella (Year 7 students) is also due before the end of term. There are two Book Return boxes, one is located in the JS LRC and the other in MS just outside of the Think Pad.

If you have lost a book, please arrange to replace the book or pay the fee for it to be replaced.

Please see Ms Lira if you have any queries or concerns.

#### **Parents and Friends Association**

#### **House Colour T-Shirts**



Now available to purchase on *My School Connect* - Last day for ordering is Friday 21 June 2019 at 4:00pm.

Head to <a href="https://myschoolconnect.com.au">https://myschoolconnect.com.au</a> 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





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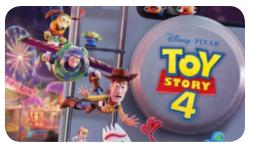
Woody & The Gang are ALL SET for a new ADVENTURE on 20 June.

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.

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!

<u>BUY TODAY</u> 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

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

# **Generation Z - Pop Art Celebrity Paintings**

Pop-art celebrates commonplace objects and people of everyday life, in this way seeking to elevate popular culture to the level of fine art. Throughout this unit of work Year 9 students engaged in the design process using manual and digital methods, in order to create an artwork of a celebrity of their choice.



Sachitha Dinessh Year 9



Jeremy Ramos Year 9



Kristina Li Rosi Year 9



Elysia Veljanovski Year 9