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The Dress Circle

Term 2 Week 4, 2016

"Performing at Our Best"

The Junior and
Middle Years
Newsletter

Good Afternoon Parents and Caregivers,

I am writing my section of today's newsletter from the ConnectED Principals' Conference, a collegial body of K-12 Public School Principals from across the Hunter and Central Coast (and beyond). We have been listening to and learning with such impressive educational speakers, social theorists and leadership speakers as: Dr Dean Fink, Pam Ryan, Corporal Mark Donaldson VC, Mark McCrindle, Dr Karl Kruszelnicki; as well as speakers from Apple, The Learning Bar (Tell Them From Me), Principal Registration & Certification and High Performance, Leadership and Accountability.

The basic themes I can synthesis for you are that:

- School leaders are increasingly accountable, and rightly so, to their communities of students, teachers and parents/caregivers;
- All leaders, from students to the UN Secretary General need to be visionary, stand by a negotiated and consensus-developed vision and to bring the team with them;
- Today's learner is much more a *digital native*, as opposed to us, the *digital immigrants* (or some may say 'ignorants');
- There has never been a more important time in Education as we, being Generation Alpha, look towards teaching the children of generation Y, who will learn in physical and online environments in many different ways.

This is much food for thought, which we look forward to sharing with the Public Education Community today.

Primary Drama Camp: Thank you to Mrs O'Neill, Miss Posavec, Ms Christine Fletcher and Mr Andrew O'Callaghan for their leadership at the Primary Drama Camp, which was held between yesterday and today in the Hunter Theatre. All the primary drama ensembles were all able to collaborate, playbuild, compose, perform, appreciate and evaluate through the creative arts. I am grateful for your work with our 66 Primary Drama students. This concludes the 2016 series of Primary Performing Arts Camps. These will recommence in December, with the 2017 Primary Music Camp.

Class Visits: I had the pleasure of popping into all Year 5-6 classrooms this week to see our students working on a wide range of English-based tasks, including author studies, investigation of and response to different forms of textual structures and the ability to convey meaning in different forms, i.e. taking a literary text and re-conveying its meaning, using superior/inferior/distant/close-up shots as a media text. Kudos to my team and to their students for engaging so well in the spirit of the Australian Curriculum. The staff are doing this well with the implementation of the new History K-10 syllabus this semester, and will be doing so for the new K-10 Geography syllabus next semester. *Lilliput (3/4)*, sorry I missed you - see you next week.

Sentral: Thank you to my dedicated staff team led by Mrs Rachel Wilson and supported by Mrs O'Neill and Miss Posavec, who have spent literally hundreds of hours in software building towards our new online reporting system. We feel that in Primary, and from 2017 across the whole school, that Sentral Reports will allow us more flexibility, more detail and a greater ability to provide educational feedback to you all each semester. These reports will be available both online, via the Parent Portal, or via Hard Copy at the end of this semester.

Newsletter Online: At the last P&C meeting, I mentioned with the move to Sentral at HSPA, that many parents had expressed a wish not to have a hard copy newsletter anymore (i.e. they preferred to read online and only print off what information/permission notes, that were required). I would value any feedback on this as it will be a discussion point at our next P&C Meeting. Out of interest, the school's Secondary Newsletter, *The Audience* is already completely online.



STARS OF THE WEEK

3/4OM	Pippa Affleck
5S	Emily Marsh
5OW	Maddie Smith
6K	Will Keyte
6BC	Paige Wardman
6P	Zamika Grant

The Lion King Jr: These tickets are already selling fast. Don't miss out. Please make sure you know which cast your child/children are in before purchasing tickets. Ticket prices are as follows: Adults ~ \$22.00 and Concessions ~ \$16.50. There are no group or family ticket options. Tickets should be purchased by choosing first the appropriate matinee or evening performance for the cast in which your child is in (cast lists have been sent home and are also available in the downloads section of the school website). Then you may either purchase tickets directly from HSPA Main Administration Office on 4952 3355 or online at: www.hspa.nsw.edu.au/ourschool.php?id=80

We have the following availability of tickets for each show. Please be aware that marketing to all schools/retirement villages for matinees has begun.

	Tuesday 18 th October	Wednesday 19 th October	Thursday 20 th October	Friday 21 st October
Matinee Cast: 11:00am	Matata	Hakuna	Matata	Hakuna
<i>Tickets Available -></i>	146	174	207	231
Evening Cast: 7:00pm	Hakuna	Matata	Hakuna	Matata
<i>Tickets Available -></i>	230	282	199	NEARLY SOLD OUT 26

Clubs NSW - Playground Grant Application: Thank you to Mrs Cathy Hanlon, who is assisting me with an application to secure funding to fund a student-devised project. This is to convert part of a garden in the main primary playground into a raised, low stage, for outdoor performances and assemblies. This will also involve native plantings and regeneration. We look forward to a response next semester.

Mr Jennings placing back the Chalk: In last week's *The Audience*, our Campus Principal, Mr Richard Jennings, announced his intention to retire at the end of this term. You will hear more from the school about Mr Jennings' career over the remainder of this term. I can advise that the Principalship will be discussed at our next Whole School P&C Meeting (Monday, 6th June - Common Room, Main Administration).

I include Mr Jennings' personal announcement here: *Processes have commenced for the selection of the next Principal of Hunter School of the Performing Arts as I have announced my intention to retire at the end of the term. This is a unique school and I believe one of the best schools in the country and I have had the privilege to be part of this school community for the last 17 years as Science Head Teacher, Deputy Principal and the last 5 years as Principal.*

In the remaining term I look forward to continuing to support staff students and families to achieve the best possible educational outcomes and ensure an effective transition with the new Principal when announced.

All day Musical Rehearsal on Monday 23rd May: All students will be having an all-day musical rehearsal on Monday. Leads need to please bring their scripts on Monday and the whole cast needs to be ready to act, sing and dance.

Leads Parent Meeting: Thank you to all parents who attended the leads parent meeting on Tuesday night. We greatly appreciate all of your efforts! I have created an Edmodo page for the Lead Parents to communicate with each other in an easy way. Please log on to Edmodo by next Friday and use the group code: rzmih4

Parent Management Team: Thank you to the parents who attended the costume meeting on Wednesday night. We are very lucky to have an enthusiastic and keen management team. I have created an Edmodo page specifically for the parents that attended this meeting on Wednesday night. Please join by next Friday using the code: 4bvc4y

GRIP Leadership: On Thursday 19th May, the Captains and Parliamentarians represented our school at a leadership conference in the Great Hall at the University of Newcastle. The students had a great day and have learnt some new leadership skills. They look forward to applying these skills in their leadership roles.

Hunter Dance Festival: Congratulations to all of our Primary dance ensembles (Aqua, Jade, Violet, Teal and the Boys Dance Ensemble) for their successful auditions for Hunter Dance Festival. All five groups will be representing our school at this yearly event in Week Two next term. More information to come.

Hunter Drama Festival: This year, Hunter Drama Festival will be in Week 9 of this term. Our three Primary drama ensembles will be auditioning for this in the upcoming weeks and if successful the festival will be on at the Griffith Duncan Theatre at the University of Newcastle on Friday 24th June. More details to come.

Year 7 Information Night: An Information Night is being held in the BINI on Wednesday 1st June from 7pm-9pm for 2017 Year 7 enrolments. All current HSPA Year 6 students and their parents are invited to attend.

Star Struck Featured Junior Contemporary Dancers: A reminder that the dancers involved have a rehearsal for their item 'Strong' at the Basketball Stadium next Monday 23rd May from 10am-2pm. Dancers will need to make their own way to the rehearsal but Mrs Wilson is happy walk across at lunchtime to escort the dancers back to school in time for normal home transport arrangements.

Star Struck: Star Struck tickets are now on sale to the general public through Ticketek. Year 3/4OM have the opportunity to attend the Friday Matinee performance as an excursion. Permission notes have been sent home and are also available in the downloads section of the school website. As all Year 5 and 6 will be performing on this day, any Year 3/4 students not attending the excursion will be supervised in the Library.

Costume notes have been sent home this week and are also available in the downloads section of the school website. There will also be a Show Week note sent home prior to the Star Struck performance week detailing final instructions on what to pack, wear, times and meeting places.

Please see the rehearsal and performance schedule below. This will be included in each newsletter and will be updated if changes occur so be sure to check each week.

DANCE & DRAMA - REHEARSAL NEXT THURSDAY

CHOIR	DANCE	DRAMA
	<p><i>Thursday 26th May</i> Newcastle Entertainment Centre</p> <p>DEPART HSPA: 9.00am – walk PICK UP NEC: 4.00pm – own transport required</p> <p>Meeting Place: tree at front of NEC snack bar</p>	<p><i>Thursday 26th May</i> Newcastle Entertainment Centre</p> <p>DROP OFF NEC: 8.30am PICK UP NEC: 4.30pm own transport required</p> <p>Meeting Place: tree at front of NEC snack bar</p>
	<p><i>Wednesday 15th June</i> Newcastle Entertainment Centre</p> <p>TIMES TO BE ADVISED</p> <p>Own transport required</p>	<p><i>Wednesday 15th June</i> Newcastle Entertainment Centre</p> <p>TIMES TO BE ADVISED</p> <p>Own transport required</p>
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SOS Sewer Needed! We are looking for a sewer to make 3 boys dance costumes. The fabric has been purchased we just need a talented dressmaker to sew three pairs of lycra shorts and three lycra sleeveless tops. If you can help or recommend anyone please call the primary office.

Sydney Eisteddfod: The Vocal Ensemble are performing at the Sydney Eisteddfod, The Concourse Concert Hall, next Saturday 28th May. Please meet Mr Stewart at 12noon, wearing full school uniform (mint shirts). Parents who have pre-booked tickets will be able to collect them from Mr Stewart on the day. The EST for our section is 1pm. There are four schools performing in Division A and we are listed as number 2, with Division B EST at 2pm.

In Concert: Our Secondary Musicians have had the opportunity to be involved in *In Concert*, which is the Secondary Choral Music Festival this week. I invite all community members to watch the webcast on: [In Concert Tuesday 17 May 2016](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1dJv16di6OQ) (www.youtube.com/watch?v=1dJv16di6OQ).

Chess News: Last Friday (the 13th!) HSPA hosted a heat of the NSW Chess Challenge. In the Primary Division we were represented by four Year 6 boys, two of which were playing in their first tournament for us (Beau Bramble, Bryn Leonard-England, Peregrine Stephen and Connor McKay). Whilst we missed out on placing in the top 3 Schools for Semi-Final qualification, Connor was able to back up an excellent 5/7 at the recent Bishop Tyrrell heat with a sensational 5.5/7, giving him outright third position and a nice personal trophy. Fantastic Connor!

Thank you to all of the visiting schools that helped to make this tournament such a success (153 entries - a new HSPA record!) and to Bevan, Michael and Andrew from Sydney Chess Academy for their smooth running of this event.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SMART Program: The University of Newcastle's SMART Program is more than excited to announce our latest STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) activity for children – SMART Code. We are holding a two day hands-on workshop for 10 – 14 year olds during the winter school holidays. Students will be immersed in the computer science field, learning things from coding to app design. They will see the new SMARTbots science show, explore the university campus and meet some of our clever researchers here at the University of Newcastle.

SMART Code – Coding and Computer Science Holiday Workshop

When: 5-6th July, 2016

Where: University of Newcastle, Callaghan Campus

Who: Students aged 10 – 14 with no prior knowledge required.

For more information and to register visit our webpage:

<http://www.newcastle.edu.au/about-uon/governance-and-leadership/faculties-and-schools/faculty-of-science-and-information-technology/about-us/community-outreach/smart/smart-code>

Maths Masters: We are inviting all Australian primary school children to participate in the inaugural **Maths Masters**, which will run from the **1st June to the 30th June 2016**. The first event is **Multiplication Mania**, designed to help students build their knowledge and understanding of the multiplication tables. There are heaps of great prizes for students and schools, including iPads, sports gear and vouchers, so make sure you get all your students to join.

1. Go to mathspace.co/join
2. Create an account using the class code **AF24**
3. Complete all the tasks to show that they've mastered their multiplication tables

Yours in Education,

Khalil Khay
(Deputy Principal)

CALLING ALL AUSSIE PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS!

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN IN

THE MATHS MASTERS

STAGE 1: MULTIPLICATION MANIA!

FROM: 1ST JUNE 2016 TO: 30TH JUNE 2016

To be in the running & start practising now, simply:

1. Go to mathspace.co/join
2. Create an account using the class code: **AF24**
3. Complete **ALL** the tasks to show you've mastered your multiplication tables. You can start practicing now!

There are heaps of awesome prizes to be won, including sports gear, vouchers & an iPad!

Teachers: click & fill in this form
<<http://goo.gl/forms/ZMfXtGqAV>> to be kept in the loop about your students' progress & win prizes for your school!

#MULTIPLICATIONMANIA E: HELLO@MATHSPACE.COM.AU P: 1300 833 194 FACEBOOK.COM/LEARNMATHS



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'What's On'

Term 2 2016

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
5	MAY 23 rd Lion King Jr Rehearsal (Theatre – all day) Museum Express Film Launch 1pm-2pm SS Junior Contemporary Featured Group - Rehearsal	24 th	25 th Public Speaking Finals EG1 9am-11am Festival of Instrumental Music Rehearsal	26 th Star Struck Major Rehearsal (dance & drama)	27 th	28 th /29 th SATURDAY Sydney Eisteddfod (vocal ensemble)
6	30 th Lion King Jr Rehearsal (Theatre – all day)	31 st	JUN 1 st 2017 Year 7 Information Night	2 nd	3 rd	4 th /5 th
7	6 th	7 th	8 th Assembly EG1 12.00pm-12.55pm	9 th	10 th Star Struck Choir Rehearsal Lion King Jr Rehearsal (Theatre – all day)	11 th /12 th
8	13 th QUEENS BIRTHDAY (school closed)	14 th	15 th Star Struck Major Rehearsal (dance & drama)	16 th Star Struck Technical Rehearsal (all groups)	17 th Star Struck Performances Year 3/4 Matinee Excursion	18 th /19 th SATURDAY Star Struck Performances
9	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd Primary Athletics Carnival	24 th Hunter Drama Festival (info to come)	25 th /26 th
10	27 th State of Dance (info to come) Inquisitive Minds (selected students)	28 th BandLink (concert band)	29 th BandLink (concert band)	30 th Assembly EG1 12.00pm-12.55pm	JUL 1 st Lion King Jr Rehearsal (Theatre – all day) LAST DAY TERM 2	2 nd /3 rd

Primary Newsletter Emailed - visit the school website www.hspa.nsw.edu.au to subscribe to the newsletter.

NOTES IN CIRCULATION

NOW DUE

- Inquisitive Minds (selected students)
- Sydney Eisteddfod Permission (vocal ensemble)
- The Lion King Jr Performers Contract (all students)
- Festival of Instrumental Music Rehearsal (wind & string ensemble)

DUE FRIDAY 27th MAY

- BandLink (concert band)
- Athletics Carnival (all students)
- Ethics Filming (ethics classes)
- History of Newcastle (Years 3-4)

DUE FRIDAY 3rd JUNE

- Star Struck Costume Payments (Years 5-6)
- Star Struck Matinee Excursion (Year 3-4)



TRIVIA NIGHT

The Annual Trivia night is coming and we need your help! We need you to reach out to the people you know and ask for donations for prizes. Nothing is too big or too small. Things like tickets to shows, dinner for two, day spa vouchers, movie tickets, bottles of wine, coffee vouchers, boxes of chocolates etc....

The Trivia night is planned to be on the 17th September – so save the date and get a table of friends together!

If you have any questions or ideas or would like to be involved in the fun come along to the next Primary P&C meeting on the 2nd of May 5:30 – 7pm. We meet in the boardroom next to Mr Khay's office. We would love to you see you there!

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Music Trivia Night - Helper

Name:

Phone Number:

Email:

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ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

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