Hunter School of the Performing Arts

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The Dress Circle

Term 2 Week 7, 2016 "Performing at Our Best"

The Junior and Middle Years Newsletter

Good Afternoon Parents and Caregivers,

At Monday's P&C Meeting, both Primary and Secondary community members were the beneficiaries of the advice of Senior Constable Darren Fleming. Darren has been attached to HSPA as a Police Community Liaison Officer after periods of service with plain clothes officers, child protection unit and general duties. His advice around keeping our children was profound, thought-provoking and challenging. Darren specifically spoke about the need to have parents support the police service and schools with only allowing access to online social media forums, once they were of the appropriate age (not before), the need to have supervised access to the internet (e.g. a lounge room) and the need for phones/Wi-Fi/tablets to be off at night so that sleep was allowed to occur normally (e.g. not in bedrooms). As a parental, primary and secondary student support service, we encourage all to visit this website: www.digitalcitizenship.nsw.edu.au/.

Mr Khay also spoke about teaching, executive and support staff across the school further developing their professional learning via online attendance at Disability Standards for Education courses. These 6-8 hours (Admin/Teachers) of professional learning show how the staff demonstrate from the heart of the school's vision, the aspiration to develop the creative potential of all students. See http://resource.dse.theeducationinstitute.edu.au/formore information.

Enrolment opportunities for students who will be in Years 2-6 next year (2017) are still available via the school's website up until Monday, 22nd August. Please visit www.hspa.nsw.edu.au/enrolments.php for more information.

The Lion King Jr: Like and share The Lion King Jr Facebook Event https://www.facebook.com/events/1552729665032244/

Tickets continue to sell fast so 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 available. 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.

		Tuesday 18 th October	Wednesday 19 th October	Thursday 20 th October	Friday 21 st October
Matinee Cast:	11:00am	Matata	Hakuna	Matata	Hakuna
Tickets Available ->		140	148	203	220
Evening Cast:	7:00pm	Hakuna	Matata	Hakuna	Matata
Tickets Available ->		180	235	119	NEARLY SOLD OUT 5

Primary Vocal Ensemble: Congratulations to the Primary Vocal Ensemble on being a finalist in Sydney Eisteddfod's The John Lamble Foundation Australasian Choral Championships! Please make sure to return your permission notes on Tuesday. Please email Anita Hugo if you are interested in organising carpooling anita.hugo@australianbusiness.com.au.

Mr Stewart will be holding an additional rehearsal on Friday 17th following the Star Struck morning schools performance. It will run from 1:30pm - 3:10pm back at HSPA. Vocal Ensemble students should meet Mr Stewart under the Tooheys New sign (inside main gates and to the right) after the Star Struck performance. Students should inform their supervising teacher before moving to the meeting area. Mr Stewart will then walk students back to school for a lunch break and a rehearsal. Normal departure arrangements should be in place from then. The repertoire for the championship will include Hush Little Baby, Jacky Winter and Little Man in the Wood.

It is recommended that supporters pre-purchase tickets online to avoid queues on the day: https://sydneyeisteddfod.com.au/articles/the-john-lamble-foundation-australasian-choral-championships/

Pre-purchased tickets available until Wednesday 15th June only. Please collect at the door showing a valid receipt. Tickets will also be available to purchase at the door – cash sales only. Adults: \$27 and Concession: \$22.

We wish our Primary Vocal Ensemble all the best and look forward to hearing their results.

Core Drama students ATYP Inspire Project: Core drama students will be involved in the Inspire Project again this year through Australian Theatre for Young People (ATYP). This is a wonderful experience that allows students to be part of the creative development process of a brand new play. They will be involved in video conferencing, workshops, online activities, performances and interactive Q&A sessions where students will get a chance to interact directly with the creative team at ATYP as the play is being developed. This provides an opportunity for students to be connected to an Australian play in a totally unique way.

Students will be involved in the first video conferencing session next Tuesday at 12pm. Further information about the program and a permission note for the performance day will come home on Tuesday.

STARS OF THE WEEK			
3/40M 5S	Hilary Grainger Abbey McGuiness		
50W	Makayla Stiess		
6K	Ebony Dyball		
6BC	Jonathan Bowen 🏌 🖊		
6P	Ruby Laidler		

Primary Proms: Year 3/40M will be involved in a rehearsal for the Primary Proms next Thursday 16th June all day in the Theatre.

Regional Cross Country: Congratulations to Kiki Monohan for representing the Newcastle Zone at the regional cross country last Friday! Kiki came 12th in her age group! Congratulations on such an excellent result.

Star Struck: Please see the Show Week note sent home this week for final information regarding drop off and pick up times, meeting places and costume requirements. Copies are also available in the downloads section of the school website.

Star Struck Tickets for Sale: 2 x Adult Tickets Available - \$50 each STARSTUCK Matinee Performance - Saturday 18th June - 2pm

Please contact: sim_ant@bigpond.com

Hunter Drama Showcase: Congratulations to Miss Posavec's Year 6 Drama Ensemble 'It's About Time' for being chosen to perform at the Hunter Drama Showcase on Friday 24th June at 6pm at the Griffith Duncan Theatre. Parents are encouraged to come and watch the performance – tickets are on sale at the door for \$10 each. Permission notes, with further information, will be sent home on Tuesday for the performers.

Music Excursions: Please note the following dates that tickets go on sale for the Music Excursions this year. Tickets generally sell very quickly so it is recommended to purchase on the day they go on sale. These dates are occurring during the last week of the school term and the school holidays. Further information and permission notes for these excursions will be coming home in the coming weeks.

EVENT	GROUP	TICKETS ON SALE	PERFORMANCE DATE
Festival of Instrumental Music	Wind & String Ensemble	9am - Tuesday 28 th June	Tuesday 23 rd August
Primary Proms	Year 3/40M	9am – Friday 15 th July	Friday 16 th September
Festival of Choral Music	Primary Senior Choir	9am – Monday 18 th July	Wednesday 31st August

Athletics Carnival: Our Primary athletics carnival will be held on Thursday, 23rd June at the Newcastle Athletics Field. We would love to have parent helpers on the day to assist with the running of the events. Jobs will consist of time keeping, placing students, assisting with long jump, high jump and shot put. If you are available to help on the day, please complete the slip below and return to the primary office. Thank you.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL VOLUNTEER Please return to the Primary Office by Monday 20 th June			
Student Name:	Class:		
Parent Name:	Phone:		
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'What's On'

Term 2 2016

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
8	13 th QUEENS BIRTHDAY (school closed)	ATYP Video Conference Workshop (drama students)	15 th Star Struck Major Rehearsal (dance & drama)	Star Struck Technical & Dress Rehearsal (all groups) Primary Proms Rehearsal (3/40M - Theatre)	Star Struck Performances Star Struck Matinee Excursion (3/40M)	SATURDAY Star Struck Performances SUNDAY Sydney Eisteddfod Championships (vocal ensemble)
9	20 th	21 st	22 nd Lion King Jr Rehearsal (Theatre – all day)	Primary Athletics Carnival	24 th Hunter Drama Showcase	25 th /26 th
10	27 th State of Dance (dance ensembles) Inquisitive Minds (selected students)	BandLink (concert band) History of Newcastle (3/40M) Festival of Instrumental Music – TICLETS ON SALE 9AM	29 th BandLink (concert band)	Assembly EG1 12.00pm-12.55pm	JUL 1 st Lion King Jr Rehearsal (Theatre – all day) LAST DAY TERM 2	2 nd /3 rd

<u>Primary Newsletter Emailed</u> – visit the school website <u>www.hspa.nsw.edu.au</u> to subscribe to the newsletter.

NOTES IN CIRCULATION

OVER DUE - please return to the Primary Office on Tuesday

- Star Struck Costume Payments
- Sydney Eisteddfod Championships (vocal ensemble)
- State of Dance (dance ensembles)

Extra copies of permission notes are available from the downloads section of the school website

PRIMARY P&C SUBCOMMITTEE



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!

Music Trivia Night - Helper				
Name:				
Phone Number:	Email:			

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Orders are now available for 2016/2017 Entertainment Books at www.entbook.com.au/348u44. Books cost \$60 each with \$12 from every book coming back to HSPA.

