

# Hunter School of the Performing Arts

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## The Dress Circle

Term 3 Week 1, 2016  
"Performing at Our Best"

The Junior and  
Middle Years  
Newsletter

### Good Afternoon Parents and Caregivers,

**Welcome Back:** to the second half of the 2016 Scholastic Year. Many exciting activities are underway in the school, immediately being our Regional Dance Festival and upcoming State Music Festival Events. The Hunter Drama Showcase occurred late last term, so very soon, we will move our focus to the production of *The Lion King Jr.* Every two years our shows, get 'bigger and better', with parental and community expectations surpassed. This year will be no different.

**To Beard, or not to Beard:** That has been the question this week among many of the staff and students of HSPA (as some of the staff have returned a little more hirsute than usual). A telling comment came from one of my Year Advisors, who noted, quite anthropomorphically, "Isn't it interesting how much time and discussion is generated by someone's beard, or hair colour or hair design?" Telling words indeed – I am proud to say that at Hunter School of the Performing Arts, we do *provide a creative learning environment, where excellence is nurtured to enable all students to perform at their best.*

This includes equal and valid focuses on the academic core, the arts, sport and physical activity, wellbeing, community and leadership. As Forrest Gump mentions, the box of chocolates is more about what is at the centre of the human being, than the wrapper on the outside. I believe that we strive to develop all our students' innate abilities holistically, with the proactive support of an engaged and vision-committed staff and parent/caregiver community.

**Staffing News:** Welcome back to Mrs Lisa Bone. Lisa has returned in a part-time (2dpw) capacity to her Assistant Principal Position (Mondays and Tuesdays). Miss Bone will share Line Management responsibilities with Miss Posavec (Wednesday-Friday, 3dpw). Mrs Bone will supervise Miss Cowell and Dance. Miss Posavec will supervise Mrs Kearney and Mrs Ormerod/Miss Adam

Mrs Amy Ormerod will soon be taking Maternity Leave at the end of her Temporary Contract with us at HSPA as a Learning Support/Sports/RFF Teacher. I thank her for her service to HSPA over the past 6 terms and on behalf of the staff, wish her and her husband all the best for their future and family-to-be.

I am pleased to advise that Mrs Ormerod's role will be taken over by Miss Mikhaela Adam, who has been with us for a year now. Miss Jade Hillard will take over Miss Adam's 1 dpw role and will also be relieving in Miss Morris-Britten's position, when she takes Long Service Leave in Weeks 9-10 of this term.

**Semester One Awards:** Congratulations to the following students for their Semester One achievements. They were awarded certificates at our Semester One Assembly & attended a Principal's Morning Tea with Mr Khay and Mr Jennings:

### Principal's Award for Encouragement

- Year 3:** Pippa Affleck                      **Year 4:** Beth Sneddon, Elle Gartrell and Isabella Crebert.  
**Year 5:** Hannah Pandel, April Hackett, Sarah Ciccanti, Georgia Gradwell, Ned Manning-Lourey, Bryn Jackson, Liam Moore and Patrice Chapman.  
**Year 6:** Amelia Brollo, Sophie Toombs, Lara Taylor, Paige Wardman, Sacchi Nicol, Danica Hugo, Callie Rousell, Katy Convery, Imogen Downing-Donnelly, Anna Leman, Rosie Sherlock, Christina Mah, Natasha Ninness, Kirra Chadban and Sameh Duncan-Neal.

### Principal's Award for Academic Excellence

- Year 3:** Quelyn Kenzler;                      **Year 4:** Hilary Grainger, Vivelie Kenzler and Eliza Slee.  
**Year 5:** Samantha Furney, Lily Hardy, Jemima Kirkwood, Olivia Moss, Makayla Stiess, Jessie Wood, Bryn McGowan and Chloe Wright-Smyth.  
**Year 6:** Summer Davies, Alex Ryba, Gemma Liddell, Sarah Gebhard, Imogen Bamback, Stephanie Hanlon, Maya Heath, Briar Valaire, Lanah Vandyke, Clarissa Brent-Kay, Luka McCallum, Chelsea Steiner, Joe Mitchell & Freddie Stafford.

### STARS OF THE WEEK

3/4OM Tristan Burnley  
5S Ned Manning-Lourey  
5OW Josephine Craig  
6BC Bethany Hobbs  
6P Hannah Eglinton  
6K Emma Lacey



**The Lion King Jr:** Like and share The Lion King Jr Facebook Event

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1552729665032244/>

Tickets continue to sell so don't miss out. 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](http://www.hspa.nsw.edu.au/ourschool.php?id=80)



We have the following availability of tickets for each show.

	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October
<b>Matinee Cast:</b> 11:00am	<b>Matata</b>	<b>Hakuna</b>	<b>Matata</b>	<b>Hakuna</b>
<i>Tickets Available -&gt;</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>146</i>	<i>86</i>
<b>Evening Cast:</b> 7:00pm	<b>Hakuna</b>	<b>Matata</b>	<b>Hakuna</b>	<b>Matata</b>
<i>Tickets Available -&gt;</i>	<i>142</i>	<i>208</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>NEARLY SOLD OUT 3</i>

Yours in education,

Khalil Khay  
Deputy Principal, K-12

**The Lion King Leads Costume Meeting:** Thank you to all parents/relatives/costume makers who attended the meeting on Thursday afternoon or who sent Miss Posavec pictures of their costumes prior to the day. They all looked fabulous and creative and we appreciate your dedication to our show. If the costumes could please be all finalised by Monday of Week 9 (12th September), in case we need a costume run through before the end of the term. Thank you!

**Parent Management Team Meeting:** Last term there was a small group of parents who offered and attended a meeting for *The Lion King Jr*. The next Parent Management Team meeting will be held on **Wednesday 3rd August from 4pm** in Miss Posavec's room for the same group members. Please bring your thoughts and plans for props/costumes decided on last term. Thank you!

**The Lion King Jr Leads Rehearsals (October School Holidays):** At this stage, Primary have the Theatre booked in the second week of the October holidays from Monday 3rd October - Sunday 9th October. If you could please keep these dates free and try not to organise family holidays in the second week of the holidays, that would be greatly appreciated. Once rehearsals continue next Term, Miss Posavec will notify all lead parents of the exact rehearsal dates during the holidays. Thank you for your support and understanding.

**Premier's Sporting Challenge:** This year's Premier's Sporting Challenge has now begun and will run until the end of term. All students received a log book to keep track of how much exercise they do each week. The idea is to encourage everyone to be active and keep track of how much vigorous activity we are doing. Students will receive a certificate for participating at the end of the year. Good luck and enjoy being active!

**Primary Office Phone:** We are currently having issues with the primary phone line and calls are not able to be received or made. The phone company has been contacted and the issue should be resolved mid next week. In the meantime, you are able to contact the primary office by calling 4952 3355 and selecting extension 6. Calls made by staff from the school will come from the school mobile. Thank you for your understanding.

**Office Procedures:** We include a reminder about office procedures for the Primary Department. Thank you for your cooperation.

**All parents visiting the school during school hours must enter via the Main Office at the front of the school**

- **Early Leave** – a signed note handed in to the Primary Office or phone 4952 3297 or email [kara.okeefe1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kara.okeefe1@det.nsw.edu.au). Students will then be sent to meet parents at the Main Office for collection at the specified time.
- **Late Arrival** – students must be signed in at the Main Office by a parent/caregiver or take a signed note from a parent/caregiver to the Main Office before going to their classroom. Parents are not required to walk students to classrooms.
- **Sick Students** – parents will be contacted if their child is ill and they will need to be picked up from Main Office.
- **Absence Notification** – a signed note handed in to the primary office or phone 4952 3297 or email [kara.okeefe1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kara.okeefe1@det.nsw.edu.au) or via the Skoolbag App.
- **Extended Leave** - students who are taking extended leave of 10 days or more must fill in an Application for Extended Leave form before leaving, available from the Primary Office or from the school website <http://www.hspa.nsw.edu.au> (click on downloads and scroll to the primary section). This form is to be returned to school to be approved by the Principal.

**Newsletters Online:** After discussion with the P&C Primary Subcommittee, please be advised that this will be the last newsletter which will be sent home in hardcopy. As of next Friday all newsletters will be emailed via the school website subscription. If you have not already subscribed or if you need to update your email address please visit the HSPA school website [www.hspa.nsw.edu.au](http://www.hspa.nsw.edu.au) and click 'Subscribe to Newsletter'. If you do not have internet access and require a hard copy to be sent home, please complete the slip below. These newsletters will be copied and available for students to collect from the primary office at lunchtimes on Fridays.

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### HSPA NEWSLETTER REQUEST

Please return this to the primary office by next Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July if you require a hardcopy of the primary newsletter each week

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Ghana Beat My Drum:** Students had a special performance on Tuesday afternoon from *Schools Performance Tour* displaying drumming and the African culture. Students were selected to play a range of drums or dance in front of Primary. It was a fun afternoon!

**Second Hand Uniform Sale:** The Primary P&C Subcommittee have decided to run a gold coin donation second hand uniform stall next Friday (29<sup>th</sup> July), and at the Welcome BBQ in Term 4. Please send any unwanted uniforms in to the primary office. We will collect the uniforms and then run the first stall on Friday 29/7 before and after school.



**Jeans for Genes Day:** HSPA will be supporting Jeans for Genes Day on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August. Students may wear denim jeans with their school shirt and bring a gold coin donation.

**Book Club:** Book Club order forms have been sent home today. Please note we are now only taking orders via the online payment system [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP). Simply order and pay online by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July and your books will be sent to school and distributed to students. Please do not send any forms or payments to school.

**Lost School Jumper:** Could parents please check their children's school jumpers for a name on the side tag and return to school if it belongs to somebody else? Missing is a size 8-10 brand new school jumper.

**HELP WITH SCIENCE RESOURCES:** We need plastic jars of different sizes for our science experiments. You can help by bringing plastic jars to school for collection. We need the following sizes:

120 ml, eg. plastic baby food jar      250ml, eg. plastic tartare sauce jar      330 ml, eg. plastic salsa jar  
500ml, eg. plastic pasta jar

We also need eye droppers, thermometers and a variety of gloves made from different materials, e.g. evening, ski, rubber, woollen, gardening. Thank you, we appreciate your help.

**NAIDOC Day Celebrations:** The whole school will be celebrating NAIDOC week with a special assembly and activities on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August. More information to come.

**Zone Athletics Carnival:** Good luck to our representatives at the Track Zone Carnival next Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July and the Field/800m Zone Carnival on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Permission notes have been sent home and were due to the primary office today. Copies are also available in the downloads section of the school website. The Zone Carnivals take place at Hunter Sports Centre (Glendale) with students meeting there at 9am. Own transport to and from the carnival is required. If another parent will be transporting your child home, please send a note on the day.

**World of Maths:** World of Maths is touring and our Year 5 and 6 students have been invited to participate in some fun workshops on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August (Week 4) for \$6 at our school. Please see permission note sent home today for more details.

**Working Bee:** Are you wanting to help with *The Lion King Jr* props, costumes and sets and also in beautifying our school grounds? We would love to see you at our Working Bee on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August from 9am**. Please fill out the slip below if you are interested in attending. Thank you!

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### HSPA WORKING BEE

Please return this to the primary office if you would like to help out at the working bee on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August from 9am

NAME/S: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hunter Dance Festival:** All dance ensembles were successful in their audition for Hunter Dance Festival running next week at Wests Newcastle (formally Panthers). ALL dance ensemble students are expected to attend this performance. Tickets for the performance are now on sale and can be purchased directly from Wests Newcastle through [proticket.com.au](http://proticket.com.au). Tickets are \$18.00 per person.

The following are details for the organisation for Hunter Dance Festival. Permission notes were due to the primary office today. Please return on Monday if you have not already done so. Copies can be found in the downloads section of the school website.

***Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July - Jade and Teal Ensembles***

- Students catch bus from school at 1:45pm
- Rehearsal from 2:30pm - 4:00pm
- McDonalds for dinner 4:00pm - 5:30pm
- Walk back to Wests Newcastle at 5:30pm
- Performance at 6:30pm
- Parents to pick up from Wests Newcastle (King Street) at 8.15pm

***Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July - Aqua Ensemble***

- Students catch bus from school at 1:45pm
- Rehearsal from 2:30pm - 4:00pm
- McDonalds for dinner 4:00pm - 5:30pm
- Walk back to Wests Newcastle at 5:30pm
- Performance at 6:30pm
- Parents to pick up from Wests Newcastle (King Street) at 8.15pm

***Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July - Boys and Violet Ensembles***

- Students catch bus from school at 11:45pm
- Rehearsal from 12:30pm - 2:00pm
- Catch bus back to school at 2.00pm
- Normal after school travel arrangements
- Students to meet at Wests Newcastle at 5:30pm
- Performance at 6:30pm
- Parents to pick up from Wests Newcastle (King Street) at 8.15pm

**Festival of Instrumental Music (Wind & String Ensemble):** Permission notes and final information will be sent home next Friday. Tickets are already on sale and may be made through the Sydney Opera House Box Office [www.sydneyoperahouse.com](http://www.sydneyoperahouse.com) or 02 9250 7777 and cost \$42 for Adults and \$35 for concession/students. There is a limit of four tickets per transaction. You will need the following information to book:

***Concert Name:*** Banksia ***Concert Date:*** Tuesday 23rd August

**Primary Proms (Year 3/4OM):** Permission notes and final information will be sent home next Friday. Tickets went on sale at 9am, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July and sell out very quickly. Bookings are made through the City Recital Hall Box Office [www.cityrecitalhall.com](http://www.cityrecitalhall.com) or 02 8256 2222 and cost \$39 for Adults and \$33 for concession/students plus booking fee. You will need the following information to book:

***Concert Name:*** Brindabella ***Concert Date:*** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 7pm

**Festival of Choral Music (Primary Senior Choir):** Permission notes and final information will be sent home next Friday. Tickets went on sale at 9am, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July and sell out very quickly. Bookings are made through the Sydney Opera House Box Office [www.sydneyoperahouse.com](http://www.sydneyoperahouse.com) or 02 9250 7777 and cost \$42 for Adults and \$35 for concession/students. There is a limit of four tickets per transaction. You will need the following information to book:

***Concert Name:*** Argyle ***Concert Date:*** Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August



**State Music Camp:** Emily Gardner, Kate Lowry and Elektra Mills having a great time at State Music Camp this week.





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## 'What's On'

Term 3, 2016

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
2	<u>JULY</u> 25 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup> Hunter Dance Festival TEAL & JADE	27 <sup>th</sup> Hunter Dance Festival AQUA	28 <sup>th</sup> Hunter Dance Festival BOYS & VIOLET  Choral Rehearsal (Primary Choir)  Australian Maths Comp	29 <sup>th</sup>  Second-Hand Uniform Sale (Primary Playground)  Zone Athletics - TRACK	30 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup>
3	<u>AUG</u> 1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>  Zone Athletics – FIELD/800m	3 <sup>rd</sup>  The Lion King Parent Team Meeting 4pm	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>  Jeans for Genes Day	6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup>
4	8 <sup>th</sup>  World of Maths (Years 5&6)	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>  NAIDOC Day	12 <sup>th</sup>  Zone Public Speaking	13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup>
5	15 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup>
6	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>  Festival of Instrumental Music (Wind & String)	24 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup>  SATURDAY – Working Bee 9am
7	29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>  Festival of Choral Music (Primary Choir)	<u>SEPT</u> 1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup>
8	5 <sup>th</sup>  Music Showcase (info to come)	6 <sup>th</sup>  Creative Arts Camp Week	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup>
9	12 <sup>th</sup>  State Dance Festival Week	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>  Drama Showcase (info to come)	15 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>  Primary Proms (Year 3/4OM)	17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup>
10	19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>  LAST DAY TERM 3	24 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup>

**Primary Newsletter Emailed:** Please visit the school website [www.hspa.nsw.edu.au](http://www.hspa.nsw.edu.au) to subscribe to the newsletter.

### NOTES IN CIRCULATION

- Hunter Dance Festival (all Dance Ensembles) – **OVERDUE**
- Choral Cluster Rehearsal (Primary Choir) – **OVERDUE**
- Zone Athletics Carnival - **OVERDUE**
- ATYP Inspire Project (all Drama Students) – **OVERDUE FROM LAST TERM**
- World of Maths (Year 5 & 6) – DUE Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July
- Book Club Orders (to be done online only [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)) – DUE Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July