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The Dress Circle

Term 3 Week 2, 2016
"Performing at Our Best"

*The Junior and
 Middle Years
 Newsletter*

Good Afternoon Parents and Caregivers,

This week, the staff have been working extremely hard with preparations for the Australian Premiere (yes, it really is) of The Lion King Jr. Ticket sales are accelerating with under a thousand left – they will go! Our Music teams are readying themselves for a series of concerts in the Sydney Opera House as part of the Arts Unit's State Music Festival, including a regional rehearsal at Mayfield West Demonstration School this week. Our Dance staff have again showed their abilities to develop and nurture talent in each student with their work being shown off at the Hunter Dance Festival. Our Drama staff have been working with ABC radio and students to record the next season of 'Short & Curly', a podcast series where students are asked those curly questions like 'Should lollies be banned?' I thank all my tem for their efforts.

STARS OF THE WEEK

3/4OM Summer Fallins
 5S Caleb Macbeth
 5OW Esther Junker
 6BC Lara Taylor
 6P Kate Lowry
 6K Sadie Griffin



Mrs Lisa Bone has returned in a part-time capacity to her Assistant Principal position (Mondays and Tuesdays). Miss Bianca Posavec will continue as relieving Assistant Principal (Wednesday-Friday). Mrs Amy Ormerod will soon be taking Maternity Leave and her 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.

It was wonderful to have Miss Wendy Leis, Foundation Assistant Principal back in the school this week as she supported Year 12 over a number of days with their Trial HSC Examinations. Wendy was an instrumental leader during the actual auditions of some of these students up to 13 years ago. It was wonderful to see her 'fighting fit' and 'bookending' the scholastic careers of many HSPA students.

Next week, I look forward to leading a whole school team of executive and staff at training for the implementation of the new K-10 Geography syllabus. Mrs Bone (AP), Mrs O'Brien and Mr Stewart, will be joined by Mr Rees (HT HSIE) and Geography staff, Miss Natalie Hudson, Mrs Roslyn Murton and Mr Benjamin Carle. Early implementation due to the dedication of this team, has begun this term.

The process continues for selection of the new Principal of Hunter School of the Performing Arts. Mr Neale continues as Acting Principal in the interim. We look forward to bringing you news of the successful candidate in August.

Finally, don't forget that we have our P&C meetings scheduled for next Monday evening commencing at 6pm and 7pm respectively for the Primary Sub-Committee and the Main Body.

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

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

Ticket prices are as follows: Adults ~ \$22.00 and Concessions ~ \$16.50. Please choose 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
<i>Tickets Available -></i>	24	86	75	67
Evening Cast: 7:00pm	Hakuna	Matata	Hakuna	Matata
<i>Tickets Available -></i>	124	197	34	NEARLY SOLD OUT 3

Chorals Rehearsal: The Primary Senior Choir had a fabulous day yesterday at Mayfield West Demonstration School, to participate in a regional cluster rehearsal, for this year's Festival of Choral Music at the Sydney Opera House. Under the direction of the extraordinary Ian Jefferson, a prolific composer and conductor from the Arts Unit, the combined schools rehearsed the finer details of the eleven songs for this year's concert. Mr Jefferson was his typical hysterical self, with much humour to flavour his rehearsal, most of which the students understood. His card tricks and riddles were also a hit.

Our students made Mrs Kearney and Mr Stewart extremely proud, showing professionalism and focus throughout the day, and even managed to admirably sing a section of 'The Circle of Life' to the rest of the choir; a difficult task as the concert version is very different to the musical version that we now know so well.

The choir is now looking forward to four more weeks of dedicated rehearsals in preparation for the big event on Wednesday 31st August.

2016 Operation Art Exhibition: Congratulations to our talented young artists, Mia Chao, Esther Junker, Hannah Pandel and Emily Marsh, who were successful in having their artwork selected for exhibition in 2016 Operation Art. Well Done!



The exhibition will be displayed from 10th September –30th October (10am - 4pm daily). Come and see over 800 artworks on display from almost 300 schools. Every year schools across New South Wales are invited to participate in Operation Art, an initiative of The Children's Hospital at Westmead in association with the New South Wales Department of Education. The Operation Art program provides a forum for schools and students to demonstrate their visual arts achievements through exhibitions at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park and the Art Gallery of New South Wales.

Hunter Dance Festival: Congratulations to all dance ensemble students who performed at Hunter Dance Festival this week. You all performed brilliantly and all of the dance teachers are very proud of your efforts. Well done!

State Dance Festival: Congratulations to Aqua and Jade Ensembles who were successful in their audition for State Dance festival 2016. Dates:

Aqua - Wednesday 14th September 7:00pm and Friday 16th September 7:00pm

Jade - Tuesday 13th September 7:00pm and Friday 16th September 12:30pm

The NSW State Dance Festival runs for a week at the Seymour Centre in Sydney and celebrates the strongest performances from all of the Regional Shows from NSW. It is an honour to be selected for this prestigious Dance Event. We will be organising transport for Jade and Aqua ensemble members to and from Sydney on their performing days. If you know that your child will not be able to perform on either of these dates, please let their Ensemble teacher know by next Friday at the absolute latest.

Tickets are not on sale as yet, but will be available for purchase from the Seymour Centre Box Office Online <http://www.seymourcentre.com/how-to-book/>

State Dance Festival Excursion: The State Dance Festival includes masterclasses and workshops run by industry professionals and a Schools Matinee Show. We are currently planning to invite all dancers in Jade, Aqua and Teal ensembles to a one-day excursion on Friday 16th September to participate in a masterclass and then watch the Matinee Performance afterwards. We will have more details about this Excursion soon.

Primary Drama Showcase: This annual event will be held on Thursday 15th September (Week 9) at 6pm in the Hunter Theatre. All drama ensemble students are required to attend, as well as some students who may perform drama pieces from their core class work from Semester 1 (further information to come). Parents, friends and family are welcome to come and watch our showcase. The evening will start at 6pm and tickets are \$5.50 each and are available for purchase from the HSPA website (Hunter theatre Box Office).

Special Event: This year we have decided to combine Grandfriends Day, Education Week and Book Week into one fantastic event. This will take place in Week 5 or 6 with more details to follow shortly. Combining the themes of "shared stories, better learning and stronger communities" along with "Australia! Story Country", we look forward to a great celebration to share with our students and community

Student Success: Last week, Year 5 student Makayla Stiess attended the Royal Ballet School in London as a dancer at their intensive International Summer School. She auditioned last year and was accepted as one of approximately 150 dancers from over 3600 applicants. She attended numerous different dance classes with other dancers of all nationalities and boarded at the ballet school for 5 nights. Congratulations Makayla on such an outstanding achievement!

NAIDOC Celebrations: On Thursday 11th August the whole school will participate in NAIDOC celebrations to recognise and pay tribute to Aboriginal history and culture in Australia. There will be a whole school assembly, performances by Aboriginal students and lunchtime stalls and activities. Students are asked to bring some change to help cover the costs of these activities. Stalls will be 50c to \$1. Students will come to school in school uniform, but may wear black, red and/or yellow accessories. Please help us to celebrate this important day.

NAIDOC Cupcake Competition: There will be a cupcake competition with prizes for the most creative and decorative cupcakes (you may also bring biscuits, slices or other yummy treats.) Please bring your cupcakes with your name clearly marked on your container on Thursday 11th August. Google NAIDOC decorative cakes or check out some great fun ideas on Pinterest. Join in the fun and creativity to support this important celebration!

The money raised will help support the Aboriginal Literacy Foundation and to save the Awabakal Butterfly Cave, a sacred women's site on Awabakal land being threatened by housing development.

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 27th August from 9am**. Please contact the primary office on 4952 3297 if you are interested in attending. Thank you!

Second Hand Uniform Sale: The Primary P&C Subcommittee have decided to run a gold coin donation second hand uniform stall. Please send any unwanted uniforms in to the primary office and we will let you know via the newsletter when the next stall will be.



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

Music Trivia Night: Due to a clash in events we will be changing the date of the Music Trivia Night. Please disregard the order form sent home last week and stay tuned for the new date coming soon!

MORE PICTURES FROM BANDLINK 2016



Yours in education,

Khalil Khay, Deputy Principal K-12



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'What's On'

Term 3, 2016

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
3	<u>AUG 1st</u> P&C Meetings 6pm & 7pm	2 nd Zone Athletics – FIELD/800m	3 rd The Lion King Parent Team Meeting 4pm	4 th	5 th Jeans for Genes Day Musical Rehearsal (Theatre – all day)	6 th /7 th
4	8 th World of Maths (Years 5&6) Assembly EG1 2pm	9 th	10 th	11 th NAIDOC Day	12 th Zone Public Speaking	13 th /14 th
5	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th Touch Football Gala Day	20 th /21 st
6	22 nd EDUCATION WEEK BOOK WEEK	23 rd Festival of Instrumental Music (Wind & String)	24 th	25 th Assembly EG1 12pm	26 th	27 th /28 th SATURDAY – Working Bee 9am
7	29 th	30 th	31 st Festival of Choral Music (Primary Choir)	<u>SEPT 1st</u>	2 nd	3 rd /4 th
8	5 th Music Showcase (info to come) Creative Arts Camp Week	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th /11 th
9	12 th State Dance Festival Week	13 th State Dance (Jade Ensemble)	14 th State Dance (Aqua Ensemble)	15 th Drama Showcase	16 th Primary Proms (Year 3/4OM) State Dance (Jade, Aqua, Teal)	17 th /18 th
10	19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd LAST DAY TERM 3	24 th /25 th

NOTES IN CIRCULATION

- ATYP Inspire Project (all Drama Students) – **OVERDUE FROM LAST TERM**
- Lake Macquarie Eisteddfod – DUE Friday 5th August
- Touch Football Gala Day – DUE Friday 12th August
- Primary Proms (all Year 3/4OM) – DUE Friday 19th August
- Festival of Choral Music (Primary Senior Choir) – DUE Friday 19th August
- Festival of Instrumental Music (Wind & String Ensemble) – DUE Friday 19th August

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