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The Dress Circle

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

The Junior and
Middle Years
Newsletter

Good Afternoon Parents and Caregivers,

We are literally three months away from the Australian premiere of The Lion King Jr and there are less than 500 seats available. I praise the outstanding work of our Primary, TAS and Administrative teams for their diligence and dedication towards this quality project. Please do not wait until 4th term to secure a ticket as the season will have well and truly sold out before then.

Our apologies that the P&C's Music Trivia Night has been moved Saturday 12th November. However, this will give us even more time to prepare a wonderful evening of song, dance, performance and fine times. As the school will be advertising this to its entire 2016 community and its prospective 2017 community, we strongly encourage you to purchase your tickets for this event now as it too will sell out.

This week, Ms Harvey-Bice, Mrs O'Neill and I had the privilege of attending the Australian College of Educators / Leading Educators Across the Planet joint event with presentations by Professor John Hattie, Professor Alma Harris, Associate Professor Michelle Jones and Codirectors of the Centre for Innovative Educational Leadership at Vancouver Island University, Judy Halbert and Linda Kaser. Their delivery of current world class research into the creation of student and staff Professional Learning Communities, which also involve parents and caregivers was very affirming for the outstanding work being done at all levels by classroom and executive leaders in our school. Kudos to the HSPA Staff Team.

On the theme of outstanding educators, it is my pleasure to advise that Professor John Fischetti, who is the Head of the School of Education at The University of Newcastle will be acknowledged by the College of Australian Educators tonight for his outstanding service to students and teacher education. Alongside two other Australian luminaries in education, Associate Professor James Ladwig and Professor Jennifer Gore, John has played a key role in strategic advice to this school. I look forward to bearing witness as his nominee for this prestigious award.

This week, our whole school team of executive and staff undertook training for the implementation of the new K-10 Geography syllabus. Mrs Bone (AP), Mrs O'Brien, Mr Stewart, Mr Rees (HT HSIE) and Geography staff, Miss Natalie Hudson, Mrs Roslyn Murton and Mr Benjamin Carle are diligently working towards early implementation of Geography K-10 this semester. I thank them for their proactivity and service.

New HSPA Principal Announced: Jenny Moody, (Director, Newcastle Principal Network) advised the school this week that the successful applicant for the principal's position at HSPA has been offered and was accepted by Ms Joanne Gray. Ms Gray is currently the principal at Singleton High School and will commence at HSPA at the start of Term 4, 2016

Yours in education,

Khalil Khay,
Deputy Principal

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

STARS OF THE WEEK

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| 3/4OM | Tessa Isbister |
| 5S | Amber Brooks |
| 5OW | Kiki Monohan |
| 6BC | Alexandra Morris |
| 6P | Arle Williams |
| 6K | Lachlan Moyse |

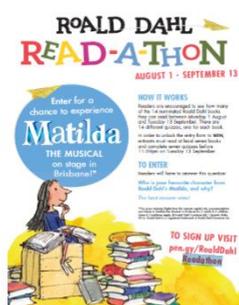


We have the following availability of tickets for each show.

| | 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> | 8 | 69 | 42 | 54 |
| Evening Cast: 7:00pm | Hakuna | Matata | Hakuna | Matata |
| <i>Tickets Available -></i> | 110 | 180 | 20 | NEARLY SOLD OUT 3 |

Urgently Needed: Do you have any pool noodles (with holes) and/or old fishing rods at home that you would like to donate to the school for the musical? Please email Miss Posavec bianca.posavec1@det.nsw.edu.au if you are able to donate any of these items. Thank you to the parents who have already kindly donated.

The Lion King JR. Leads Costume Day: The Parent Management Team and Miss Posavec would like all leads to bring their costumes in a plastic tub on Tuesday 30th August. The costumes do not need to be completed by this date. Leads will put on their costumes at school and the team will look at each character and each cast and ensure there is consistency in costuming amongst the characters. The Parent Management Team and Miss Posavec will suggest ways we can unite the costumes, help with improvement suggestions and assist in completing some costumes. (Please note: The Parent Management Team are a handful of parents who have been part of the team since Term One.)



Roald Dahl Read-a-Thon: September 13th (Week 9) marks 100 years since the birth of Roald Dahl. With amazing characters and plots, Dahl captured the imagination of so many readers around the world. To mark this occasion, Penguin Books Australia have organised a read-a-thon. Readers are encouraged to see how many of the 14 nominated Roald Dahl books they can read between Monday 1st August and Tuesday 13th September. There are 14 quizzes, one for each book. In order to unlock the entry form, entrants must read at least seven looks and complete the quizzes by the deadline.

The amazing prize includes a trip to see *Matilda the Musical* in Brisbane. To sign up and for further information, visit <https://www.penguin.com.au/competitions/roald-dahl-100-readathon/> or see Ms Walker in the Library.

State Dance Festival: Congratulations to Aqua and Jade Ensembles who were successful in their audition for State Dance Festival. 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. Permission notes will be coming home next week. 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

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 Masterclass: 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 participate in a masterclass and then watch the Matinee Performance (Jade are performing) on Friday 16th September. Permission notes will be coming home next week.

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

NAIDOC Celebrations: Next 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 next 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 P&C are still collecting second hand uniforms. At the moment only a handful have been donated. Please keep these uniforms coming in. We are hoping to run the stall at the welcome/orientation breakfast in Term 4. It would be great if everyone could have a look through their cupboards and bring any unwanted uniforms to the primary office.

Grand friends Day, Education Week and Book Week Celebrations: We are having a special celebration! It is combining a number of important special events and we would love for you to attend.

Grandparents and other older adults can be very important people in children's lives. Children feel a sense of pride and accomplishment when they know that people in their extended family and community are interested in their education. Grandfriends Day recognises the importance of our heritage, our community, and relationships across generations. Education Week is a celebration of public education and this years theme is "shared stories, better learning, stronger communities."

Book Week is a chance for the Children's Book Council of Australia to bring children and books together with a theme of Australia! Story Country for 2016.

On this day we are inviting the Grandfriends of our students to come to school on Friday 26th August from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. There is going to be a morning tea for our Grandfriends organised by the P&C and then we would like to welcome our Grandfriends into our classrooms to share stories about their experiences of schooling and community. We will also have a visit to our library and have a story read by a special guest for our Grandfriends and students to enjoy. On the day the "Great Book Swap" will be happening where students and Grandfriends can purchase books with the proceeds going to support Aboriginal students in disadvantaged schools. To conclude, there will be a short concert and thank you presentation.

We understand that some children may not have grandparents, and that some grandparents will be unable to attend. We encourage these children to bring another special older adult, such as a family friend, or other relative like an aunt or uncle.

Students are also invited to dress as their favourite book character for a gold coin donation.

It will be a fun day to share with your grandchild and we hope to see you here at school.

Zone Athletics Carnival: Congratulations to the following students for representing our school in the zone athletics carnival held last Friday and this Tuesday. Matia Ingrey, Maya Whittaker, Tynisha Faasisila, Harmony Little, Isabella Crebert, Sophie Mavridis, Samantha Furney, Kiki Monohan, Charlie Sewell, Maya Heath, Ebony Dyball, Natasha Ninness, Olive Dunn, Sophie Cusack, Carli Redman, Ruben Junker, Harley Coles, Tristan Burley, Jasper Redhead, Caleb Macbeth, Max Hood, Joe Dufty, Liam Moore, Kaleb Shearer, Will Dyson, Liam Fitzgerald, Declyn Bean, and Jonathan Bowen. All students performed at their best and I would like to congratulate them on their exceptional behaviour. We have two students who were successful in gaining a position to attend the regional athletics carnival! Well done to Olive Dunn, who will be competing in the senior girls 100m and Kaleb Shearer, who will be competing in the senior boys shot put. We wish both students good luck! I would also like to give a special mention to the junior girls relay team who came equal first in their heat and only just missed out on gaining a place at the regional carnival by just a few seconds! They did an excellent job and should be proud of their efforts.

Good Luck To Liam Fitzgerald: This weekend Liam is off to compete in a Nationals competition for pool rescuing! We wish you all the best and we look forward to hearing how you went.

Premier's Sporting Challenge: Our school is currently participating in the sporting challenge again this year. Remember to get active and record all your efforts in your log book. Happy exercising!

Community Announcements:

Early Weather Warning: Parents and Caregivers can access free of charge (depending on the Local Government Area in which they live) the NSW Early Warning Network weather facility on their mobiles by searching for EWN in the iOS App Store or Google Play Store.

These alerts are directly linked to the Bureau of Meteorology and are endorsed by local government associations. These alerts may assist HSPA families and others, in times of need.

An email and sms/mms subscription service is also available by visiting www2.ewn.com.au/register/register.as

Census: Tuesday August 9 is Census night in Australia. The Census provides a snapshot of Australia and the data is used to inform services in local communities, from housing and transport to health and education. The Australian Bureau of Statistics are urging all households to complete the survey next Tuesday.

Opal Card Single Trips: We have been advised that Opal single trip tickets and Opal single bus tickets are available for single-use tickets for train, ferry, light rail and bus trips within the Opal network. They're designed as a back-up option, just in case you don't have an Opal card yet, or you don't have your Opal card with you. You must still tap on and tap off when travelling with an Opal single trip ticket when you're travelling on the train, ferry or light rail. If you don't, you're not travelling with a valid ticket and you can be fined. Single trip tickets are available from Opal top up and single trip ticket machines at selected locations in the Opal network. Broadmeadow Station has a ticket machine which accepts both cash and card.



Your personal invitation

I think (or know) my child has Autism. What now?

**Monday
22 August 2016**

Session One
10am-12noon

Session Two
5.30pm-7.30pm

East Maitland Bowling Club,
Bank Street, East Maitland

RSVP before Thursday 18 August
E trussell@catholiccare.org.au
PH [02] 4979 1176
W www.catholiccare.org.au



CatholicCare invites you to attend one of their information sessions about Autism...

The Autism Information Sessions are designed for people who are seeking more information on assessments, or know someone close to them who has recently been diagnosed with autism.

A CatholicCare psychologist will provide attendees with an overview on the condition and information, resources and services available to assist them.

Kirsty Russell, a mother and advocate, will then share her personal account on dealing with her children's autism diagnoses, the tools she used to build confidence and resilience and how she got her family the support they need to live a happy life.



For more information visit
www.catholiccare.org.au or call 4979 1120
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JUNIOR COMPETITION

- Comp Dates: 05Sep-05Dec
- 12 Rounds + Finals (11Dec)
- Age Groups: 7-15yrs
- Multi-Child Discount
- NSWTA Affiliated
- Representative Opportunities
- BBQ & Canteen
- Get Your Team Together!
- Register a Team or as an Individual Looking for a Team (from 21Aug)
- See Website for More Details...

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21/8/16 1-4pm

Come and try touch footy before you register!

Newcastle Harness Club, Turton Rd, Broadmeadow



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'What's On'

Term 3, 2016

| WK | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SAT/SUN |
|----|---|--|--|--|--|---|
| 4 | AUG 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 Grandfriends Day 11am - 1pm | 27 th /28 th SATURDAY Working Bee 9am |
| 7 | 29 th | 30 th | 31 st Festival of Choral Music (Primary Choir) | SEPT 1 st | 2 nd Father's Day Breakfast & Stall | 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 | 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**
- 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

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