

# Hunter School of the Performing Arts

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## The Dress Circle

Term 3 Week 5, 2016  
 "Performing at Our Best"

The Junior and  
 Middle Years  
 Newsletter

### Good Afternoon Parents and Caregivers,

Last night, staff across the school stayed back until 6:30pm. Staff worked with an extended focus on HSC Assessment in the Secondary Department, and the implementation of new Syllabus documents in the Primary Department. Our dedicated 3-6 team have engaged with the draft documents for BOSTES consultation in K-6 Science and Technology, K-10 PDHPE, and 7-8 Technology Mandatory. This is on top of their work with implementation of the History K-10 and Geography K-10 syllabus documents this year.

[These documents are publicly available to view by clicking this sentence.](#) I acknowledge their dedication to creating the 'Active and Informed citizens' of the [Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians](#).

**Best wishes:** to Mrs Amy Ormerod, who finished her HSPA service today before the fantastic journey into parenthood. We wish her all the best as she soon meets the newest member of her family.

**NAPLAN Results:** will be distributed to all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students next Monday in Period 5.

**Tell Them From Me Survey:** Students will be participating in the Tell Them From Me Survey (unless parents have previously elected to have them opt out) at the following times next week:

<b>3/4OM</b>	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	P2	<b>6P</b>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	P3
<b>5S</b>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	P4	<b>6BC</b>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	P5
<b>5OW</b>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	P2	<b>6K</b>	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	P3

**VALID 6/8/10 Online Science Assessments:** Students will be participating in these assessments from Week 7, Term 3 until the end of term. Dates and times and requirements for assessments will be issued next Monday. Should parents wish to apply for special provisions, to withdraw their child these forms will be available from the [General Downloads section of the HSPA Website](#) Please see the separate hard copy, information note, which will be sent home on Monday.

**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](http://www.hspa.nsw.edu.au/ourschool.php?id=80)



We have the following availability of tickets for each show. Please note some tickets, which have been on hold for other schools, may be released back for sale during the week. There will be an update in next week's newsletter.

	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>	<b>1</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Evening Cast:</b> 7:00pm	<b>Hakuna</b>	<b>Matata</b>	<b>Hakuna</b>	<b>Matata</b>
<i>Tickets Available -&gt;</i>	<b>72</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>SOLD OUT</b>

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

**School/Parent Communication:** Please see the instructions below for installing the Skoolbag App onto your phone. This is a useful tool for sending through absence notifications, checking the school calendar and newsletter, and also receiving important alerts straight to your mobile phone. We encourage all parents with compatible phones to utilise this.



### How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

#### For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "Install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



#### For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

#### For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
  2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
  3. Install the Skoolbag app
  4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
  5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
  6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
  7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.
- Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.



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**Subscribe to Newsletter:** We also encourage all parents to subscribe to the school newsletters by visiting the school website [www.hspa.nsw.edu.au](http://www.hspa.nsw.edu.au) and clicking on 'Subscribe to Newsletter'. The weekly primary newsletter is emailed directly to your inbox every Friday. Please be sure to read the newsletter as it contains a lot of important information about upcoming events and/or changes to information. This is often the only way we are able to communicate information to our parents.



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Welcome to Hunter School Of The Performing Arts  
HSPA is a public school and the only fully selective Year 3-12 performing arts school in NSW, Australia. Download the **app**, like us on **Facebook**, follow us on **Twitter** and join the HSPA tribe.

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Principal Login

**2017 Primary Auditions:** The Primary Department's applications for 2017 enrolments remain open for Years 2-6 in Dance, Drama and Music until next Monday 22nd August at 12:00 noon.

Yours in education,

Khalil Khay,  
Deputy Principal K-12

# AUDITIONS

Hunter School of the  
*Performing Arts*  
Years 2-12

## JUNIOR-MIDDLE YEARS (Years 2-6) in Dance, Drama and Music

Your child has the best of all worlds at Hunter School of the Performing Arts: performing, creative and sporting; all underpinned by outstanding academic and welfare programs. This public school draws its students from the Hunter Region, the Central Coast, Port Stephens and beyond.

**Years 2-6 Dance, Drama and Music:** Students with outstanding ability in Dance, Drama and Music are educated in programs designed to develop their talents. Teachers selected for their expertise in/empathy for the Performing Arts, work with students to develop skills and confidence in performance and related areas. A large number of vacancies are available for students across Years 2-6.

Parents should be aware that up to 50% of Year 7 positions for the subsequent year (2018) will be filled from Year 6 students already enrolled in 2017.

HSPA promotes excellence in all educational areas, through a caring and creative environment, which provides for the best educational outcomes for all students.

**APPLICATION FORMS FOR ENROLMENT BY AUDITION ARE AVAILABLE FROM:**

- Hunter School of the Performing Arts Main Administration; or
- [www.hspa.nsw.edu.au/enrolments.php](http://www.hspa.nsw.edu.au/enrolments.php)

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS:**

- Years 2-6 Monday 22nd August - 12.00pm

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:**

Ph: ..... (02) 4952 3355  
Email: ..... [hunterperfor-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:hunterperfor-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Fax: ..... (02) 4956 2428  
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PO BOX 1, BROADMEADOW NSW 2290 (Lambton Road, BROADMEADOW)  
All auditions are for 2017 Scholastic Year.

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**Musical Weekend Rehearsals (all cast members):** There will be a full-dress rehearsal on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October (Matata cast) and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October (Hakuna cast):

DAY	TIME	CAST
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	12:00pm – 5:00pm	Matata
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	10:00am – 3:00pm	Hakuna

**Primary Vocal Ensemble:** Next Monday 22nd August, the Primary Vocal Ensemble will be spending the day in the Hunter Theatre Recording Studio with Mr Stewart, Mr Pink - Head Teacher Music (relieving) and former student/piano extraordinaire, Jacob Neale. The ensemble will have the opportunity to sing in a real studio, recording the original composition by Mr Stewart and Jacob Neale; *Jacky Winter*. Not only will a high quality recording be produced, but a secondary film crew will be present to make a music video style movie. We look forward to seeing and hearing the end result. A DVD will be distributed upon completion of the project. Please return the publicity consent forms on Monday morning to be included in the filming.

**Father's Day Activities:** On Friday, 2nd September, HSPA staff and the P&C will host a Father's Day celebration morning. The morning will include a yummy breakfast, with coffee and bacon & egg rolls for those who have returned their notes by next Friday, and an exciting activity for Dad's and carers to participate in from 9am till 10am (Period 1). The Father's Day stall will also be run by the P&C and will take place directly after the morning activities. To participate in the Period 1 activities, Dad's, carers and students need to bring a smart device (either a smart phone or tablet) if possible, otherwise they will need to combine with another group. Please ensure the device is equipped with the following:

- QR reader ([http://www.qrstuff.com/qr\\_phone\\_software.html](http://www.qrstuff.com/qr_phone_software.html))
- A digital compass with GPS capability (iPhones are pre-installed)

**Drama Showcase:** Please be advised that all students would have received an amended note for the Primary Drama Showcase. If your child is unable to attend on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September, please advise either Mrs O'Neill or Miss Posavec as soon as possible. We will endeavour to have the night concluded by 7.30pm so students may get home as early as possible, as some are involved in trips to Sydney the following day.

**Science and Engineering Challenge:** Thank you to all parents who have returned their permission notes for this activity. Please be advised that all places have now been filled.

**Festival of Instrumental Music:** All Wind & String Ensemble members are to meet Miss Morris-Britten and Mrs Kearney at Broadmeadow train station at 8.10am next Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Please make sure you have a child/youth OPAL card with sufficient credit for a single trip to Sydney or enough cash to purchase a single trip ticket from the station. Please note that School OPAL cards are only valid for travel between school and home and cannot be used for this trip. Please wear black pants (or skorts with black stockings), black socks and black shoes with your special performance t-shirt and pack lunch, recess and water. Pick up time from the Opera House is 9.30pm at the top of the Utzon stairs. The school mobile number for the day will be 0455 795 205.

**Grandfriends 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.

On this day we are inviting the Grandfriends of our students to come to school next Friday 26th August from 10.30am-12.30pm (please note change of time from previously advised). 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. There will also be a short concert and thank you presentation. Students are also invited to dress as their favourite book character for a gold coin donation.

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

**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.

**Primary Music Showcase:** The Primary Music Showcase will be held in the Hunter Theatre on Monday, 5th September, beginning at 6:00pm. All students involved in our primary music ensembles will be required for this performance. Please note the date on your calendar and be prepared for a fabulous evening of entertainment. Further information regarding exact times and performance details will be coming soon!

**State Dance Festival:** Permission notes have now been sent home to Jade, Aqua and Teal ensembles and are also available in the downloads section of the school website. <http://www.hspa.nsw.edu.au/ourschool.php?id=79> Please note that Jade and Aqua ensembles have two notes, a separate note for each of the days they are performing. A T-Shirt order form has also been distributed for those students interested and is due to the primary no later than next Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased directly from the Seymour Centre by phoning **02 9351 7940** or via their website at; <http://www.seymourcentre.com/events/event/nsw-public-schools-state-dance-festival-2016/>



**Strings Rehearsal Day:** On Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, Annouk Meany, Lily Hardy and I attended a strings cluster rehearsal for the Festival of Instrumental Music. We left at 9:30am and met with about three other schools at the Junction Public School. We practiced our four songs for the concert which is on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August. We had a lot of fun meeting the other schools and we hope that we have made some new friends. Many thanks to my mum, Naoko Convery, for accompanying us to the rehearsal ~ Katy Convery (Year 6K)

### NAIDOC Day Photos





### **Grandfriends Day – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August**

We would like to ask if Year 6 families could assist us on the day by sending in a plate of food for the morning tea.

**Volunteers Needed:** If you are able to assist with the morning tea for Grandfriends Day next Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August from 10:00 till 12:00pm could you please contact the primary office on 4952 3297.

### **Father's Day Stall – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

The P&C will be holding their annual Father's Day Stall immediately following the Father's Day Breakfast on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Lots of fantastic gifts for Dad, Grandpa, etc. all priced between \$2 and \$5 (plus a few little extras for only \$1 and cards only 50 cents)

Donations greatly appreciated – please send into the primary office.

If you are available to help out on the stall, please contact the primary office on 4952 3297 or Cathy Hanlon on 0481 588 055. Thank you



### **Father's Day Breakfast – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, we would like to invite all of our fathers in to school to celebrate Father's Day. There will be a BBQ breakfast run by the P&C from 7:30am - 9:00am in the primary playground. Dads are welcome to join in some fun activities with their child from 9:00am-10:00am. And students will be able to purchase gifts from the Father's Day Stall during this time also. We hope to see all of our wonderful dads on this special day!

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## **Father's Day Breakfast - Friday 2nd September 7.30am – 9.00am**

**If you would like to attend the breakfast, please complete the form below and return to the primary office by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August**

Bacon and egg roll, muffins, juice, tea and coffee  
\$5 per person or \$10 a family (please indicate numbers below)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Numbers attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (cash only – P&C)

**Any help with these activities is appreciated. If you would like to help please leave your name and phone number below.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PH: \_\_\_\_\_

# ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS are STILL AVAILABLE!

## THANK YOU for supporting us! Hunter School of Performing Arts

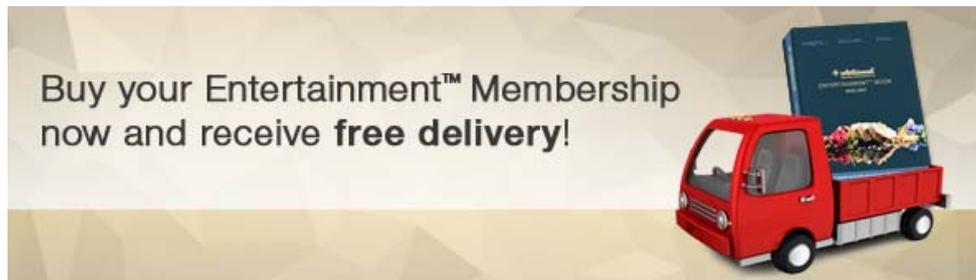
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## 'What's On'

Term 3, 2016

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
6	AUG 22 <sup>nd</sup> Vocal Ensemble Recording (Hunter Theatre)	23 <sup>rd</sup> Festival of Instrumental Music (Wind & String) Musical Rehearsal (Hunter Theatre)	24 <sup>th</sup> Newcastle Permanent Maths Comp (Years 5&6 – P3)	25 <sup>th</sup> Assembly EG1 12pm	26 <sup>th</sup> Grandfriends Day 10.30am – 12.30pm Book Swap & Book Dress-up Day	27 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup> SATURDAY Working Bee 9am
7	29 <sup>th</sup> VALID Assessments 6K P1&2 6BC P1&2 6P P3&4	30 <sup>th</sup> Lion King Jr Leads Costume Day	31 <sup>st</sup> Festival of Choral Music (Primary Choir) Musical Rehearsal (Hunter Theatre) TBC	SEPT 1 <sup>st</sup> Musical Rehearsal (Hunter Theatre)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Father's Day Breakfast & Stall Musical Rehearsal (Hunter Theatre)	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup>
8	5 <sup>th</sup> Music Showcase 6pm Creative Arts Camp Week	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Science & Engineering Challenge	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup>
9	12 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup> State Dance (Jade Ensemble) Assembly EG1 2.20pm	14 <sup>th</sup> State Dance (Aqua Ensemble)	15 <sup>th</sup> Drama Showcase 6pm Premier's Spelling Bee	16 <sup>th</sup> Primary Proms (Year 3/4OM) State Dance (Jade, Aqua, Teal)	17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup>
10	19 <sup>th</sup> 2017 Primary Auditions Week	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>

### NOTES IN CIRCULATION

- Primary Proms (all Year 3/4OM) – **OVERDUE**
- Festival of Choral Music (Primary Senior Choir) – **OVERDUE**
- Festival of Instrumental Music (Wind & String Ensemble) – **OVERDUE**
- State Dance T-Shirt Orders – DUE Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August
- Lion King Leads Rehearsals – DUE Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August
- Father's Day Breakfast Orders – Due Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August
- State Dance Festival (Jade, Teal, Aqua Ensembles) – DUE Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

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

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