



# The Audience

Term 3 Week 10 & Term 4 Week 1 2016

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## Week 10 Term 3

Mon 19/9	Assessment: Year 10 English First Aid Training (PDHPE, ADT, Sports Coaching)
Tues 20/9	Assessment: Industrial Technology Timber
Wed 21/9	Yr 12 Grad rehearsal and concert
Thurs 22/9	Yr 12 Graduation
Fri 23/9	Last Day of term 3

## Week 1 Term 4

Mon 10/10	All students return to school
Tues 11/10	Lion King rehearsals Lake Macquarie Eisteddfod (primary)
Wed 12/10	Lion King rehearsals
Thurs 13/10	Lion King rehearsals HSC written exams begin
Fri 14/10	Lion King rehearsals

## From Centre Stage

**Congrats to our superb Music Faculty** which has been awarded one of NSW's most prestigious education awards, the **NSW Secretary's Award for School Achievement 2016**. The award recognises the Music Faculty's outstanding achievements, excellence in performance, support for students and contribution to public education. My thanks to former HSPA parent Mr Fell, who spent many hours in developing and submitting the 11-page nomination.

**Well done to HSPA Dance teacher Mrs Jo-Anne Thorn** who was selected to receive a Teachers Mutual Bank Performing Arts Teacher Recognition Award. Mrs Thorn was identified as a recipient of the award in appreciation of her commitment and outstanding contribution to dance education throughout her career.

**All HSC practical exams and major submitted works are now finished!** These are always a major focus at a school like HSPA. Well done to all students, teachers and their families.

**Week 10 (next week) is a very important week in the life of Year 12** – their last week at HSPA. In addition to two days of normal classes (Mon and Tues), a number of fun activities have been planned to mark the occasion, including the traditional staff vs. student soccer match (with guest referee) and the Year 12 concert. I am confident our Year 12 students will leave the school well and continue the great tradition continued by last year's HSC cohort. I know that Year 12 will look back on their years at HSPA with great affection and pride. I wish them all the very best for their written exams.

**Canvas is coming in 2017!** Canvas is a leading online learning management system used by more than 2000 universities, school districts, and institutions around the world. **Canvas** will replace our current MOODLE, and has a host of additional features and benefits. It will cost approximately \$12 per student and will form part of next year's school fees, replacing the current \$10 diary fee. Canvas will be ready for all students from the start of the 2017 school year.

Work has begun on building a **state-of-the-art multimedia studio** in the room known as GG2 (near the canteen). The studio will support the new IT Multimedia course in Year 11, but also other subjects across the school. Mr Ponman is leading this exciting initiative and the P & C have agreed to provide significant funds. The future is very exciting.

**Congratulations to a number of Year 12 Drama** students and their teachers for their nominations for Onstage, a selection of exemplary performances from HSC Drama students. Here's hoping for their actual selection:

- *20,000 Tonnes* - Daniel Allsop, Elijah Innes, Amelia Noble, Emily Williams, Emogen Mahony
- *A Ball At Craven Manor* - Maxine Mueller, Taylor Reece, Rachel Carmody, Nicholas Hamilton
- *Decadence* - Elijah Innes

**Mrs Jo Gray** will be taking up her new position of HSPA Principal from the start of Term 4. She is really looking forward to joining the wonderful HSPA tribe. HSPA is a great school!

Have a safe and happy holiday, everyone.

*Marcus Neale*  
Acting Principal



## Topping the Charts

The Music Department would like to thank **Mr Bradley Brown, Mrs Effie Hense and the fantastic Y11 Hospitality team** for an outstanding catering job this week supporting the Y12 HSC Music exams. The BOSTES Itinerant Markers all have commented on the five-star menu.

## HSPA Chess Update

On Thursday 25th August, in the NSW Girls Chess Challenge 2016 held at Strathfield in Sydney, our six-member HSPA Girls Chess Representative Squad acquitted themselves very well indeed. They were *all* able to contribute something to their Team score - each securing at least one win or more from the five rounds they played. The Open Division Team (Anneliese Menday, Ka'yil Shaw and Kirralee Seaman) performed better than any previous HSPA Girls team in this competition - we finished an amazing equal 4<sup>th</sup>, just missing out on catching the 3rd placed team by a mere 0.5 points! Kirralee and Ka'yil got 3/5, an excellent result in this very strong Tournament. Anneliese was able to even go one better with an outstanding 4/5 personal achievement! Congratulations to all our girls - a great platform for 2017, well done! Unfortunately, the only tournament specific to our budding young HSPA Primary Chess players on our 2016 Calendar could not be attended this year. Two thirds of those candidates are also musically talented and so commitments to the upcoming Primary School Musical *The Lion King* ruled them out. This left us with too few players for this *Teams* structured event. I do hope you can come along and see the show - *check* out our HSPA website and follow the Hunter Theatre Buy Tickets links for ticketing (selling fast!).

*Thank You - Mr T. Bonjekovic - HSPA Chess.*

### **HSPA Music Committee**

*Does your son/daughter play a musical instrument? Would you like to be involved with a group of dedicated and fun parents?*

You are invited to attend the P & C Music Subcommittee meetings that take place once a month. The meeting only runs for one hour and your input is important to us. If you would like to know, more please contact: Claire Tipper on 0403 220 194, or join us at 6.00pm in the Band Centre on 21st September, 26th October, 16th November & 14th December.

### **HSPA Mock Trial Update**

On Monday, 12th of September the HSPA mock trial team entered Round 7 of the knockout competition against Hunter Grammar School. They acted as the prosecution in a tough murder case. First time as a barrister, Mihangi Kulasekara did exceptionally well in partnering Ashley Harrison and Ebony Walker as our prosecution team. Witnesses Sophie MacDonald and Maggie Garnett held up under vigorous questioning from the defence and left them with little to work with. The magistrate awarded us the win in the end which now sees the team in the quarterfinals for the state wide competition. This is a great achievement for the team in their first year of the competition that included 157 other schools.

### **HSPA Student to star in Musical Theatre performances**

Congratulations to Tom Sutherland and Kaylea Sims who will be performing in the Wyong Musical Theatre Company's production of Beauty and the Beast from 23<sup>rd</sup> September till 1<sup>st</sup> October at the Art House, Wyong.

### **Sums and Things**

Ms Courtney Cerato will be Relieving Head Teacher Mathematics in Term 4. Mr Ed Wilson will be covering Mrs Portelli's classes while she is on leave.



***Mrs Portelli accepting the CHOOSEMATHS Award for her work inspiring young Mathematicians. This award brings \$1000 in prize money to the school to further develop Mathematics opportunities.***

### **Canteen News**

The Nosh Pit (Canteen) is still seeking extra helpers to fill our roster. If you are available for any of the following shifts (approx. 9.30 - 2pm), or would like further information, please ring Emma on 0410219972 or contact us through the front office. We would love to welcome some new volunteers! We try to make it a fun day, with lunch, a cuppa and yummy homemade sweets provided! We also provide a bundle of fantastic customers - the students are well mannered and appreciative!

The dates we need an extra pair of hands are:

- Mondays: 10/10; 7/11;
- Tuesdays: 25/10; 22/11
- Wednesdays: 21/9; 19/10; 2/11; 16/11; 30/11; 14/12;
- Fridays: 4/11; 2/12

### **Opal Card important message**

Our drivers have mentioned that they are noticing an increase in the amount of students who are failing to use their Opal Card to tap on and tap off every time they catch the bus. As it is part of the TfNSW Code of Conduct for school students on buses, the drivers are required to ask the students to present their pass and note who regularly does not tap on/off.

A reminder that if a student regularly fails to tap on or off and the driver reports it to his depot, it could lead to the withdrawal of their school pass and they would need to find an alternative way to and from school?

### **The Library**

# **ISSUES IN SOCIETY**

Students today have access to a plethora of information on the internet. This makes it even more critical for them to be able to select, evaluate and use information effectively. Google may not always be the best option. The HSPA Library assists students by carefully selecting resources to help them in their research assignments.

One such resource is **Issues in Society**.

- has booklets available to borrow
- can be accessed online from home (through Oliver on the student portal)
- covers new topics each term
- may be useful in PDHPE, HSIE, Science, TAS etc

Recent topics included:

- Methamphetamine Use & Addiction
- Multiculturalism and Australian Identity
- Cancer Prevention
- Our Working Future
- Organic & GM Food.

See Ms Walker in the library for more information or assistance

### **Getting To Know...**



**Mrs Alison Lobb  
School Administration Officer**

1. What did you do before you worked at HSPA?  
*Civic Theatre Newcastle (Hiring Officer).*
2. Where did you go to school?  
*Newcastle High School.*
3. What led you to work at HSPA?  
*Theatre Administration.*
4. What do you like to do in your spare time?  
*Amateur Theatre / Sailing.*
5. What has been your biggest challenge?  
*Overcoming a fear of ocean sailing.*
6. What did you want to be when you were younger?  
*Detective.*
7. If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be?  
*Be a Broadway musical star.*
8. If you were a super-hero, what powers would you have?  
*Ability to fly.*