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The Dress Circle

Term 4, Week 3, 2016
"Performing at Our Best"

*The Junior and
Middle Years
Newsletter*

Good Afternoon Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you for all of the overwhelmingly positive feedback for this year's School Musical, *The Lion King Jr.* This show truly represented a landmark time in HSPA's history and I am proud of the way our community of students, staff, parents, caregivers and extended family have come together around it. I will issue in hard copy and electronically a separate, *The Morning Report* newsletter next week. This will be the final *The Lion King Jr* information bulletin. There will be a range of photo's

(production and candid behind-the-scenes), and positive reports from our community and from our national and international visitors and news about how to access final T-Shirt orders and DVD orders in the lead up to Christmas.

Both this week and next Monday represent an oft-repeated theme from the show, *The Circle of Life*, with the opening of *The Importance of Being Earnest*, staff busily back in classes involved in unit wrap-up, staff development, English Textual Concepts Training and preparation for next Monday's New Student Information Day. All of our current students will be performing in this special event. Please read this newsletter carefully for more detailed organisational information regarding this event. How the year goes quickly!

2018 Selective High School Applications: Applications are now open to any current Year 5 students who wish to sit the Selective High School Placement Test for Year 7, 2018. Applications can be made online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement until Monday 14th November. The test takes place on the 9th April 2017.

Student Success Celebrated: Congratulations to Miss Leilani Faasisila who has successfully been nominated to participate in the *NSW Primary School Sports Association's* Track and Field Team for 12 Years and Under (800m). Leilani will be representing her school, region and state in the *School Sport Australia Championship*.

Also all Year Five and Six students competed in the *Newcastle Permanent Building Society Mathematics* Competition last term. I will list all student merit lists next week, but particular acknowledgement must go to two Year 6 students and *High Distinction* recipients, Summer Davies and Chelsea Steiner. Both girls were listed in the Top 100 students for Hunter Region, and when combined with Northern Region, the Top 150.

Yours in education,

Mr Khalil Khay
Deputy Principal K-12

Thank you: The Primary staff greatly appreciate all the kind and thoughtful cards, gifts and emails that they have received over the last week from parents about *The Lion King Jr.*

Washing of Costumes: If you are interested in helping out by taking some costumes (mainly unitards) home to wash from *The Lion King Jr.*, can you please email Miss Posavec - bianca.posavec1@det.nsw.edu.au. In the email can you also please include what day is best for your child to take a washing basket of costumes home.

Uniform Shop: The Uniform Shop is open every Monday and Wednesday (8.30am – 3pm) and will also be open every day for two weeks from 7th November – 18th November 8.30am – 3.30pm.

STARS OF THE WEEK

3/4OM	Sophie Staikos, Quelyn Kenzler
5S	Archer Brent-Kay
5OW	Lily Hardy
6BC	Sophie Pickard, Kaleb Shearer
6P	Lanah Vandyke, Christina Mah
6K	Carli Redman, Connor McKay



Information Day:

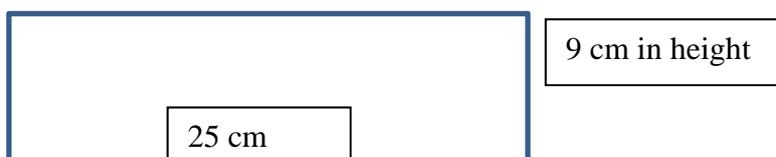
On Monday we will be holding our annual Information Day for parents/caregivers of 2017 enrolments. The following items will be performing and will need wear/bring the following to school on Monday.

- **Teal Dance Ensemble (Tempest)** - tanned underwear, hair in polyanna (no part), natural makeup. Please note hair and makeup needs to be done before coming to school. Please bring makeup for touch ups for the concert.
- **Vocal Ensemble** - Full school uniform including mint shirt
- **String & Flute Ensemble** - Full school uniform including mint shirt, instruments and music
- **Drama Ensemble (Siblings)** - drama blacks (performance shirt and shorts/skorts or black pants)
- **Boys Dance Group** – black pants and black shoes
- **Hakuna Matata Bugs (Hakuna Cast ONLY)** - tanned underwear, hair in bun, natural makeup. Please note hair and makeup needs to be done before coming to school. Please bring makeup for touch ups for the concert.
- **Lion King Leads (Hakuna Cast ONLY - Young Simba, Simba, Timon and Pumbaa)** - lead costumes.
- **Shadowland Lionesses (Matata Cast ONLY)** - tanned underwear, hair in bun, natural makeup. Please note hair and makeup needs to be done before coming to school. Please bring makeup for touch ups for the concert.
- **Lion King Leads (Matata Cast ONLY - Nala, Sarabi and Sarafina)** - lead costumes.
- **Lion King Ensemble singers (Hakuna and Matata Cast)** - singing side stage, so no costume required.

Library News: The HSPA Library will soon be placing a **new book suggestion box** on the circulation desk in the library. We would like students to be able to recommend books they would like to be added to our collection. In order to make the suggestion box colourful and eye-catching, we need some illustrations to cover each side. Students in Years 3 to 6 are invited to create a colourful drawing that depicts some or all of these ideas:

- Our wonderful library space
- The joy of reading
- Favourite book characters
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The drawing must be on plain white paper and must fit the following dimensions:



All drawings should be received by Ms Walker in the library by lunchtime on Friday 4th November (Week 4). We look forward to seeing some very creative drawings ~ Ms Walker

2017 NSW Public Schools Vocal Ensembles: [Student Applications Now Open!](#)

The NSW Public Schools Junior Singers and Senior Singers are two of the premier student vocal ensembles in Australia. The ensembles proudly celebrate a long history of high achievement and they regularly perform at prestigious venues including the Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Town Hall. Students from NSW public schools from Years 4-7 are encouraged to audition for a place in Junior Singers and students from Years 8-12 are encouraged to audition for a place in Senior Singers. The commitment is for the full school year and rehearsals are held on Tuesday afternoons in Lewisham (Sydney). **Applications close Monday 14 November 2016.** For further information about the NSW Public Schools Vocal Ensembles [click here](#)

[APPLY HERE](#)

Education Minister Speech: Below is a link to one of the most powerful speeches by an Education Minister about students, school funding, equity and our Australian ethos of 'a fair go'.

It was delivered to 500 NSWPPA Principals by NSW Minister of Education, Hon Adrian Piccoli MP, at the Opening Session of the NSWPPA Annual State Conference. Here's the link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VnAPZSzD98s&sns=tw>

NSW Department of Education school student BYOD program: The enterprise agreement with Adobe allows students to download and install Adobe Creative Cloud software for free on one personally owned device.

An Adobe Creative Cloud membership gives students access to the latest and greatest industry standard Adobe creative software and other new applications as they are released. Students now get the freedom to create virtually anything they can imagine and are encouraged to think and act creatively with these amazing tools.

With the Adobe Creative Cloud, students have the power to:

- Design posters, logos and edit photos and videos like a professional
- Build websites without writing code and create web, mobile, and tablet apps with HTML5
- Create a polished portfolio and make sensational presentations and reports
- Become more interested in discovering things for themselves and be better equipped to work well with others
- Be more open to new ideas and challenges and have the ability to solve problems
- Become more efficient learners and show greater ownership of their learning

Students also have access to Adobe Presenter, Captivate, Photoshop Elements, Premier Elements. Previously Adobe Creative Suite 6 was provided for the student BYOD program. This is now replaced with the complete Adobe Creative Cloud (*no storage or services included*).

More information about the program and the Adobe agreement is available on the NSW DoE, Technology for Schools intranet portal (you will need your NSW DoE login details) : <https://education.nsw.gov.au/technology-for-schools/products-and-services/software/standard-software/adobe>

How will the students access it?

- o Visit the Student BYOD Webstore - <https://nsw-students.onthehub.com/>. Student will have to claim a redemption code and apply it to their Adobe ID, in the same way how the teachers and staff do it now. If the student is under 13 years of age, a parent or guardian will have to create an Adobe ID.

When will Adobe Creative Cloud be available on the webstore?

- o The scheduled launch for the release is Friday Oct 21st 2016.

What happens to the copies of Adobe Creative Suite 6 that the student have already installed?

- o All copies of Adobe Creative Suite 6 will expire on Dec 1st 2016. They will need to be uninstalled and upgraded to Adobe Creative Cloud.

Is Adobe Creative Suite 6 still going to be available?

- o At the launch of Adobe Creative Cloud on the Oct 21st 2016 , Adobe Creative Suite 6 will be removed from the webstore and no longer be available.

Resources on how to teach with and learn the wide range of Adobe applications are found via the Adobe Education Exchange (<https://edex.adobe.com>) which now has over 325,000 members.



HUNTER SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS

DANCE FACULTY PRESENTS

WHEN ONE DOOR CLOSES



WWW.HSPA.NSW.EDU.AU

WHEN – NOVEMBER 10TH 6.30PM
NOVEMBER 11TH 11.30 AM & 6.30PM

WHERE – HUNTER SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS
HUNTER THEATRE

COST – \$16.50

ALL ENQUIRIES : PH 02 4952 3355



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- music tuition and instrument hire.

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- 1** Follow the rules and cross with care
- 2** Give way to buses
- 3** Reduce speed to 40 when lights are flashing
- 4** Plan ahead and don't rush for the bus
- 5** Bike riders take care around buses

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