



The Audience

Term 4 | Weeks 6 & 7 | 2016

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Week 6

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| Mon 14/11 | Year 10 Interviews (Library) Yr 9 Girls Talk (Pd: 3-4) |
| Tues 15/11 | Big History Project Days 6 & 8 (The Hub) Year 10 Interviews (Library) Yr 9 Girls Talk (Pd: 3-4) |
| Wed 16/11 | Year 10 Interviews (Library) Forensic Science Workshops 9:00 -1:00 pm |
| Thur 17/11 | Year 10 Interviews (Library) Whole School Assembly Yr 8 Chinese Excursion Yr 8 VA PBL Excursion |
| Fri 18/11 | Assessment: HSC Society and Culture PIP Proposal due |

Week 7

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| Mon 21/11 | Yr 10 Crossroads Camp Music Camp: Junior Concert Band |
| Tues 22/11 | Assessment: HSC French - Task 1 (Pd: 2) Assessment: HSC Dance - Practical (all day) Assessment: HSC Italian - Task 1 (Pd: 3) Theatre: Yr 12 Dance: Core Performance Yr 10 Crossroads Camp Music Camp: Junior Concert Band |
| Wed 23/11 | Assessment: HSC Legal Studies - Task 1 (Submission prior to 9:00 am) Yr 10 Crossroads Camp Music Camp: Junior Concert Band |
| Thur 24/11 | Music Camp: Strings Orchestra/ Percussion/ Senior Vox/ Harmonix Theatre: Year 8 is Great! |
| Fri 25/11 | Assessment: HSC Dance - Practical (all day) Assessment: HSC Industrial Tech Task (Submission prior to 9:00am) Assessment: HSC Design and Technology Task (Submission prior to 9:00am) Theatre: Yr 12 Dance - Core Performance Yr 9 Urban Field Work 9:30am - 3:13pm Music Camp: Strings Orchestra/ Percussion/ Senior Vox/ Harmonix |

From Centre Stage



Last Monday, Parliamentary Secretary Scot MacDonald visited HSPA to formally announce funding for a multi-million dollar upgrade of the school.

\$3.2 million is being provided by the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund, and the remainder by the Department of Education. These funds will be used for a dual purpose:

to replace the Bini; and to build a dedicated Performing Arts Centre. The development application for the project is expected to be lodged next year, after extensive consultation, and the predicted date of completion is the first half of 2019.

It is a very exciting time to be at HSPA! Reference group meetings commence later in November to begin the design phase of the project.

Congratulations to Elijah Innes and Lucian Rodriguez Lovell, whose major works *Eulogy of Age* and *Tadhana* have been nominated for consideration for inclusion in ARTEXPRESS 2017. This is a prestigious honour and is a testament to the quality of our Year 12 art teachers Mrs Nicod, Mrs Struck and Ms Forbes.



HSPA also received three nominations for 'ONSTAGE'.

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

From these nominations, *20,000 Tonnes* were successful and will be performing at OnSTAGE in Feb. The group is pictured here with Miss Leahy who was their teacher. Congratulations to these students and to the Drama Staff!

There is still a chance to see our dance showcase *When One Door Opens*. Tickets are still available for Friday night's show, and the program looks absolutely fantastic. Congratulations to all of our dancers and their teachers for the many hours of preparation they have put into this production.

Jo Gray
Principal

Topping the Charts

Online Payments

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for outstanding student costs via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page will be accessed from the school's website.

Items that can be paid include: voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students as well as creative and practical arts activities including band, drama and dance. There is also a category called 'Other' to cover items not covered in the previous categories. This category can also be used to make a complete payment of a school account.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Statement of Account reference number if you are aware of them (these are optional fields).

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner. Please Note: These details are not passed back to the school. You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page, a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office on 49523355 between 8.30am and 3pm.

State Dance 2016



Congratulations to James Boyd who is currently involved with NSW Public Schools State Dance (Aboriginal Dance Company) and will perform in the Schools Spectacular in Sydney.

Bandwidth

On Monday 7th November 2016, the inaugural regional Band expose 'BANDWIDTH' was held at HSPA Theatre.

What is Bandwidth?

The aim of Bandwidth was to provide young rock musicians with an opportunity to network regionally, gain experience on a large stage and learn more about the industry.

While it's not exactly a competition, we did line up some great prizes from very generous sponsors for the bands deemed most ready to take next step towards their professional career. These include a professionally recorded single at Sawtooth Studios, promotion via Newcastle Live, gigs at suitable venues (courtesy EAO), gift vouchers from Jacks Music, vocal lessons with Vocal Compass and more.



Twelve bands played on the day (two songs each), their styles were mostly rock music and they were comprised of students from all around the region: HSPA, Tomaree, Muswellbrook, Central Coast and everywhere in between!

The following is some more information about our major sponsor for the event the fantastic Sawtooth Studios:

SAWTOOTH STUDIOS

AS A RECORDING STUDIO, SAWTOOTH IS CONSTANTLY BUSY WORKING WITH MUSICIANS ON SINGLES, EPS, ALBUMS AND PROMOTIONAL VIDEOS. MOST RECENTLY THE STUDIO HAS BEEN RELEASING A 'LIVE IN THE STUDIO' SERIES FEATURING ARTISTS SUCH AS LOCAL MUSICIAN DEANNA ROSE FROM THE VOICE & NATIONAL POWERHOUSE SAHARA BECK, WHO CAN NOW BE FOUND GRACING THE PAGES OF ROLLING STONE MAGAZINE.

ON TOP OF THIS, SAWTOOTH ALSO PROVIDES ROOMS AS A REHEARSAL SPACE TO LOCAL AND TOURING BANDS.

ORIGINALLY DESIGNED AS A MUSIC STUDIO SAWTOOTH HAS EXPANDED TO ALSO BE A VENUE WHERE PEOPLE COME TO PRODUCE CONTENT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL ADVERTISING, TV AND FILM INDUSTRY. THIS DEVELOPMENT HAS SEEN THE STUDIO TAKE ON PROJECTS WHICH INCLUDE WELL-KNOWN NAMES SUCH AS SESAME STREET, DIRTYGIRLWORLD & NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC. PROJECTS TO COME OUT OF THE SPACE VARY FROM MUSIC RECORDINGS & MUSIC VIDEOS, FASHION PHOTOGRAPHY, FILM & TELEVISION, VOICE OVER AND ADVERTISING; ALL WHICH ARE COLLABORATIVELY PRODUCED BY A TEAM OF RESIDENT & FREELANCE ARTISTS.

CO-OWNERS CLINT AND MAREE ARE HIGHLY ACCOMPLISHED ACROSS A DIVERSE NUMBER OF CREATIVE INDUSTRIES BUT HAVE INFUSED SAWTOOTH WITH THEIR DOWN-TO-EARTH WARMTH AND FRIENDLINESS - THIS MEANS SAWTOOTH STUDIOS AND IT'S TEAM OFFER A COMFORTABLE AND WELL-EQUIPPED SPACE FOR ALL CLIENTS. FROM INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONALS TO FIRST-TIMERS.

Getting To Know...Mr Daniel Kavanagh, Drama Teacher & Yr 8 Adviser



What do you teach and where did you teach before HSPA? I taught at Irawang High School as an English-Drama Teacher.

Where did you go to school? Newcastle High School.

What made you decide to become a teacher? I really loved the Performing Arts and was always a Drama tutor. I guess it stuck.

What do you like to do in your spare time? I'd like to figure out what spare time is! ;)

What has been your biggest challenge? To not sing in front of Year 8 all the time.

What did you want to be when you were younger? I wanted to be an actor.

If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be? Watch amazing theatre performances ALL DAY!

If you were a super-hero, what powers would you have? The ability to go back in time.

What was the last book you read? The Girl On The Train. She shouldn't have gotten off that train!

What was your first job? Delivery boy for a Chemist.

What is your favourite all-time movie? Xanadu!

What would you tell your 15 year old self? It's going to be OK.

What is your favourite song? Wuthering Heights

What would you name the autobiography of your life? "I Can't Believe I Ate the Whole Thing!"

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would you live? Norway!

Do you have a special talent? I can hit a High C.

Do you ever wish you could be someone else, if yes, who?

Sometimes I wish I could be one of our students 'cause MAN they have an awesome time at school.

The Library

New Books

We have several new books hitting the library shelves this week. For example: *The 78-Storey Treehouse*, *The Guinness Book of World Records 2017*, *Clan: Bangarra Dance Theatre* as well as The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) 2016 Older Reader finalists. Please feel free to pop in on Monday and borrow something that interests you.

New Book Suggestion Box

Thank you Class 3/4M for your beautiful and artistic drawings on the new Book Suggestion Box. This letterbox is designed to allow students and teachers to recommend titles they believe should be added to the library collection. It is covered with drawings of favourite books and book characters and all of the students' drawings will also be on display in the library.



Ms Elena Morris-Britten and Class 3/4M recommend some new books for our library.

Library iPad

The library now has an iPad to help students and teachers locate books and other resources within our library collection. It can be borrowed from the circulation desk and will soon be fixed onto the end of one of the fiction bookshelves.

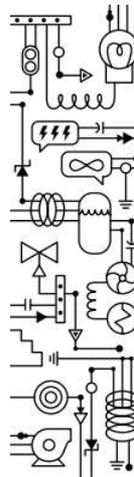


Class 3/4M use the library iPad to find their favourite books.



Board games in the library

Board games can be a great way to socialise with friends and have a little time away from phones and devices. The library has board games for students to use before school, at recess and during lunch.



Engineering: The Art of Problem Solving

Join us for UON's first ever public engineering exhibition; a close up look at the most innovative and exciting projects created by UON engineering students. The exhibition will feature problem-solving solutions such as a powered exoskeleton to help people with disabilities, an app to help find parking spots, an augmented reality control for a surf life saver drone, a control system for more accurate ultrasounds... and many more!

Come along and find out how our students are applying creative thinking, maths and science to solving a whole range of problems.

Opening night: 6pm, Tuesday 29 November

Daytime visits: 9.30am - 2.30pm, 30 November - 1 December

Venue: Newcastle Art Space - 246 Parry Street, Newcastle West

Red Bus Services
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Attention School Students and Parents

As from Monday 21st November 2016

Some School Routes and Times will change

****All School Bus Numbers will change to a unique number commencing with the letter "S" followed by 3 numbers**.**

AM - School Buses will be S700 - S799 or S900 - S999

PM - School Buses will be S600 - S699 or S800 - S899

It is advisable to check your New School Bus Numbers and Routes from MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2016

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This single issue of the Morning Report brings some of the good news stories and feedback to HSPA regarding the production of Disney's *The Lion King Jr.* I have spoken at a number of public events over the past fortnight and indicated the pride in which this musical production has brought the school community together in a way that no other has before.

Our staff and Parent Community have set a platform for the brilliance to continue, and believe me, we do have designs on 2017, 2018 and beyond, which will build on the outstanding work achieved in *How to Succeed in Business*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie* and *The Lion King Jr.* The planning has already begun. We will surprise you.



To sell out an entire season prior to opening is truly a significant moment in HSPA's history. That we had to add in temporary seating after the sell-out and again sold out prior to opening is testament to the excellence, brilliance and dedication of each person involved. For each one of those 'extra red, second sell-out seats', there is a beautiful 'human interest' story behind the difference it made to that family.

STOP PRESS!

The Lion King Jr receives 7 nominations in this year's City of Newcastle Dramatic Arts Awards.

Best Musical Production

Excellence by a Female Actor Under 18: Maya Heath

Excellence by a Musical Director or Vocal Director: Helen Kearney, Chris Stewart and Khalil Khay

Excellence by a Choreographer: Rachel Wilson

Excellence in Lighting and Audio Visual Design: Gavin Pickles

Excellence in Costume Design: Bianca Posavec, Rachel Wilson and Kath Fotheringham

Excellence in Hair, Make-up and Wigs: Claire Thomas



I am truly grateful for the magic we created together on behalf of our Year 3-12 HSPA students from performers, backing vocalists, camera crew, stage crew, sound crew, lighting crew, front-of-house crew, costume crew, sets and construction crew, ushers, 'Meet & Greet' teams, photographers, T-shirt designers; closer to 300 involved across HSPA.





Some words from the audience

I was thinking about The Lion King Jr again and thought I should just post something. I know I'm a little late to say anything, but it was honestly the best thing I've seen all year. I went in expecting to see primary kids performing and I was in tears by the first number. These kids are phenomenal - not only in their professionalism, but wow those voices!!! There were so many moments where I felt like I watching Eurovision, if only the HSPA kids had entered, Australia would have won! I am not joking. Thank you for creating such a wonderful piece of theatre - the production team did an incredible job (all of the design elements were just stunning!) and the cast has more talent than I've seen from some professional adults. I left feeling overwhelmed and proud to be a graduate of HSPA. Keep up the amazing work xxx.
 Chloe McLean, HSPA, Year 12, 2014



I am so proud of this school. I can't believe what just happened. I don't even have a relative in it.
 Jessica Morgan, HSPA, Year 10, 2016



Such a wonderful evening seeing this production. So special and inspiring... Wow!

Nikol McKail, Music Theatre International (Australasia)



What an amazing production. I laughed and I cried and I sat forward in my seat in anticipation. So proud of all the kids I know from YPT. Costumes, set, music, cast all wow. Circle of Life – incredible.
 Robyn McLean, YPT, Former Parent



I just closed my eyes. I cried. We both cried. I didn't want it to be over, to end.
 Marty Johnson, Director of Education and Resident Director, iTheatrics NY, USA



Nikol McKail
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 Thank you, Newcastle for providing the stage for a wonderfully theatrical week and lots of great memories. What a blast! We cannot wait to do it again! #newcastle #pcoz #broadwayjr #friends #jo

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You know. I have seen this show on a lot of continents. This is the first time in Australia. I don't think I have seen a better one, and I don't think I will see a better one again! Tim Allen McDonald, Founder/Managing Director, iTheatrics NY, USA

Stu Hendricks 😊 feeling awesome at Hunter School of the Performing Arts with Marty Johnson and 2 others.
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And then this happened

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Blown away by this incredible production of DISNEY'S THE LION KING JR. Congratulations to the entire company from Hunter School of the Performing Arts #lionking #broadwayjr #stunning. Music Theatre International (Australasia)

Nikol McKail shared Music Theatre International - Australasia's photo — with Marty Johnson and 3 others at Hunter School of the Performing Arts.
 21 October at 20:00 · Broadmeadow · 🌐

Such a wonderful evening seeing this production... so special and inspiring. Wow.



... and from Tim again: We will be back next October. We have to do something with this school. We'll bring Disney!



Music Theatre International - Australasia
 21 October at 19:54 · 🌐

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Khalil Khay Thank you MTI-A, Nikol and Stuart, Tim and Marty.
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