

Hunter School *of the Performing Arts*

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The Dress Circle

Term 4, Week 7, 2016
"Performing at Our Best"

*The Junior and
Middle Years
Newsletter*

Good Afternoon Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to all of my team for the enthusiasm and organisation put into this week's first Orientation Day. All of our 2017, Year 3-6 students had a wonderful day meeting with each other and their future staff. Our sausage sizzle lunch was a great way to 'graze with our new herd'. Particular thanks to Mrs O'Neill and my executive for their planning. Next Thursday will be the second of our Primary Orientation Days. These wonderful events are running concurrently with my new Year 11 students, who have been with us at HSPA since Friday doing All My Own Work and Digital Citizenship training, Crossroads Camp, Senior Orientation and Canvas Online Induction.

Congratulations to our long-term, temporary teacher Mr Christopher Stewart, who has been successfully appointed as Head of CAPA at Belmont Christian College from 2017. Chris' choral and class skills were certainly well in evidence at HSPA and were appreciated by many. We are confident he will make great positive changes to BCC's school community in short succession. We wish Chris all the best.

Thank you to all of our parents and caregivers, who are supporting our series of Year 3-12 Music Camps. I am currently writing this from the Senior Vocal/String Orchestra/Percussion Camp, where some magic is really happening. Our concert is this Saturday at 6:00pm. All 2017 Primary Music students will have a shorter Primary Music Camp between 8:00am next Friday and 1:30pm next Saturday. Given that the Year 3-6 students have already had a Primary Music Showcase last term and an optional Solos Afternoon Concert, there will be no Primary Camp Concert. However, all music parents have been invited to attend the Stage Band Concert on Friday, 2nd December at 6:00pm.

Staffing operations are operating busily across the school in preparation for organisation of the 2017 Scholastic Year. Thank you to my executive team of Primary Assistant Principals and Secondary Head Teachers (Administration, Mathematics and Science), who have assisted me with selection panels for temporary teaching positions in 2017. I will advise the Primary Department's structure and staffing next week.

I would like to support the safety of our student community by reminding all parents and caregivers that any usage of social media must comply with the EULA (End User License Agreement). Quite often, these agreements, which are hidden away between many pages of fine print are often scanned quickly followed by a quickly pressed "I Agree" button. Many online platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, Snap Chat etc, are not meant for people under 13. Police and Police Community Liaison Officers have spoken at length at HSPA P&C meetings about the need for students under age to have access to these sites restricted. I will repeat the opportunity for parents and caregivers participating at a similar information session next year. I have also been requested by a number of families to seek our community's support in expressly not posting photos of other people's children in online forums without that child's Parent's/Caregiver's express consent. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Christmas ~ Out of Uniform Day: This coming Monday, 28th November, Primary will be having an out of uniform day in the theme of Christmas. Instead of students bringing in a gold coin donation, each class is being asked to donate something towards the P&C Christmas raffle, which will be drawn on Presentation Day.

3/4OM Xmas decorations
5OW Xmas Lollies
5S Cans of food
6BC Drinks
6K Non-Perishables
6P Small Gifts

Thank you for your support with this.

STARS OF THE WEEK

3/4OM	Maya Whittaker, Saffron Bartley
5S	Christian Velovski
5OW	-
6BC	Paige Newby, Sacchi Nicol
6P	Freddie Stafford, Natasha Ninness
6K	Gemma Liddell, Laine Sanson, Katy Convery



Talent Quest: The HSPA Primary Annual Talent Quest is soon approaching!!! It will be held on Wednesday 14th December. Students, please start communicating with your friends and organising your items. A list will go up outside 6BC in the coming weeks to write your groups/item/talent down, please no longer than 3-4mins. Student's must have their music (if required) on an iPod or CD as well as any props or costumes ready on the day.

Being a performing arts school we expect quality and professionalism.

We will have a panel of judges, prizes and certificates for all those participating. Unfortunately, due to space and timing we won't be able to invite parents. Start practicing and I can't wait to see the show ~ Miss Cowell

Channel 7 – Sunrise 'Trolls School Makeover Competition': On Wednesday students and staff participated in a competition to win a grant for the school. The competition required us to show how fun our school is through dance. The entire Primary Department were involved and had a great time doing what we do best here at HSPA, performing and having fun. A special thank you to Mrs O'Brien as well as Miss Hillard and the fantastic staff and students who could pull together such an amazing piece in such a short period of time. The entry will be shown at Presentation Day later in the year and we will keep you updated on the outcome of the competition.

Primary Celebration of Achievement (Presentation Day): We have decided to combine both the Primary Presentation Day and our Celebration of Achievement awards into one special event, re-named Primary Celebration of Achievement. This will enable all primary students and parents to celebrate the achievements of our students as a primary school body.

Date: Monday 12th December 2016
Time: 11:30am – 1:30pm
Venue: Hunter Theatre

All parents and family members are welcome to attend our Primary Celebration of Achievement Day, no RSVP is required. There will be a full program of awards and entertainment celebrating the achievements of primary students at Hunter School of the Performing Arts. All students will receive awards on this day. Prior to the event, invitations will be issued to parents of students receiving prestigious awards.

Parent Survey: Please be advised today a short survey will be sent to Contact Parent One's email address. Please complete the two-minute survey in consultation with your child/children to help inform our future planning and scheduled events for the HSPA Primary Department. We would really appreciate your honest feedback on programs and activities you feel have contributed the most value to your child's education in their time in the Primary Department. There will be a prize for the class with the greatest completion rate!

Please use the link below if you have difficulty accessing the survey from your email account.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScONLVXGeIwnF75OfEIXIWa71tf0ggAtRJ-QWLKNfWAP-ZEw/viewform>

Family Breakfast & Second Primary Orientation Day: This will be occurring next Thursday 1st December starting in the Primary playground area. Please see P&C members when you arrive to pick up your paid order form. This will act as a ticket when collecting your ordered food and drinks.

Thank you to parents who have already offered their help and/or to donate food. Please bring any refrigerated items in on the day by 7am or non-refrigerated items may be left in the primary office on Wednesday afternoon if that is more convenient.

Secondary Orientation Day: These will be occurring on Thursday and Friday next week. Information has been mailed home previously families of all 2017 Year 7 students.

Second Hand Uniform Sale: The P&C will be holding a second-hand uniform sale next Thursday during the Family Breakfast. This will be held in the Primary playground area.

Yours in education,

Mr Khalil Khay
Deputy Principal K-12



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'What's On'

Term 4, 2016

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
8	NOV 28th CHRISTMAS OUT OF UNIFORM DAY MARCHING BAND CAMP	29th GYMNASTICS MARCHING BAND CAMP	30th STAGE BAND CAMP	DEC 1st YR 7 ORIENTATION DAY #1 PRIMARY ORIENTATION DAY #2 FAMILY BREAKFAST 7am STAGE BAND CAMP	2nd YR 7 ORIENTATION DAY #2 2017 PRIMARY MUSIC CAMP Commences 8:00am STAGE BAND CAMP	3rd/4th SAT – 2017 PRIMARY MUSIC CAMP- finishes 1:30pm
9	5th P&C MEETING 5.30PM HSPA BOARDROOM (main admin building)	6th GYMNASTICS INSTRUMENTAL SOLOS NIGHT 4.30pm	7th INTERRELATE YR 6 CHOIR CAMP COMMUNITY CONCERT	8th INTERRELATE YR 6 CHOIR CAMP	9th MINI FETE DAY 11am CHOIR CAMP	10th/11th
10	12th PRIMARY CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT DAY THEATRE 11.30pm – 1.30pm YR 6 GRADUATION BINI 6pm	13th POOL PARTY DAY (info to come)	14th TALENT QUEST	15th	16th LAST DAY 2016	17th/18th

NOTES IN CIRCULATION

- ORIENTATION DAY NOTES (Yrs 3-5) – due Thursday 1st December
- YEAR 6 GRADUATION – due Friday 2nd December
- INSTRUMENTAL SOLOS NIGHT – due Friday 2nd December

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