



# The Audience

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## Week 10 2016

Mon 12/12	Theatre: Primary Celebration of Achievement Year 6: Graduation
Tues 13/12	Year 7: Wet 'n' Wild Sydney Year 8: Port Stephens Dolphin Cruise Year 9: Darling Harbour
Wed 14/12	Hero Day
Thur 15/12	HSC Results Published Theatre: Secondary Celebration of Achievement HSC results released
Fri 16/12	ATAR morning tea for Year 12 (10.45am). Students' last day

## Week 1 & 2 (Term 1) 2017

Fri 27/1	Staff return to school
Mon 30/1	Years 3-7, 11-12 return
Tues 31/1	Years 8, 9, 10 return
Wed 1/2	Yr 7 Peer Support for Sport
Thur 2/2	Whole school assembly House meetings
Fri 3/2	

## From Centre Stage



A special welcome to our new families joining HSPA. It was lovely to have the opportunity to meet some of you at our recent Orientation Days. Many new students expressed their excitement and nervousness about changing schools, but seemed very much at home by the second day.

Congratulations to our primary artists who have had their work displayed in an art show in Sydney as part of a children's hospital and arts unit promotion. Ms Morris-Britten has done some wonderful art work with our students in 2017.

Our dance boys attended a workshop last week with Courtney Horton, who is a teacher at the Arts Unit and School Spectacular choreographer. The boys' energy was impressive for such a hot day and such physically demanding exercises. Thanks You to Mrs Thorn for organising this event.

We were very well represented in the Sydney School Spectacular which screened on TV last weekend.

*Jasmine Bard* – Ballet Ensemble, Contemporary Ensemble, Senior Dance Company  
*Angus Parent* – Musical Theatre Ensemble, Senior Dance Company  
*James Boyd* – Aboriginal Dance Company

*Amelia Holmes* – State Dance Company  
*Emily Gardner* – Junior Singers  
*Liam Faulkner-Dimond* – Featured Vocalist  
*Huon Bourne Blue* – Schools Spectacular Orchestra  
*Chloe Matthews* – Schools Spectacular Orchestra

Congratulations to all of these students for their amazing performances.

Our drama showcase showed the depth of talent we have at HSPA, with some stunning performances from our secondary students. Thank you to our dedicated drama staff for their leadership of this showcase.



We have some incredibly talented primary instrumentalists in our midst! These students showed their ability at a beautiful concert on Tuesday afternoon. Congratulations to all involved.



Tonight will see the last of the concerts at Glenrock, featuring our choirs. What an amazing experience these camps are for our students, new and old. The parent support is staggering and without it we would never be able to run these camps the way they are

run. Our music staff give up an enormous amount of their time and while I am loath to single anyone out, it would be remiss of me not to mention Kylie Gardner for her incredible dedication and passion for what she does. Three weeks away from home so that our students get the best possible experience shows the depth of her belief in these camps and the benefits students gain. Congratulations to everyone who has helped make these so successful.



Thank you to all for the very warm welcome I have received this term at our beautiful school. I look forward to getting to know you better in 2017. Have a wonderful, safe Christmas and New Year.

*Jo Gray*  
Principal

### Topping the Charts

#### Online Payments

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students 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 and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called "Other" to cover items not covered in the previous headings. Other 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. 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: 4952 3355 between 8.30am and 3pm.

#### Student Achievement

Congratulations to the following students who are the top achievers for year 7-11 for 2016. These students and their parents will be invited to the Celebration of Achievement on the 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.

Year 7	Year 8
Rebecca Fay	Eve Britten-Frasier
Tess Wheeler	Kiera Bainsfair
Nicholas Mangos	Lilly Dougherty
Caeli Crockford	Simon Gordon
Ella Matthews	Brielle Longley
Isabella Fung	Tori Marland
Zoe Monohan	Lucy O'Donohue
Logan Brooks-Wilson	Paige Ryan-Webster
Ada Pascoe	Tahlia Ryner
Kate Marschall	Siobhan Wisener
Naomi Orange	Kassidy Andrews
Abbie McKay-Clerke	Laura Duque
Hannah Friend	Ella Havebond
Olivia Sala	Reve Johnson
Alexandra Lambert	Cassidy Nancarrow
Ella Mackenzie	Matthew Pedder
Callail Rowley	Hannah Rea
Jade Graham	Lily Robards
Tiarna Perry	Moana Faasisila
Violet Turner	Ella Hall-Ainscough
	Elizabeth Hart
	Amelia Holmes
	Annelise Mah
	Melissa Newling
	Tatjana Reid
Year 9	Year 10
Isabelle Bilton	Claire Burgess
Chloe Adams	Cameryn Bailey
Tahlie Park	Tylah Delbridge
Hannah O'Neill	Sally Zhang
Tully Vorobioff	Imogen Lewins
Thomas Dowding	Emma Ure
Laura McKay	Siena O'Callaghan
Anneliese Menday	Katelyn Brunette
Theodore Mangos	Henry Gibson
Bella Davis	Claire Conry
Hamish Lewis	Ella Posker Dryburgh
Kate Wooden	Ruby Cooper
Abbey Kowalke	Lucy Couper

Sam Lewis	Amelia Pepper
Bridgette May	Laura Bard
Katherine Farragher	Emma Gilmore
Abbey Gibson-Busch	Tessie Overmyer
Sophie McCarthy	Jacob Mahony
Natasha Moore	Gillian Worthington
Ellie Smailes	Martha Reece

## Dance

Congratulations to the Year 7 Dance Ensemble for their outstanding efforts this year in Hunter Dance Festival, State Dance Festival, HSPA Dance Showcase and the Flashmob at Westfield Kotara. What an amazing group of talented dancers we have in this Ensemble.

Congratulations to the Intermediate Dance Ensemble for their outstanding efforts this year in Hunter Dance Festival, Star Struck and the HSPA Dance Showcase. This group also performed with distinction at Official night at State Dance Festival held at the Seymour Centre in Sydney.

To all of the Dance classes from Year 7 – 12, what an amazing year in DANCE!!! The work produced by students this year has been phenomenal ranging from engaging works choreographed for Newcastle Baths, to featured dancers in Star Struck, crazy class tasks and sophisticated works produced for the an audience in our theatre.

## The Library



Classes have been visiting the Library to receive CANVAS training for the 2017 introduction. For any student who missed this training or any family who would like to learn more about CANVAS, there is a PowerPoint available on the HSPA website. To locate the PowerPoint, select *Downloads* and open the *General* tab.



Could we ask that all students return their library books and English textbooks before the end of year. Thank you for your support with this.



We would like to wish every family a Merry Christmas. May you find time to relax and read a good book!



Merry Christmas from The Library Staff

## Ms Walker and the Library Staff

## Maths Teasers

If a and b are integers, that is a and b are positive whole numbers, find a and b if:

$$(a^2 + b^2) / (a \times b + 1) = 4$$

First try the easy case when we replace the 4 by 1. If we get the first two cases replace the 4 by 9 then 16 and then 25. There is a pattern, but I will keep you in suspense until the next edition in 2017.

Graham Hudson  
Mathematics Teacher.

## Found

A camera memory card was found in or near the Hunter Theatre in July this year and hasn't been claimed from our lost property.

The card contains what would appear to be holiday photos from a very tropical location – perhaps someone's treasured memories.

If it is yours or perhaps someone you know, please call the school on: 4952 3355 or come to the administration office to collect it.

## Getting To Know... Mr Khalil Khay Deputy Principal



*What do you teach and where did you teach before HSPA?*

I am trained in Primary and Geography 7-12 as well as having Classical Vocal Training and a wee bit of acting. I have taught at Oberon Central, Charlestown East and Jewells before coming to HSPA.

*Where did you go to school?*

Wellington Primary School and Gorokan High School.

*What made you decide to become a teacher?*

I actually ignored my mother's advice (also a teacher) on this. I first trained as a psychologist, but after doing practicum placements in hospitals, decided that working at the beginning of kid's journeys, i.e. teaching, was what I wanted to do.

*What do you like to do in your spare time?*

Sleep, watch Sci-Fi, read, sleep, play with the kids, sleep and get back on the stage to sing, act and dance.

*What has been your biggest challenge?* Overcoming adversity and being resilient.

*What did you want to be when you were younger?*

A doctor.

*If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be?*

Singing in front of a big band in a world renowned music hall.

*If you were a super-hero, what powers would you have?*  
I'd want them all, but perhaps time travel most of all.

*What was the last book you read?*

I now have **eight** unfinished books on my bedside table. I like the Sci-Fi/Fantasy genre and Spy-themed novels, as well as alternate histories.

*What was your first job?*

The 'Spit Boy' at Chickadee Chicken, Toukley. Hot, sweaty, greasy and not fun getting close and personal with dead chickens.

*What is your favourite all-time movie?*

Ooooo, tough one. *The 13th Floor*, *The Island*, *Bourne*, but probably any *Star Trek* film.

*What would you tell your 15-year-old self?*

Go out on more dates. Study more. Get a better hair do. Go to the gym, Grow taller!

*What is your favourite song?*

*Message to My Girl* (Split Enz) and *Four Seasons in One Day* (Crowded House).

*What would you name the autobiography of your life?*  
"Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough!"

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

On a big property that can see the beach or the lake from up on high.

*Do you have a special talent?*

I'd like to say singing, but most would say talking. ;-)

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

Hugh Jackman, more muscles, taller, and made it in musical theatre and movies, or... Sleepy the Dwarf. ;-)

## Sport

*Student Sport Coordinators for 2017.*

Teagan Gee and Nicolas Sloan

### Sport Captains

- Civic Chloe Barker  
Miles Downing –Donnelly
- Lyrique Maddison Hoy  
Nathan Kench
- Star Erik Mackintosh  
Maisie Owens
- Royal Thomas Traynor  
Lucy Scott

## Year 10 Report

Year 10 have had a busy end to the year. In the past few weeks, Year 10 students have participated in a formal interview process, a Crossroads program and Crossroads camp, work experience, the 'My Own Work' program and taster lessons, which gave the students a 'taste' of the subjects they will study in Years 11 and 12.

The Crossroads camp was held at Vision Valley near Galston in Sydney's outer north-west. Students participated in a series of seminars which concentrated on issues as diverse as drug and alcohol education and the development of self-worth and confidence in relation to personal identity.

There was also time for lots of fun, challenging activities including a flying fox, powerfan, zipline, rock climbing and abseiling and a water slide.

The camp was a great success. Many students pushed past through their comfort zone (some of the activities were certainly challenging) and everyone had a great time. The camp manager complimented our students on their excellent behaviour and the way they participated.

Last Wednesday night was the Year 10 formal. Students gathered at the foreshore for photos before moving to Fort Scratchley for the remainder of the evening.

Everyone looked fantastic on a night which has become very important to Year 10 students. A special thanks to the organising committee who worked tirelessly to ensure the formal was a success.

On behalf of Year 10, I would like to wish everyone a safe and joyous Christmas and a successful 2017.

Mark Anderson,  
Year 10 Advisor