



# The Audience

Term 1 | Weeks 3 & 4 | 2017

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## Week 3

Mon 6/2	Competitors Only Swimming Carnival
Tues 7/2	Yr 7 Dance Ensemble Auditions (Bini) Classical Ballet Ensemble Auditions (Bini)
Wed 8/2	Yr 7 Peer Support Yr 8-9 Dance Ensemble Auditions (Bini) Senior Dance Ensemble Auditions (Bini)
Thurs 9/2	HSPA Swimming Carnival
Fri 10/2	School Photos OnStage Excursion

## Week 4

Mon 13/2	Yr 7 Camp (M,T,W) EIT Training (Green Room P.5)
Tues 14/2	
Wed 15/2	SRC/Leadership Team meetings P:1-4
Thurs 16/2	
Fri 17/2	School Photos catch up day

## From Centre Stage



A very warm welcome back to the 2017 school year to all students and families, and a special HSPA welcome to our new students. We have hit the ground running with ensemble auditions already happening for our primary students, peer support for Year 7 and plans for our whole school swimming carnival next week...about which

I am very excited!

I would like to acknowledge Mr Khalil Khay, who has accepted a promotion to relieving Principal at Glendore Public School for two years. Mr Khay has been a driving force at HSPA for the last ten years in many areas and he will be very sadly missed by students, staff and our school community. We wish him all the best with his new adventure.

We have a number of new staff at HSPA this year. A very warm welcome to Ms Sharon Evans in Mathematics, Ms Skye Knight and Ms Nikita Head in Primary, Ms Kimberley Scott in English/HSIE, Ms Kylie Burrett in the library, Ms Megan Kearney in Mathematics/Science, and Ms Tracey Ferguson in Science. We hope you love being at HSPA and enjoy your time here.

During the holidays we had some filtered water coolers installed so that students are able to fill their bottles during the day. The heat in this first week has made them a popular addition. We have also had ceiling fans added to the hottest classrooms, as identified in a student audit. The student leadership at HSPA is outstanding and when I spoke with our secondary leadership team last year about whole school improvement, they had the 'classroom heat' audit ready to hand over. It is wonderful to see what a difference student voice can make.

Please consider joining our friendly P&C group for their first meeting on Monday evening at 7pm in the 'Hub' (the staff common room). The P&C meet on the first Monday of each month and it is a great way to keep up with things happening in the school and to meet some lovely parents.

I look forward to meeting many more of you this year, and again, a warm welcome back to the 2017 school year.

### *Post Script*

I just heard a beautiful Bach Chorale performed by Mr Neale's Year 11 Music 2 class, who walked into my office and sang. I was asked last year when I arrived to name my ultimate job. This is it! Thank you Year 11 and Mr Neale.

*Jo Gray*

Principal

## Topping the Charts

### Maths

**MoneySmart tip:** Have you ever considered insuring your child's devices? If not, this article from the MoneySmart team may be worth a read: <https://goo.gl/JdywO9>

Tips for Back to School savings: <https://goo.gl/1BswAJ>

## Sport

### Big events for Week 3

**Monday 6/2:** Competitors Only Swimming Carnival, Coughlan's Swim Centre, Warners Bay.

**Wednesday 7/2:** First day of sport for Yr 8-10. Please check year schedules for travel details.

**Thursday 9/2:** 'The Big Beach Party' Whole School Swimming Carnival, Lambton Aquatic Centre.

Information about these events has been distributed to students in hard copy, via email and links available in the DOWNLOADS section of the school website.

'The Big Beach Party' is a mandatory school day and features a novelty and reduced competitive program. It's always lots of fun with dancing, competing, laughing... there is something for everyone. This will undoubtedly be the best day this year!

**ALL students (7-12) must return the SCHOOL SPORT PERMISSION AND MEDICAL NOTE** to the front office ASAP so medical details can be updated. This form will cover all major mandatory carnivals, and travel to school sport for junior years.

### Wednesday afternoon sport

Students have been issued with a hard copy of the 7-10 Sport Schedules for 2017. The Sports Rotations are different for each year and allow students to experience a vast array of sports and recreational activities. Sport is paid in Semester lots in Yr 7-9 **Please note:** Many parents opt to pay both semesters at the start of the year.

Schedules will be posted to Canvas shortly so students will be able to check activities before sports day and ensure they are equipped for the afternoon activities. Sports uniform, unless otherwise noted, is required for the afternoon activities.

Students may wear their full sport uniform to school on Wednesdays or opt to change at lunchtime. Students should not wear a combination of formal and sports uniform and should also bring a drink bottle, hat and sunscreen.

Year 10 will make sport choices in Terms 1 and 2, paying a fee for their chosen sport at the cashier ASAP to secure their place. Semester 2 sport fee is part of a mandatory rotational program and will cost \$60.

Students involved in extra-curricular activities on Wednesday, including early leave for dancing, must still complete and hand in the note at the cashier's office. Early Leavers should ask Mrs Kinsela to verify their leave pass or attach a copy of their leave pass to the payment form. Other activities such as HSC Dance, Theatre Crew, Millabah, Senior Band, Strings will need to have the coordinating teacher sign their sport payment slip - regardless of whether there is a course fee or not - and hand that slip in at the cashier's office ASAP.

### Aboriginal Education

Well done to so many of our students who received excellent results and commendations for 2016. We wish our current Year 11 and 12 students all the best for their senior studies.

James Boyd performed in the 2017 Australia Day concert at the Opera House, sharing the stage with the State Aboriginal Dance Company.

**Millabah** will be performing at the Indigenous All Stars NRL game in February. Well done!

In 2016, three HSPA students in Year 11 and 12 participated in the **Creation Circle** program at the TAFE – Hunter Street Campus. The students worked with teacher and Indigenous film maker, Grant Saunders, to complete a number of modules in the Film and Media course with a focus on exploring Indigenous identity. These modules are accredited and we would like to congratulate Matt Collins, James Boyd and Lilly Harvey for successfully completing the course in 2016. There is no charge for participating in the program and we would like to invite any Indigenous students in Years 11 or 12 to come and have a chat about opportunities in 2017. Please see Mrs Byrne in the English staffroom or email her if you are interested in taking part. ([alison.byrne2@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:alison.byrne2@det.nsw.edu.au))

### Senior Drama Production

HSPA's senior production 'One Man Two Guvnors' is running from March 2-4 at The Hunter Theatre. Directed by Nicholas Thoroughgood and starring a multitude of talented senior drama students, it's shaping up to be a great show so get in and get your tickets now!

Tickets range from \$10.00 – \$20.00 and can be purchased online at: <http://www.hspa.nsw.edu.au/ourschool.php?id=80>

### Getting To Know...Sandra Longworth SLSO



*What did you do before coming to HSPA?*  
I was a stay at home mum and helped out at my children's school.

*Where did you go to school?*  
I went to St. Aloysius at Hamilton which has now been closed down.

*What do you like to do in your spare time?*  
My spare time is usually doing things with my family which I love. I like swimming,

going to the theatre, reading and all types of craft.

*What has been your biggest challenge?*  
Being strong for my family at a particularly sad time of our lives.

*What did you want to be when you were younger?*  
A nun.

*If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be?*  
Sitting under a palm tree on a tropical island reading a good book.

*If you were a super-hero, what powers would you have?*  
Time travel. I'm not a very good long distance traveller.

*What was the last book you read?*  
"Tears of the Moon" by Di Morrissey.

*What was your first job?*  
I worked in an office.

*What is your favourite all-time movie?*  
I love "Star Wars" and anything musical or funny.

*What would you tell your 15 year old self?*  
Be yourself. You can do anything you set your mind on.

*What is your favourite song?*  
I love all 60's music and Michael Buble. I don't really have any one favourite.

*What would you name the autobiography of your life?*  
"Life is Great."

*If you could live anywhere in the world, where would you live?*  
I have seen lots of beautiful places but Newcastle is always home.

*Do you have a special talent?*  
I was a ballroom dancer.

*Do you ever wish you could be someone else, if yes, who?*  
No, I'm happy being me.

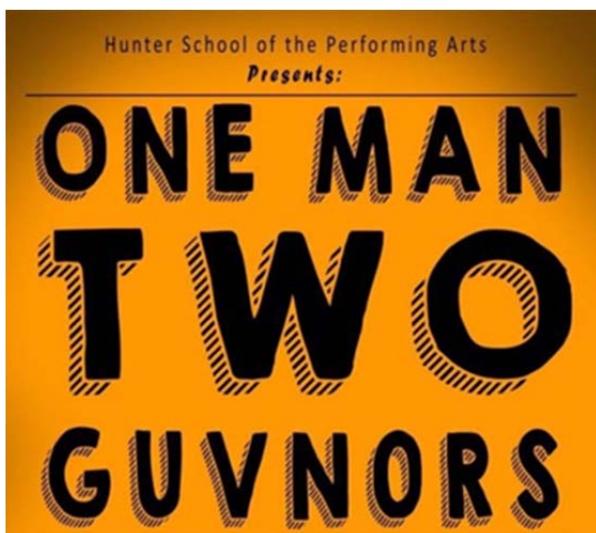
#### Mrs Sandra Longworth

Sandra's connection with HSPA started 19 years ago as a parent volunteer in our student literacy programs. It quickly became evident to the Learning Support Staff that Sandra was a dedicated and highly skilled volunteer and this was recognised formally in an award presentation in 2003. Sharon Claydon and the wider Newcastle Community presented Sandra with her award for dedication to the education of students and commitment to community. Both Sandra and her husband Ken, as P & C President, were recognised as parents willing to go above and beyond for our school.

Sandra commenced employment as a School Learning Support Officer in 2005 supporting students with additional learning and support needs. The Student Services Team, based in our school library, are sad that their much loved Sandra is retiring as the gap her retirement creates will be hard to fill. Sandra has been an outstanding team member, adored by the students she has supported, and her many roles have been sincerely appreciated by staff and parents.

The HSPA community congratulates Sandra on her exemplary service to our school and she will be leaving us with the love and best wishes of all.

Jeanne Hardie, Head Teacher Student Welfare / Careers Adviser



## School News

HSPA has been selected to participate in Local Matters at Grill'd Kotara this February!

**Local Matters** is the Grill'd community donation program that sees each Grill'd restaurant donate \$500 back into the community every month. The donation is split between 3 local community groups \$300 / \$100 / \$100.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We'd love your support in receiving the highest \$300 donation! Simply head to Grill'd Kotara during February for a burger and pop your Local Matters token in our jar. The group with the most tokens at the end of the month receives the largest donation. For each meal ordered you receive a token which you use to vote with.



## For New Enrolments

For students who don't have a school Opal Card go online at [www.transportswinfo/school-students](http://www.transportswinfo/school-students) and apply for a School Travel Pass.

NB: Students are required to pay a fare whilst waiting for delivery of new Opal Card (outside of the 4 week grace period).

Error Codes 93 & 85 - Card Not Valid: if your card shows any of these error codes the Opal Card needs updating or replacing

Error Code 65 – Card Not Approved: for this service, if your card shows this error code the Opal Card needs updating or replacing.

### For students not eligible for free school travel

Log online at [www.transportsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportsw.info/school-students) and purchase a School Term Bus Pass.

### Student Travel Eligibility

To be eligible for subsidised travel under the SSTS, school students must be:

1. An infant student ; i.e. attending Kindergarten, Year 1 or Year 2 classes. irrespective of the distance from home to school; or
2. A primary student (Year 3-6), and reside more than 1.6 kilometres (straight line distance) from the school attended, measured from the centre of the school site, or 2.3 kilometres or more by the most direct practicable walking route to the nearest point of physical entry to the school; or
3. A secondary student (Year 7-12), and reside more than 2.0 kilometres (straight line distance) from the school attended, measured from the centre of the school site. or 2.9 kilometres or more by the most direct practicable walking route to the nearest point of physical entry to the school;
4. Parents/guardians of students deemed ineligible by their school or local transport operator on straight line distance grounds may apply to TfNSW for a review of the determination on walking distance or pedestrian safety grounds.
5. Should TfNSW, after carrying out the review, not approve subsidised travel and the applicant(s) considers that there are special circumstances such as pedestrian safety and/or hardship issues associated with their case; they may appeal the TfNSW decision.
6. Appeals are heard by an independent SSTS Appeals Panel which considers each case on its individual merits.

For more information [www.transportswinfo/school-students](http://www.transportswinfo/school-students)



## OPAL CARDS

The grace period for students waiting for their Opal Cards is from 27 January until 24 February 2017 inclusive. During this period drivers will not be checking students Opal Cards.

Students who have lost their Opal cards, have a faulty card, are new students or need to update details need to apply for a new card at [www.transportsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportsw.info/school-students)

### Important information regarding Opal Cards

#### For students entering Year 11 at a New School

You will need to go online at [www.transportswinfo/school-students](http://www.transportswinfo/school-students) and update your information to "New School".

#### For students entering Year 11 at a Current School

You will need to go online at [www.transportswinfo/school-students](http://www.transportswinfo/school-students) and update your information to "Year 11".

#### For students entering Year 7 at a New School

You will need to go online at [www.transportswinfo/school-students](http://www.transportswinfo/school-students) and update your information to "New School".

#### For students entering Year 7 at Current School

You will need to go online at [www.transportswinfo/school-students](http://www.transportswinfo/school-students) and update your information to "Year 7".

#### For students entering Year 3

You will need to go online at [www.transportswinfo/school-students](http://www.transportswinfo/school-students) and update your information to "Year 3".

## *Hunter School of the Performing Arts*

### **School Photos - Friday 10th February, 2017** - Venue: Theatre Foyer and Green Room

Students must report to their class teachers and leave bags in classrooms (do not bring bags to the theatre)

<b>Period</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Group</b>
Before School	8.00am – 8:59am	<b>ALL STAFF &amp;</b> Years 11 & 12 Individual Photos
1	9.00am – 10.00am	Whole Primary Class group photos followed by Individual <b>Primary</b> student photos in theatre
2	10.00am– 10.51 am	<b>Year 7 – with class teachers</b>
3	11.11am – 12.03 pm	<b>Year 8 –with class teachers</b>
4	12.03pm –12:55 pm	<b>Year 9 with class teachers</b>
Lunch	12.55pm – 1.30 pm	Family and small group photos – Prepay only (Maximum of 6 students per group photo)
Period 5	1.30pm - 2.21pm	<b>Year 10 – with class teachers</b>

Bring envelope with you on Friday with correct payment and hand this to the photographer. If students forget the photographer will still take your photo and payment can be made direct to. Newcastle School Portraits, 21 Broadmeadow Rd, Broadmeadow. 2292. Phone: 49654114

*Note: If any student is concerned about money for photos please talk to their Year Adviser, AP in Primary or Mrs Hardie (upstairs in library)*

**All students are required to have their photo taken for student ID cards.**

Year 11 and Year 12 photos are needed for Board of Studies identification.

***FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM IS TO BE WORN***      NO JEWELLERY AND MAKE-UP      SLEEVES OF SHIRTS TO BE ROLLED DOWN

**CATCH UP DAY: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February – for staff & students absent on 10<sup>th</sup> (in theatre after 8.15am)**

**Senior Executive and Student Leaders photos at 2pm on 21st February (groups to be organised by Snr Exec & M. Maher)**

**Followed by Year 12 group photo at 2:20pm and then Whole School Photo in Quadrangle at 2:30pm**

**NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM  
SUGGESTED NEWSLETTER CONTENT**

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

**In 2017 the following vaccines will be offered to Year 7 students:**

- dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough)) as a single dose
- varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose; and
- human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months (students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8)

**2017 DATES FOR STUDENTS AT HUNTER SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS**

**24<sup>th</sup> March, 23<sup>rd</sup> June & 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

*Parent Information Kits\** will be sent home to parents/guardians on 8<sup>th</sup> February. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child's school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

*\*The Parent Information Kits contain a consent form, information sheet and privacy statement that details how personal information will be collected, stored and utilised.*

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at [www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation).

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

**A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.**

*Please direct any enquiries to the Head Teacher Welfare at HSPA:  
Janeanne.hardie@det.nsw.edu.au*