

Hunter School *of the Performing Arts*

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The Dress Circle

Term 1, Week 6, 2017
"Performing at Our Best"

The Junior and
Middle Years
Newsletter

Good Afternoon Parents and Caregivers,

What an outstanding week that highlighted the leadership we have in our Year 6 cohort this year. I was privileged enough to attend the Parliamentary speeches each morning where Primary students had to make some very hard decisions on who would best suit our leadership roles in the areas of Aboriginal Affairs, Environment, Special Events, Sport and Welfare. Each and every student showed their commitment and dedication to our school, as well as their confidence to stand in front of their peers and speak about what was truly important to them. I would like to congratulate each and every one of them, and regardless of the outcome, they should be proud of what they have achieved.

STARS OF THE WEEK

3/4H	Sienna MacBeth
5H	Tristan Bates Saunders
5OJ	Nina Cassin
6K	Ava Rae
6OW	Georgia Gradwell
6S	Christian Velovski



I have had a few enquiries from parents, wanting some suggestions on how to better support their children at home, and I am a strong believer that the best way to educate children is through a strong partnership between home and schools. Parents want to help their child develop literacy and numeracy skills, but working out how can be tricky. How do you find activities that reinforce and build on the concepts and skills your child will encounter in the classroom?

The federal government has launched a new Learning Potential Resources website with ideas on how parents of primary students can use everyday activities to build on what they're doing at school. It includes suggestions for building literacy and numeracy practice into things like cooking, shopping and sports. The website also has games and videos for practicing specific skills and suggestions for offline games and activities parents can be involved in with their children. Everything within the website supports the Australian Curriculum for primary school, and is child (and parent) friendly. Browse by your child's year level, or search for a topic, and the website will suggest ideas, activities, games and videos you can use to support your child's learning.

Feel free to follow this link to find some great parent resources. <http://www.learningpotential.edu.au/>

P&C Primary Sub-Committee: A reminder that our first P&C meeting will take place this Monday 6th March at 6pm in the Boardroom, which is located in the main administration office. This will also be our Annual General Meeting for this year.

If you can't attend Monday, could you please consider if you would like to be the P+C representative for your child's class. This position would co-ordinate a P&C activity designated for your child's class but would not necessarily require attendance at meetings. If you are interested could let the primary office know before Monday's meeting.

Our upcoming events are the Easter Raffle and Mother's Day stall. We are also looking for someone to coordinate the Entertainment Books fundraiser for this year. If you are interested in assisting with any of these please contact the Primary office.

We would love to see you on Monday night so come along to the P&C and help support HSPA Primary. I would encourage all parents to attend and have a say in their child's school. This is also a great chance to meet other parents. Everyone is welcome.

Achievements: Congratulations to Ned from Year 6 who has successfully auditioned for the Australian Ballet's upcoming production of *The Nutcracker!* This production will be staged at the Opera House in May. Ned is currently part of the Australian Ballet's Interstate/International Training Programme and was one of 20 extremely talented young dancers chosen through a challenging audition process. Well done Ned, we are very proud of you!

Primary Athletics Carnival (Term Two): Our Primary Athletics Carnival will be taking place in Term Two. The athletics carnival scheduled for next week is only for our secondary school. **The school canteen will be closed next Thursday 9th March.**

Change of Core Performing Arts Area: If students would like to change their core performing arts area, one of the criteria is that they need to have attended HSPA for a minimum of two years. Students will need to apply through the auditions page on our school website and go through the audition process for the selected core change. Parents are reminded that if students are unsuccessful in an audition, their current position at HSPA will remain.

Reminders: Parents are reminded that all visitors MUST enter via the Main Office between the hours of 8:56am and 3:13pm.

Primary Boys Dance Ensemble Workshop One: All Primary boys are welcome to join our Boys Dance Ensemble but will need to attend two Workshops held at school. They will also need to ensure they have returned an Ensemble Contract prior to attending.

Our first full day workshop will be held on Wednesday 29th March in our School Theatre. On this day, all of the boys will need to come to school in uniform at the regular time. They can bring a black singlet top to change into if they wish. Boys can bring a packed lunch as normal or order from the canteen. The workshop will be finished in time for normal school pick up arrangements. There will be a meeting on Friday next week where interested students can register their name and have the opportunity to ask any questions.

Yours in education,

Mrs Karen O'Neill

Relieving Deputy Principal (Primary)



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'What's On'

Term 1, 2017

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
7	6 th	7 th BOYS DANCE REGIONAL PROGRAMME	8 th BOYS DANCE REGIONAL PROGRAMME	9 th	10 th	11 th /12 th
8	13 th DANCE DAY (DANCE ENSEMBLE STUDENTS)	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th /19 th
9	20 th	21 ST	22 nd PRIMARY TERM ASSEMBLY	23 rd	24 th	25 th /26 th
10	27 th	28 th	29 th BOYS DANCE CAMP (HSPA BOYS DANCE ENSEMBLE STUDENTS)	30 th	31 st	1 st /2 nd
11	3 rd	4 th YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION	5 th YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION YEAR 5 GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP	6 th YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION YEAR 5 GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP YEAR 3/4 ZOO SNOOZE	7 th YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION YEAR 5 GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP YEAR 3/4 ZOO SNOOZE	8 th /9 th

NOTES IN CIRCULATION

- **BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE AGREEMENT**
- **ENSEMBLE AGREEMENT**
- **YEAR 5 CAMP**
- **YEAR 6 CAMP**
- **DANCE UNIFORM**

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<http://www.hspa.nsw.edu.au/ourschool.php?id=79>