

# Hunter School *of the Performing Arts*

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## The Dress Circle

Term 2, Week 5, 2017  
"Performing at Our Best"

The Junior and  
Middle Years  
Newsletter

### Good Afternoon Parents and Caregivers,

Wow what a week! With so many Star Struck rehearsals, a great reading initiative and all the amazing things we do on a regular basis, you could be mistaken to say it was a very busy week here at HSPA. However, this week was just another week and we wouldn't want it any other way!

Thank you to the amazing staff and students who worked tirelessly throughout the week at our Star Struck rehearsals. I can't wait to see our students shine in amongst thousands of other students across the area in this performance extravaganza. The costumes are being finished as we speak and will be delivered next week. They look amazing! Star Struck t-shirts have also arrived and will be sent home shortly as well. It certainly will be a memorable event!

We are now halfway through what has already been a great term, with so many more exciting things to come. There is not a dull moment at this school and our students benefit so much from the outstanding opportunities they are offered.

**Garden Working Bee interest:** Thank you to those who have offered their services for this Sunday 4 June's working bee, but unfortunately, we will need to postpone this event. We'll be rescheduling a date soon.

**Star Struck:** Star Struck tickets are now on sale through Ticketek outlets. A reminder to all Star Struck Dance and Drama Ensembles that costume payments are due, and, please read your final rehearsal and show week notes very carefully for drop-off and pick-up times.

This week the students have been busy rehearsing for Star Struck both at school and at the formal star struck rehearsals. It has been wonderful to see the students applying their creative skills and working with children from other schools. Once again, this has been an exciting opportunity to showcase the skills of the children. It has also been exciting that the drama group was able to work together with a number of feature dancers for out school in the *Fire Flies* song. We were able to take a few sneaky photos... Who can you see?

### STARS OF THE WEEK

3/4H	Abbie Kilroy
5H	Taine Bramble
5S	Skyla Conlon
6A	Chelsea Potter
6K	Lily Watkins
6OW	Jemima Kirkwood



**Star Struck Volunteers:** We are still after some volunteers for the Wednesday rehearsal and matinee performances on Thursday & Friday. If you are able to assist, please email [alison.lobb@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:alison.lobb@det.nsw.edu.au) with your availability. You will need to have a **Working with Children Check (WWCC)** number for Security reasons - here's where to apply: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check>

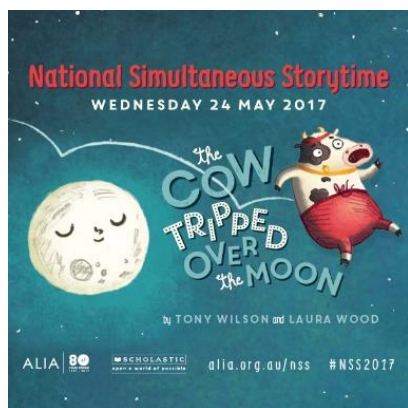
**State Music Camp:** Congratulations to Sophia Mangos from the Primary Concert Band. She has been successful in applying for a position at this year's State Junior Music Camp, which is to be held at the Sydney Academy of Sport in Narrabeen from 16th-21st July. Sophia plays flute and is one of our Band Captains for 2017.

**Idea of North:** The Idea of North has a passion for singing that connects with all ages, backgrounds and cultures. Their education program has become an integral feature of the group's musical journey and they are keen to share that passion. During specifically tailored workshops, The Idea of North will work with students from Years 3 to 12 including developing four-part harmony fitness, improvisation and arrangement workshops. A focus on stage presentation and a close-up look at the business side of music are also included. HSPA Primary Choir and Vocal Ensemble students will be involved in a workshop on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at no cost. Students are also able to participate in additional workshops run on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Details of these workshops will go home next week.

**Science:** 3/4H have been learning about growing plants as part of their Science Unit this semester. We had an exciting project where they had to design and make a small gift from recycled materials and grow a seed of their choice! Here's how they turned out. Well done 3/4H, I was blown away by them all.



**The Library @ HSPA:** National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS). In its 17th successful year, NSS aims to promote the value of literacy and the fun of reading. Schools, public libraries and bookstores around Australia host the reading of the same book - simultaneously. On Wednesday 24th May, students in Years 3-6 watched a Story Box Library reading of *The Cow Tripped Over the Moon* (by Tony Wilson and Laura Wood). This funny and uplifting story is about perseverance and the value of practice, despite how difficult things may seem. As the cow eventually made it over the moon (after eight attempts), it was so lovely to see the HSPA students burst into spontaneous applause. I look forward to sharing more stories with the students throughout the year. Ms Walker (Teacher Librarian)





## PRIMARY MUSIC GIG GUIDE Terms 2 and 3

The following excursions will take place during terms 2 and 3. Parents may need to note dates on calendars, particularly the dates for ticket sales for Sydney concerts.

DATE	EVENT	GROUPS INVOLVED
Friday June 9 <sup>th</sup> Thursday June 15 <sup>th</sup> Friday June 16 <sup>th</sup> Saturday June 17	Star Struck Choir - Rehearsal Days Newcastle Entertainment Centre Technical Rehearsal Matinee and evening performances	Star Struck Choir
Tue June 20 <sup>th</sup> / Wed June 21 <sup>st</sup>	BandLink -Newcastle Jockey Club	Concert Band
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> June 9:00am	Box Office Tickets Opening for Opera House Festival of Instrumental Music	Parents – be quick!
Thur June 22 <sup>nd</sup> / Fri June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Possible Vocal Workshop Days at HSPA	Year 5/6 Choir and Vocal Ensemble
Thur June 29 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am	Box Office Tickets Opening for Sydney Town Hall - Primary Proms	Parents – be quick!
Mon July 24 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am	Box Office Tickets Opening for Opera House Festival of Choral Music	Parents – be quick!
Thurs July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Primary Proms Combined Schools Cluster Rehearsal at HSPA	Ms Head's Year 3/4 class
Fri July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Festival of Choral Music Combined Schools Cluster Rehearsal at HSPA	Primary Choir – year 5/6
Fri July 28 <sup>th</sup> (Change of date)	Strings Cluster Rehearsal The Junction Public School Private transport	Strings
Mon August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Music Showcase Concert Hunter Theatre	All Music Ensembles
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 7:00pm	Festival of Instrumental Music Sydney Opera House	Strings Players and 20 Year Six Recorder Players Students leave HSPA 9:00am
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 7:00pm	Festival of Choral Music Sydney Opera House	Primary Choir – year 5/6 only Students leave HSPA 9:00am
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept, 7:00pm	Primary Proms Sydney Town Hall	Ms Head's Class 3/4 Students leave HSPA 9:00am

Yours in education,  
**Mrs Karen O'Neill**

**Relieving Deputy Principal (Primary)**



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## 'What's On'

**Term 2, 2017**

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
<b>6</b>	29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup>
<b>7</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> PRIMARY BOYS DANCE WORKSHOP #2	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> PUBLIC SPEAKING REGISTRATIONS CLOSE	9 <sup>th</sup> STAR STRUCK CHOIR REHEARSAL	10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>8</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> QUEENS BIRTHDAY (PUBLIC HOLIDAY)	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> STAR STRUCK DANCE AND DRAMA REHEARSAL	15 <sup>th</sup> STAR STRUCK REHEARSAL – DANCE, DRAMA AND CHOIR	16 <sup>th</sup> YR 3/4 STAR STRUCK EXCURSION  STAR STRUCK PERFORMANCES	17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup>  STAR STRUCK PERFORMANCES
<b>9</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> OLYMPIAD	20 <sup>th</sup> BAND LINK	21 <sup>st</sup> BAND LINK STATE DANCE PRIMARY FILMING	22 <sup>nd</sup> IDEA OF NORTH WORKSHOPS AND CONCERT	23 <sup>rd</sup> IDEA OF NORTH WORKSHOPS AND PERFORMANCE	24 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup>
<b>10</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> STATE OF DANCE	27 <sup>th</sup> PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL	28 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup>

### NOTES IN CIRCULATION

- 2017 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK / MEMBERSHIP - <http://www.entbook.com.au/348u44>
- STAR STRUCK DANCE & DRAMA COSTUME NOTES
- BAND LINK

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