



Good afternoon Parents and Carers,
 What a way to start the term! Whilst the first two weeks seem fairly calm and students are enjoying their time in class and getting back into routine after the holidays, it is certainly about to speed up come Week 3. Could I ask parents to check the calendar at the end of the newsletter very carefully as there are many fantastic events over the coming weeks and our calendar is certainly filling fast, but all with amazing things, including the new trivia date! I spoke to students this week about Term 4 being my favourite term of the year, and not because it ends with Christmas and a holiday. This term is about fun and consolidation. Students have worked so hard throughout the year and now is a time to celebrate their successes. This includes in the classroom, on stage and with their friends.

Parents were bombarded with notes this week about things like *On Show*, *Drama Showcase*, *Gymnastics*, *State Drama* Excursions and many more. Please be sure to check these carefully as there are some very important dates that will involve your child. We do our best to keep you updated as much as possible and I would like to thank some of the parents for their constructive feedback in ways to improve this. I love to hear parents' ideas and suggestions on how to make our school better for everybody involved. I sent all parents an email to let them know about the 'booklet' of notes going home to give them some warning. If your email

WEEKLY ROUNDUP



address has changed or if you have not supplied the school with one, please have this fixed up as quickly as possible. This is one way we are hoping to improve our communication with you. There are more notes to come regarding final arrangements for the Junior Theatre Celebrations and On Show costumes, so please keep an eye out for them.

Starting at 8am, CityServe will be at HSPA focusing on removing gardens, maintenance of gardens, laying turf, water blasting, spreading pinebark, with the majority of work happening in the Primary area. We would love to have as many people as possible come along and assist on the day. Volunteers are asked to wear closed in shoes and wear a hat and sunscreen. If anyone has any gardening equipment they are able to bring along with them on the day, including shovels, mattocks, wheelbarrows and gloves, that would be great. We will be providing a BBQ lunch for all volunteers. All children under 16 years must be accompanied and supervised by a parent/guardian. We hope that lots of people from the school community join with us for all or part of the day to help give our school a 'facelift'. Parents would have received a note about this earlier in the week but I am excited to announce that this month we are lucky enough to have CityServe coming to our school on Saturday 14th October. CityServe is a unique initiative that embraces collaborative working partnerships between council, business and community organisations to benefit the community.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULES CAN BE
 DOWNLOADED BY CLICKING **HERE**

STAY IN TOUCH WITH US THROUGH
 SCHOOL APP **HERE** FACEBOOK **HERE**

YOU CAN SUBSCRIBE TO Y7-Y12
 NEWSLETTER BY CLICKING **HERE**

ROUNDUP CONTINUED

I would like to say congratulations to Mrs Cassie O'Brien, Miss Georgia Cowell, Miss Elena Morris-Britten and our PBL students for their hard work over the last term.



As part of last term's PBL trial, students were involved in an initiative run by St Vincent de Paul Society and Ability Links (NSW Gov) to support them in their capacity to promote inclusion, diversity and social justice. Schools could enter by submitting a rap song, video, photo or visual arts piece reflecting the theme "What Inclusion Means to Me". As part of this submission, the school also had to provide a plan of how



they would use the prize money, if they were to win, within their school to promote inclusivity.

Students driving question was centred on the topic of 'inclusivity' - what this means and how it could be portrayed through art. Art works had to represent Inclusivity and students wrote a blurb to explain their pieces.

Students from our PBL team have worked on projects over the previous ten weeks, led by Mrs Cassie O'Brien, Miss Georgia Cowell and Miss Elena Morris-Britten, and during the holidays at the art exhibition at the Art Space in Islington, HSPA Primary was announced as the winners of \$5,000 for their submissions. Congratulations again to all students and teachers involved in this project and watch out for the new additions to Primary to promote the importance of inclusion within our school. What an amazing achievement!

I would also like to advise parents regarding our upcoming Secondary musical next week. Please do not purchase a ticket for your child to attend a matinee performance during school hours unless they are going to be accompanied by an adult. This means they would need to be collected from the main office and taken to theatre where they would be seated with an adult. This is because we do not have teachers attending the matinee and students would be unsupervised during this time and we cannot allow that to happen. What a great term this is shaping up to be, with exciting events and performances for everyone. I am looking forward to enjoying the next ten weeks of fun and excitement!

Yours in education,
Mrs Karen O'Neill
Deputy Principal Primary (Relieving)

Selective Primary and High School Classes

Some primary schools across NSW offer places in 'opportunity classes' for gifted and talented students in Years 5 and 6. To be considered for placement students must sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test. For information about applying and the placement process go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>.

Selective high schools cater for the specific needs of high achieving gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. Selective schools help gifted and talent students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. Parents apply when the student is in Year 5. The students sit the test in March of Year 6.

To be considered for placement students must sit the Selective High School Placement Test. For information about applying and the placement process go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

Applications for selective high schools for Year 7, 2019 are now open. If you are interested please see the download section of the website, or if you would like a printed booklet please contact karen.oneill@det.nsw.edu.au to have a copy forwarded to you.

Holiday Fun – Circus Workshop

During the holidays some of our students attended a Circus Skills Camp over three days in Dubbo. Staff and parents of students at the camp commented on how lovely and inclusive the HSPA kids were towards other children who didn't know anyone there. Congratulations to our talented students, we hear you had a great time. Let's see what Vincent had to say about it.....

"Dubbo Circus Camp was an amazing experience that I will definitely apply for again. While participating, Taine and I learned to juggle, ride, unicycle, plates spin, carpet spin and diablo. I would recommend this to all my friends and it was lots of fun."

Star Struck 2018 Round One Vocal Auditions are Open

It is that exciting time of the year again when we begin the search for Star Struck's featured artists and backing vocalists. All the information you need is on the STAR STRUCK WEBSITE: <http://www.starstruck.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/round-one-vocal-auditions-open-now>

Slap Cheek Confirmation

We have a confirmed case of slap cheek in the Primary. If your child shows any symptoms please see your GP asap and keep your child home from school until they have been given the all clear to return.

CIRCUS CAMP PHOTOS



Nipper Program for Indigenous Kids and their Families

A surf awareness/ beach safety Nippers pilot is running for the first time at Bar Beach in November. The program has been created and will be led by indigenous lifesavers with the Cooks Hill Surf Lifesaving Club.

It is designed to inform families about beach safety, entering and exiting the surf, trying rescue boards, flag races and sprints. We would also like to showcase all the different areas that community can be involved within any surf club.

Each Friday we will finish the evening off with a BBQ for dinner. This 3 week program is FREE.

Each week the families will be entering the water with volunteer lifeguards and families will learn about safe practices over summer when at the beach. This program is validated with Children's University so kids involved in the program can have 6 hours stamped in their passports.

Bookings are required so we can have the correct number of water safety present.

Hope to see your families on the beach. For more information, click [HERE](#).

Trivia Night



TRIVIA NIGHT
 A Fundraising event brought to you by the Hunter School of the Performing Arts, Primary P&C. ****New Date** 18th November 2017.**
 6.30 pm start

Adamstown Bowling Club
 Come along and bring some friends (tables up to 8) \$15 per person. Many fabulous prizes to be won! Raffles and games to be also held on the night so be sure to bring your gold coins.
 BYO food, pre-order a hamper from us or some snacks are also available from the club.
 ALL drinks to be purchased from the Bar.
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE PRIMARY OFFICE.



#1 Premiere \$25

- 2 packets biscuits
- Small cheese
- Large dip
- Small dip
- Strawberries or veggie crudites
- Block of chocolate
- Bag of sweets
- Packet of chips



#2 Snack pack \$15

- 1 packet of biscuits
- Large dip
- Block of chocolate
- Bag of sweets
- Packet of chips

NOTES IN CIRCULATION

2017 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK/MEMBERSHIP

www.entbook.com.au/348u44

AUSTRALIAN THEATRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE INSPIRE PROJECT

PBL SMART ART CHALLENGE CONSENT NOTE

SCHOOL SPECTACULAR TRAVEL & INCIDENTALS

JUNIOR THEATRE CELEBRATION PAYMENTS

INTERRELATE - MOVING INTO THE TEEN YEARS

DRAMA SHOWCASE

STATE DRAMA - PERFORMER

STATE DRAMA - AUDIENCE

ON SHOW

GYMNASTICS

**STARS
OF THE WEEK**

3/4H Alana Partridge-Gilio

5H Layla Malone

5S Jasper Redhead

6A Mick Aranmala

6K Piper Dougherty

6OW Samantha Furney

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
WEEK 2	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
WEEK 3	23 NEWSIES WEEK	24 PRIMARY DRAMA SHOWCASE	25 STATE DRAMA REHEARSAL Y5/6 ENSEMBLE JTC 10 MIN REHEARSAL & PBL DAY	26 SCHOOL SPEC REHEARSAL STATE DRAMA EXCURSION - ALL DRAMA ENSEMBLES	27 CIRCLE OF LIFE TECH REHEARSAL NEWSIES PERFORMANCE JTC ALL STARS AUDITIONS	28 JTC DAY INCLUDING 10 MIN ADJUDICATION, WORKSHOPS, CIRCLE OF LIFE PERFORMANCE AND DANCE PARTY	29
WEEK 4	30 INFORMATION CONCERT (NEW 2018 PARENTS AND STUDENTS. SELECTED PERFORMANCES)	31 ON SHOW - PRIMARY SHOWCASE & SUPPER	1 NOV GYMNASTICS	2 SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR REHEARSAL	3	4	5
WEEK 5	6	7 GYMNASTICS	8 GYMNASTICS	9 SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR REHEARSAL	10	11	12
WEEK 6	13	14 GYMNASTICS PRIMARY SOLOS SHOWCASE EVENING	15 ATYP INSPIRE PROJECT EXCURSION	16 GYMNASTICS	17	18 P&C PRIMARY FUNDRAISER TRIVIA NIGHT	19

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
WEEK 7	20 JUNIOR CONCERT BAND CAMP	21 JUNIOR CONCERT BAND CAMP	22 JNR CONCERT BAND & PRIMARY MUSIC CAMPS SCHOOL SPEC REHEARSAL GYMNASTICS	23 PRIMARY MUSIC CAMP SCHOOL SPECTACULAR REHEARSAL	24 SCHOOL SPECTACULAR PERFORMANCES SCHOOL SPEC MATINEE EXCURSION	25 SCHOOL SPECTACULAR PERFORMANCES	26
WEEK 8	27 STRING / PERCUSSION CAMP	28 STRING / PERCUSSION CAMP	29 STRING / PERCUSSION CAMP GYMNASTICS	30 MARCHING BAND CAMP	1 DEC MARCHING BAND CAMP	2 MARCHING BAND CAMP	3
WEEK 9	4	5 2018 ORIENTATION DAY	6 7/8 CHOIR CAMP GYMNASTICS	7 7/8 CHOIR CAMP	8 7/8 CHOIR CAMP YEAR 6 MINI FETE	9	10
WEEK 10	11 PRIMARY CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT YEAR 6 FAREWELL 6PM-9:30PM	12 POOL PARTY	13	14	15 PRIMARY TALENT QUEST LAST DAY OF TERM FOR STUDENTS	16	17
WEEK 11	18 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	19 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY					

Information & Communication Overview



HSPA WEBSITE

www.hspa.nsw.edu.au/

Our web site contains links to all of our other services and is the public 'digital shop front' for the school. It includes all relevant information relating to the school, policies, staff, staff emails, enrolments and much more.



SKOOLBAG APP

Android > to download click [HERE](#)

Apple > to download click [HERE](#)

For all mobile devices, this enables digital submission of absence explanation notes; important notices are pushed out via push notifications and much, much more.



CANVAS

<https://hspa.instructure.com>

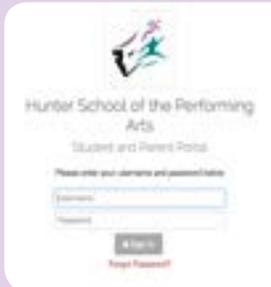
Canvas is a powerful eLearning environment providing students with 24/7 online access to curriculum resources, assessment tasks and class notifications; facilitating diversity and self-direction. Please ensure students have notifications enabled on phones to receive reminders.



FACEBOOK

www.facebook.com/hspaofficial/

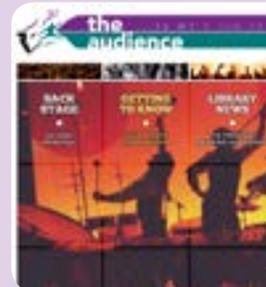
The HSPA Facebook page is where you'll find good news stories, photographs and videos of school life and achievements that focus on daily activities.



SENTRAL PARENT PORTAL

<http://web1.huntperfor-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal>

For Student and Parent use, this site is used for accessing student reports, timetables, daily notices, viewing commendations, course completion warning letters (Years 10-12) and booking parent/teacher interviews.



THE AUDIENCE

www.hspa.nsw.edu.au/ourschool.php?id=21

Emailed fortnightly and available through the Skoolbag app, this is the Year 7-12 school newsletter. Provides highlights of the many curricular and extra-curricular opportunities HSPA students enjoy as well as important updates and information for parents/carers.



SENTRAL STAFF PORTAL

<http://web1.huntperfor-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

For Staff use only, this is the HSPA administrative system used by staff to create reports, mark attendance, access individual education plans and much more.



THE DRESS CIRCLE

www.hspa.nsw.edu.au/ourschool.php?id=21

Emailed weekly and available through the Skoolbag app, this is the Y3-Y6 newsletter. Providing highlights of the many curricular and extra-curricular opportunities HSPA students enjoy as well as important updates and information for parents.