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Good afternoon Parents and Carers.

What an amazing group of students we have here at HSPA. I would like to share with you a story about how my week started, where I was totally blown away by the responsible, independent and mature approach some of our students have to their school and their learning.

Every Monday morning we have an informal assembly to give students the update on what is happening this week at HSPA, for teachers to pass on any messages we may have for them and for our student leaders to also speak about things that are happening. It is also a chance for me to have a chat to the whole student body and this week's discussion turned out a little different to what I expected.

Having sent out many notes over the last week (with a few more still to come), and trying to ensure that all students and parents had all the information they needed for upcoming events including On Show, Drama Showcase, Junior Theatre Celebrations, State Drama Festival and School Spectacular, I wanted to let the students know that they could stay informed too.

I explained to them that every Friday Mrs Lobb chases me around the school until I have completed my part of the newsletter to ensure it goes out to parents by the end of

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULES CAN BE DOWNLOADED BY CLICKING HERE



the day (although sometimes it doesn't quite get there on a Friday, apologies) via their email. I then asked the question "where can you access the school newsletter to keep up to date, that is not in your parents email inbox?".

I was expecting the answer of the schools webpage, as this is where we direct them for any notes they have lost, but the answer I received was not that. Having randomly selected a student to answer, this is what they said........"*In my inbox* because I have subscribed to the newsletter".

Needless to say, you can see why I was amazed, but it didn't stop there. I was also informed that a number of our students have downloaded our Skoolbag app on their devices and access it this way.

I would like to publicly congratulate those students for being so proactive in their own education and organisation. It is good to know that our future is in great hands!

On that note, I would like to thank parents for their recent feedback on our communication. We do pride ourselves on doing our best to ensure parents are up to date by using a combination of notes, Goggle classroom messages, Class Dojo messages, emails, our newsletter, our website and the most important asset to our school, our students.

STAY IN TOUCH WITH US THROUGH SCHOOL APP HERE FACEBOOK HERE

YOU CAN SUBSCRIBE TO Y7-Y12 NEWSLETTER BY CLICKING HERE

I am hoping that, on top of all the things we already do, some of the other small improvements we are making to ensure you are receiving information are noticed. This is something we are working on and continually try to improve our communication to you. Constructive feedback is always welcome.

This would be a timely reminder to please check the calendar in our newsletter to ensure all our dates are in your calendar.

Thank you to the families and staff who gave up their time last weekend for our CityServe Working Bee. You would have to agree that the transformation to the Primary entrance of our school is amazing! It was five hours of hard work spreading soil, laying turf, cleaning our gardens and preparing areas for future work, but it was all worth it.

I didn't realise just how stunning the trees at the front of our school were until the area around them was cleared so they could be seen and admired. This area will make for a great spot for special morning teas and literacy circles. What an exciting addition to our school.









Congratulations to the McGill family who were the lucky winners of the raffle ran on the day for 2 tix to *Catch Me If You* Can.

This is a great start to the plans we have to transform the Primary end of the school. Watch this space for what's to come.....

Please remember to purchase your tickets for On Show.

We have allocated two tickets per family, due to seating restrictions, but if your child resides with their mother and father at separate addresses due to separation, please contact me directly to organise additional tickets for the show.

It will be a fantastic night of supper and entertainment so don't miss out.

I am looking forward to a busy but epic week of rehearsals, Junior Theatre Celebrations activities, State Drama Festival and workshops and School Spectacular rehearsals.

What a week it will be

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

On Show

Our fantastic Primary will be performing a showcase of their hard work and wonderful efforts across all ensembles on Tuesday 31st October at the Hunter Theatre in *On Show*. Tickets are now on sale and have been allocated two perfamily.

We would also like to ask parents to please attend the supper from 5.45pm and bring a plate of food to share and mingle. We look forward to seeing you there!

Selective 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.

NAP Science Literacy and NAP ICT Literacy

This week and next week some Year 6 Primary students have been selected to participate in trials for the National Assessment Program.

What is the NAP Science Literacy program?

NAP Science Literacy has been administered to Year 6
students in Australian schools since 2003. In 2016, education
ministers agreed that the assessment will be extended to
include Year 10 students.

The program is based on a new assessment framework, aligned with the Australian Curriculum. The NAPSL Pilot Study is a set of computer based tests that will be delivered using the online national assessment platform. The purpose of the pilot study is to evaluate test items which are under consideration for inclusion in future Science Literacy tests. This study will be piloted in a sample of schools across Australia.

What is the NAP ICT Literacy program?
In October and November 2017, samples of Year 6 and Year 10 students in schools in all Australian states and territories will participate in the main study for the ICT Literacy (NAP–ICT Literacy) sample assessment, one of a set of assessments within the National Assessment Program.
The National Assessment Program is an ongoing program of assessments to monitor progress towards the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians,

endorsed in 2008 by the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA). The NAP–ICT Literacy assessment is managed by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) under the auspices of the Education Council. The assessment service provider is the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER). ACER is responsible for developing and conducting the assessment and preparing a report describing the results of the assessment.

The NAP-ICT Literacy assessment measures and reports on the ability of students to use ICT appropriately to access, manage, integrate and evaluate information, develop new understandings and communicate with others in order to participate effectively in society.

MUSIC SOLOS NIGHT

Music students have the opportunity to perform a favourite solo piece in the Hunter Theatre on Tuesday evening, 14th November. The concert will begin at 4:30 and finish by 6:00pm. Students are able to stay at school to rehearse prior to the concert. A note regarding this concert will be sent home early next week.

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



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**.

P&C Fundraiser

The Primary P&C are currently running a Drink Bottle Fundraiser that all Primary students would have received a note about today. These are a great idea and come with your child's name as well as our school logo and school name so if they are left on a bus or excursion there is more chance of it being returned. Please support the Primary P&C and consider ordering one, two or more of these as it is a fabulous and practical idea. Orders close on Friday 3rd November.

Trivia Night





#1 Premiere \$25

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

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.



#2 Snack pack \$15

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

CityServe Working Bee

BEFORE ...

























NOTES IN CIRCULATION

2017 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK/MEMBERSHIP www.entbook.com.au/348u44

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

MUSIC CAMP NOTES



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	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
WEEK	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	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	SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR REHEARSAL	10	11	12
WEEK 6	13	GYMNASTICS PRIMARY SOLOS SHOWCASE EVENING	15 ATYP INSPIRE PROJECT EXCURSION	16 GYMNASTICS	17	18 P&C PRIMARY FUNDRAISER TRIVIA NIGHT	19
WEEK 7	20 JUNIOR CONCERT BAND CAMP	21 JUNIOR CONCERT BAND CAMP	JNR CONCERT BAND & PRIMARY MUSIC CAMPS SCHOOL SPEC REHEARSAL GYMNASTICS	PRIMARY MUSIC CAMP SCHOOL SPECTACULAR REHEARSAL	24 SCHOOL SPECTACULAR PERFORMANCES SCHOOL SPEC MATINEE EXCURSION	25 SCHOOL SPECTACULAR PERFORMANCES	26

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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
10	PRIMARY CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT YEAR 6 FAREWELL 6PM-9:30PM	12 POOL PARTY	13	14	PRIMARY TALENT QUEST LAST DAY OF TERM FOR STUDENTS	16	17
week 11	18 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	19 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY					

WEEK

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

Andriod > 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 abd 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.