



WEEKLY ROUNDUP

Good afternoon Parents and Carers,

It definitely feels great to be back at school. This week has seen some aspirational Year 5 students bravely present to their peers in Round 2 of our Captain Nominations for 2018. Seventeen Year 5 students did an amazing job yesterday where they were given just under two hours to prepare a speech to present to all Primary students and staff in the hope they would be voted as our 2018 Primary School Captain. The students did an amazing job and had some fantastic ideas about ways to make our school an even better place. It certainly made voting very difficult and I look forward to seeing who will be our leaders for next year when it is announced at our Presentation Day on Monday 11th December.

I would like to say congratulations to all students who put themselves forward for a nomination and an interview in the last few weeks. They should all be very proud of themselves for their achievements, regardless of the outcome. These opportunities help students to become resilient, persistent and ultimately successful in later life. Well done to you all. Thank you also to Mrs O'Brien for her organisation of this process. She did an amazing job at mentoring our aspirational leaders and they were certainly very appreciative of her support and assistance.



Congratulations to our Semester 2 Principals award students who were presented with their certificates at yesterday's assembly. These students achieved top marks in their year for Semester 2 across all Key Learning Areas and should be proud of their efforts. What a fantastic achievement for so many of our students. These students will be invited to a morning tea with Ms Gray next week to celebrate their success.

Well done to our 15 students who travelled to Sydney last week to be part of Schools Spectacular 2017, Own the Moment. I was lucky enough to watch the performance and it certainly was spectacular. Everything about this show is amazing, from the choreography, set design, costumes and make up. It is certainly a whole new opportunity for even our experienced performers, and one I would highly recommend to any student. A huge thank you to our wonderful parents who came down and chaperoned our students. They did a great job making sure they were organised and prepared for every day. Also a huge thank you to Mrs Wilson and Miss Hillard for their amazing work with this group.

It has been a massive term with many Sydney trips, but I am sure they will agree with me when I say it was all worth it.

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Congratulations must also go to Mrs Wilson who choreographed for Schools Spectacular this year. It is a huge achievement to be accepted in this role and the segment she created was amazing.

Next Tuesday will be out Orientation Day for 2018 students.

Our current Year 6 will be spending the day in Secondary with approximately 90 new Year 7 students, whilst our current Year 3, 4 and 5 students will stay in Primary along with 82 new students who will come into Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 next year.

In Primary we will be starting the day with our Orientation Breakfast, which is always very successful and a great chance for parents to get to know each other whilst students explore the playground. Breakfast will begin at 7am and this will be followed by a short assembly on the handball court to introduce staff for 2018. Parents will then head home and students will spend the day completing a number of activities in different classes so they have the chance to make new friends, meet the teachers and participate in their core performing arts area. As part of this day, all students will be signed up to a Google Classroom so they can keep in touch with teachers and students over the Christmas break and be updated with any new information over the holidays. This is a new process that we are trialling and the teachers are really looking forward to the chance to be able to keep in touch with the students they meet next week.

Just a remindre that on Monday 11th December we will be holding the Primary Celebration of Achievement (Presentation Day). This is where all students are recognised for their achievements throughout the year as well as top achieveing students for each year group for 2017, special awards, sports champions, Performing Arrts Awards and the Primary 2017 Dux award will be announced. Parents whose child will be presented with a special award will receive an email invitation in the next few days. The purpose of the email is so that parents can make time to attend if possible and also so students are surprised

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on the day when their name is called out. I would also like to advise parents that on Presentation Day all students will receive their awards for the year as well as their Semester 2 Report to take home.

All students today will have brought home a book of raffle tickets. The P&C are running a Mega Christmas raffle which will be drawn on Presntation Day. Prizes include:

- Christmas hampers
- Zielger and Brown Portable Grill
- Flip 3 speaker
- Ukulele
- Muso's Corner voucher
- Caribee backpack
- Treetops Family voucher
- Timezone Mega Value pack
- Nova Cruises harbour cruize voucher
- Mary Ellen voucher
- Frontline Hobbies voucher
- Domino's voucher
- Euro Patisserie voucher
- Red Alert Laser Tag voucher
- Nando's voucher

Don't miss out on a chance to win these fantastic prizes. Tickets will also be available at the door at Presentation Day. Thank you to the P&C for your continued support this year.

Some classes have started taking home books and equipment and are starting to prepare for the end of year clean out and move. Students may wish to bring in an extra bag to help them take their belongings home.

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

Primary Celebration of Achievement (Presentation Day)

The Primary Celebration of Achievement ceremony will be held in the Hunter Theatre from 11:30am – 1:00pm on Monday 11th December (Week 10).

This ceremony will see all students acknowledged for their hard work throughout 2017. All parents are welcome and invitations will be sent home shortly to the parents of students who will be receiving a special award. We hope to see you there.

Writing Becomes Real in Year 5 Continued . . .

Vanessa Bates, visited Year 5 to talk about her craft. She is an award winning playwright, winning two CONDA awards, Victorian Premier's award and the NSW Premier's Award. Vanessa discussed the origin of the word playwright and discussed the making of a play. She told the children that leaving school she wanted to be an actor.

At university she started to write scripts to provide more content for females. After university she joined a Newcastle company called Freewheels and began writing and acting for children. She has had an exciting career to date working with the Sydney Theatre Company, publishing a book, writing for a number of television programs, radio plays and touring plays that travel across the country. Her work has also taken her overseas to work and study in Paris.



She told the children that she enjoys writing adaptations of novels and short stories. She is working on a number of adaptation projects which will hit the stage in the coming year *The Magic Pudding* which will play at the Sydney Opera House and the *Ghost In My Suitcase* which will open in the *Melbourne International Festival 2018* and *Perth International Festival 2018*.

Her visit today was inspirational, Seb and Layla asked to share some thoughts on her visit. Ms Skehan-Ryba



Today (30/11/2017) year 5 went to the library to listen to Vanessa Bates, who is an award-winning playwright. She talked to us about her plays, these are her most famous: *Trailer*, *Every Second* and *The Magic Hour*, which won a CONDA. *Bridget*, *Nina* and *Layla* had the opportunity to perform a scene from the book, *A Ghost In My Suitcase*, which she had adapted into play. *Kasey* was able to act out a monologue that Vanessa had written. She also explained to us how to edit and write stage directions, which was helpful. - Seb 5S



Today I had to get up and perform a little skit. We had four people perform and I was lucky to be one of them. Here are the others that got to perform *Nina 5S*, *Kasey 5H* and *Bridget 5S*. We got the lines a day before the performance. We had to be the character that we were chosen to be.

-Layla 5H



Xmas Hamper Bonanza!

This year the P&C are running a Xmas raffle to be drawn on Friday 8th December (Wk 9). Raffle tickets will be sent home very soon. However, we need your help to make this fundraiser a success.

Each class has been assigned a type of product to donate to the cause.

3/4H - Drinks - poppers, plastic bottles etc (no glass).

5H & 5S - Xmas treats, confectionary.

6A - Non perishable canned food.

6K - Small Xmas gifts - Xmas themed colouring in, teddies ...

6OW - Xmas decorations - bons bons, tinsel, tree ornaments..

Additional hampers will also be made up to donate to charities at this festive time of year.

We appreciate your help in making this fundraiser a success!

Schools Spectacular 2017

Congratulations to our dancers who performed in Spectacular fashion!

You will be able to catch them on TV December 16 on Channel 7. If you're not at home you can always view it later on the Channel 7 Catch Up TV Plus 7 app. Our students were featured throughout an 8 minute segment called *Imaginarium*.

Thank you to all our performer parents for the 5am starts and late pick ups at the Train Station. The costumes looked fantastic and I'm sure your children really appreciate your effort.

A huge thank you to the parents who travelled down and supported our students. The dancers could not have had this experience without your help. Thank you Mrs Mapp, Mrs McKee, Mrs Craig, Ms Mackenzie and Mrs O'Neill.

A special thanks goes to Miss Hillard for all the extra time you gave up in preparing this safe and happy excursion.

Bravo!

See the next page for fabulous photos.

The Crinkley News . . .

On Thursday 30th November, Year 5 welcomed Esther from Year 6 and Vanessa Bates to share their writing experiences. Esther spoke about her experiences writing a review published in in Crinkley News. I hope you enjoy Luigi's report.

Hi my name is Luigi and today I would like to tell you about Esther. She wrote a book report on *Rose Roventhorpe Investigates Black Cats and Butlers* for the Crinkling News. The Crinkling News is a kids newspaper that you can subscribe to. The cost is around \$5. She subscribed to the newspaper and she applied to do a book report on a chosen book on the website. She did not get the book she wanted, but she did get a very interesting book. So they sent her a copy of the book with a sheet of paper with questions for her to answer. She answered them then sent it back and they put it in the Crinkling News and you can read it today. Congratulations Esther.

-Luigi 5S

Pool Party

Dont' forget that we have a fabulous fun day out at Valentine Pool on Tuesday 12 December for the whole Primary school. Notes are now due, so if you haven't already handed yours in, please do so on Monday.

If you're unable to attend, please let the office know asap.





NOTES IN CIRCULATION

2017/2018 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK/MEMBERSHIP

www.entbook.com.au/348u44

POOL PARTY

CHRISTMAS Spectacular!

Calling all Young Singers ...

to join the St Nicholas Choir in singing at Christ Church Cathedral's Christmas Eve Family Service with Nativity Story.

Come and try for 4 weeks!

Rehearsals from 4-5pm on Fridays 1, 8, 15 and 22 December at Christ Church Cathedral, Church St, Newcastle

Performance: Sunday 24th December, 5pm

CONTACT
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music@newcastlecathedral.org.au



STARS OF THE WEEK

3/4H Completed

5H Completed

5S Complete

6A Completed

6K Completed

6OW Completed

| | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | SUN |
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| WEEK 9 | 4 YR 6 INTERRELATE | 5 FAMILY BREAKFAST BBQ 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 | | | | | |
| WEEK 1 | 29 JAN STAFF DEVELOPEMENT DAY | 30 FIRST DAY PRIMARY | 31 | 1 ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS | 2 ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS | 3 | 4 |
| WEEK 2 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |

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| WEEK 3 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| WEEK 4 | 19 | 20 SWIMMING CARNIVAL | 21 PRIMARY STUDENT LEADERS INDUCTION CEREMONY STAR STRUCK AUDITION FILMING | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| WEEK 5 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| WEEK 6 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| WEEK 7 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |

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

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



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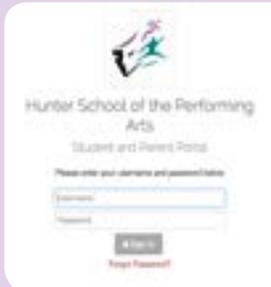
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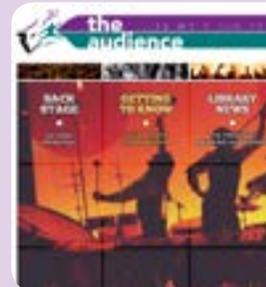
The HSPA Facebook page is where you'll find good news stories, photographs and videos of school life and achievements that focus on daily activities.



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

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THE DRESS CIRCLE

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