Mid way through first term and as always there is much happening and lots to report on.

World Earth Festival
At the time of writing, we are busy preparing for our annual World Earth Festival. This event is a wonderful collaboration between students, parents and staff where we learn about and celebrate aspects of the school, the arts and environmental sustainability. I hope many of you have been able to attend. A reminder that families must pre purchase tickets for entry after 1.00pm.

New Parent BBQ
On the same day as WEF, the P&C are holding the welcome BBQ for new parents. Thanks to all parents and staff who are able to attend and particular thanks to the P&C for conducting this important event that allows all of us to mingle and get to know each other better in a more casual setting. The event will commence at 5pm.

iPads for Learning Pilot Program
Last year, as identified in our school plan, we commenced the iPad For Learning initiative. In its first year this involved a group of 20 teachers who were trained in the use of tablet technology and the resulting benefits of increased student engagement in the classroom. This year, the school is expanding the program by selecting one Year 8 class (8A) to participate in a cross curricular and technology initiative. As this is a pilot study, the class was selected at random.

Year 8 was targeted as part of our response to our goal of addressing student engagement within the middle years of schooling. This program will see students learning with technology on a daily basis, both in and outside of the classroom. Four teachers involved in last year’s iPad for learning program were also selected to teach this class and lead the team teaching initiative. These teachers are Adrian Shipp (HSIE), Brett Stone (Science), Chris Taylor (English) and Branimir Lazendic (PDHPE). The team of teachers will meet fortnightly to discuss this teaching initiative and co-develop teaching and learning strategies which will be trialled throughout the year.

It is our hope, that if successful, we will expand the program to involve more students from 2014.

China Tour
Two years ago, our school took part in the Sydney Region Expanding Horizons Tour of China. The students who attended have fond memories of the performance and cultural opportunities that this trip provided. At the end of this term 72 students of Music, Dance and Drama as well as 7 teachers will be travelling to China for our 2013 Expanding Horizons Tour, this time we will be travelling as one NHSPA group without other schools. The focus of this tour will be performance workshops at schools in Beijing and Zhengzhou, as well as cultural and touring opportunities in northern and central China. Our China Tour Farewell concert will be held in the Studio Theatre at 6pm on Thursday 4th April. All tickets will be $10 and sold at the door only. Please come along and enjoy a concert of the items we will be performing on tour.

Peer Support Program
This week our annual Year 7 camp, at Vision Valley, was held. The camp is an important part of our Peer Support Program where Year 10 students work with Year 7 students developing the skills required for a successful transition to high school. Many thanks and congratulations to our Year 10 leaders for their work on the camp and their ongoing commitment to the program. Thanks also to the staff who gave up their time to attend the camp, without their support, it simply could not happen.

Year 11 Crossroads Camp
Last month our Crossroads Camp was held at Stanwell Tops. This initiative allowed the compulsory program to be delivered in a way that not only provided important content but also give the students, both old and new, an opportunity to get to know each other and enhance their connection to the Year group and school. Evaluations from staff and students indicate that the event was very successful. As always, these activities can only take place with support and hard work of the teachers who attended. A big thank you goes to them and in particular to Ms Choucair and Mr Tomasek for their outstanding commitment to their year group.
Swimming Carnival
Also in February, we held a very successful school swimming carnival at Enfield pool. Fortunately, the rain held off and we saw many outstanding swims as well as a lot of fun for all involved.

What was very pleasing was the increased attendance patterns for all years, particularly our senior students. Well done to all involved. Next week the zone swimming carnival will be held and I look forward to sharing those results with you next month.

Parent-Teacher Nights.
This week students in Years 9 and 12 received information for the upcoming Parent-Teacher Night on Monday 18 March. This information has also been forwarded to you by email. This year we are trialling an electronic booking system. The link to online bookings can be accessed through our website. You can assist us by ensuring a booking is made and being prompt to your appointments. The Parent-Teacher Night for Years 8 and 11 will be on Wednesday 3rd April. Both events start at 4pm and conclude at 7pm. I look forward to seeing you there. The Parent-Teacher Night for Years 7 and 10 will be held in term 2 on Tuesday 7 May.

Farewell to Mr Bourchier
Finally, last week we farewelled Graeme Bourchier, our wonderful Careers Adviser. Graeme started here 37 years ago when the school was Newtown Boys High School. The school has changed a lot over those many years, but what didn’t change was Graeme’s outstanding work and care for thousands of students. He will be very hard to replace.

Stephen Gray
Principal
The Year 7 Peer Support Camp to Vision Valley was held from 4th to 6th March supervised by members of the welfare team, including executive. It gave our Year 7 students the opportunity to form close friendships with each other and with their peer support leaders. This camp is a huge organisational task and responsibility for staff, particularly Adrian Shipp, Rachel Mules, Catherine Spirovska, Sam Byrne and Jeremey Atkinson. The school community is very grateful to the team of dedicated teachers who attended camp and for providing such a valuable and memorable experience for our students.

The annual World Earth Festival to be held on Friday 8th March from 1pm will be a day to celebrate our local achievements in environmental sustainability with the theme “Greenfleet, more trees=less CO2=less climate change”. There will be outstanding entertainment, delicious food and lots of fun activities all afternoon. Parents and caregivers are welcome with tickets available from the front office at $5 each. A special welcoming BBQ for all new parents to the school will be held after this event in the Studio Theatre forecourt from 5pm.

A parent-teacher evening for Years 9 and 12 will be held from 4pm till 7pm on 18th March. It is recommended that students accompany their parents to the interviews. The evening is important for students and their parents to get valuable advice and feedback from teachers and engage in the exchange of information that will benefit the students' learning outcomes. This year, an on-line booking system will be trialled to enable parents to arrange teacher bookings. Go to the school’s website (www.newtown-h.schools.nsw.edu.au), click on the on-line booking link and follow the prompts. If you are unable to make on-line bookings your child will need to make a booking in person with his or her teachers and note the time in the diary.

Year 12 students have been given the privilege of flexible starting and finishing times, including permission to leave the school grounds at lunchtime. The signed permission note clearly outlines the conditions of these privileges. Students are expected to be at school by 10am if they have no class period 1 to swipe in, and swipe out if they are leaving school early. It is the Year 12 student’s responsibility to follow this process in order to maintain accurate attendance records.

It is a legal requirement to maintain reliable attendance records for all students. If your child needs to leave the school early when they have timetabled lessons, for example, students should bring a letter to the office before school. Whole day absences should be explained in writing upon your child’s return to school within seven days. This is a DEC requirement.

The China tour farewell concert will be held in Studio Theatre at 6pm on 4th April. Come along and enjoy the performances of our dance, drama and music students who are bound for China. The students and accompanying staff will visit Beijing, Zhengzhou, Luoyang and Xi’an from 7th -17th April. The students will be visiting schools and performing with students from our sister schools. This tour will be an invaluable cultural exchange and a wonderful opportunity for our students to perform on a world stage.

The Year 12 assessment week will commence from Friday 5th April with music examinations. There will be no timetabled lessons from 8th -12th April. Students will receive their assessment timetables and information regarding examination procedures and expectations. Students must follow the school policy in regards to absences from examinations and illness/misadventure procedures. Good luck to all Year 12 students during this assessment block.

The school cross country will be held on 11th April at Sydney Park. More details for this annual event will be available closer to the event from Laura Bivona, Sports events co-ordinator.

If you have any concerns regarding your child please do not hesitate to contact me.

Peter Shields
Deputy Principal
We have had a busy but smooth start to the 2013 school year, which is usual for such a vibrant school community. We have already completed our co-curricula auditions, taken our school photographs, held our swimming carnival and taken our Year 11 students out on their two day mandatory “Crossroads” camp. It appears that the staff and students have settled into the new school year.

The Year 7 Peer Support Camp to be held at Vision Valley departs on Monday 4th March and returns on Wednesday 6th March. The Peer Support program is a valued welfare initiative that takes place for our Year 7 cohort each year to facilitate the transition into High School. The Year 10 peer support leaders also attend the camp with the Year 7 students. This year too we have a large group of Year 7 and 10 students in attendance and the quality of the Year 10 leaders is outstanding. I am confident that these students will utilise this leadership opportunity in a very positive manner. I would like to acknowledge the work of Mr. Shipp, Mr. Atkinson and Ms. Spirovksa, who have organised the camp and thank them for the hours already invested to ensure that the 2013 camp is a successful and enjoyable one for our students.

The annual NHSPA World Earth Festival shall be held on Friday 8th March, which will be followed by the P&C Welcome BBQ for our new parents. We are looking forward to a great afternoon which celebrates multiculturalism and sustainability. Events such as these require a huge amount of organising and planning and so we thank the team of staff, students and parents who have worked on ensuring this event is a success. In particular I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Branimir Lazendic and Chris Miller who have led a team of staff and students as well as the dedication of the team of parents who work tirelessly both behind the scene and in front.

The school will be hosting parent teacher interviews for Years 12 and 9 on Monday 18th March, followed by Years 11 and 8 on Wednesday 3rd April and Years 10 and 7 on Tuesday 7th May. All parent teacher sessions will run between 4-7pm. These evenings are a very worthwhile opportunity for parents, students and their teachers to meet and engage in early productive dialogue about the progress of their child. Appointments are essential for these parent teacher evenings and this year we will be trialling an online booking system for parents. Parents will be able to access the online booking link on the schools website (www.newtown-h.schools.nsw.edu.au) and follow the prompts. It is a great opportunity for our Year 12 parents to receive valuable information about their child’s progress in their HSC courses. All parents are encouraged to attend these evenings to discuss the progress of their child.

A reminder that key dates, events and assessment information for all Year groups is easily accessible on the online school calendar available on the school website. If you have any further questions about any of the March events I have mentioned or if you have any queries relating to students in Years 8, 10 and 12 please feel free to contact me at school.

Nilaufer Rajwar
Relieving Deputy Principal

2013 DER-NSW Parent Survey
We seek the views of the Years 9-11 Parents on the NSW one-to-one laptop program.

A formal evaluation of the program is being undertaken by the New South Wales Department of Education and Training in collaboration with the University of Wollongong. It is an effort to determine how the DER-NSW program may impact on learning and teaching education across the state. The evaluation has taken place over 4 years.

Please go to the link below and complete the 2013 survey. It won’t take you too long.


To access the link please enter it into the long address bar at the top of the page of your internet browser (not into a search engine such as Google) and press enter or go – this will take you to the survey.

Individuals cannot be identified in the data.


Thank you.
The **P&C AGM** will be held on Tuesday 12th March at 6pm in the school library. Everyone is invited to come along, meet other parents and play an active role in the school community. The time has come to replenish the ranks and the roles of president and deputy president, plus a number of positions on the P & C executive, will be falling vacant.

A school **working bee** is planned for a Sunday in term 2, either in late May or early June. Previous working bees have been well-attended and have undertaken significant cleaning and greening projects to improve the school environment. We look forward to seeing you there, date to be advised.

**NHSPA School Website** - follow the link below:  
http://web1.newtown-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/  
The school website has a calendar and also links for the P&C, contacts, minutes etc.

**Parent Email Network (Google Groups)**  
We encourage all parents to subscribe to our parent email network. This is a great way to receive information from the P&C and stay in touch with other parents (including getting questions answered and sharing information). To subscribe send a blank email to:  
nhspa+subscribe@googlegroups.com  
There is a google groups fact sheet on the P&C page of the school website

**NHSPA Parents Contact Message Board**  
Follow this link for posting requests and ads for second hand uniform, instruments and equipment etc.  
http://nhspasecondhand.proboards.com/index.cgi?  

**GROUNDS WORKING BEE - SATURDAY 18 MAY 2013 9AM**  
The next parent and student working bee to maintain and improve the school grounds is planned for Saturday 18th May 9am.

Projects planned include: putting in a hundred new plants, building a tool shed, raising the water tank beside the vege garden and maintaining the rainwater system.

To make a suggestion or volunteer some particular skill (including coordinating an area of work), email me at j.m.caley@gmail.com No particular skills? - don't worry, there will be plenty of general stuff to do.

To register your interest, go to the **Doodle Poll**.

Best regards,  
John Caley  
NHSPA P&C Environment Committee Convener  
0418262706
Year 7 Peer Support Camp

Year 7 have enjoyed a fantastic camp at Vision Valley for 2013. With the help of 40 leaders from year 10, the three days were full of challenging activities that improved the relationships between these two year groups.

Some of the activities included canoeing, the flying fox, mountain biking and everyone's favourite the waterslide. It was fantastic to see our new students get involved by making new friends and participating in all activities to the best of their ability.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff who made this years camp so successful and made sure the three days ran so smoothly.

Adrian Shipp
Relieving Head Teacher of Welfare

NHSPA EARTH FESTIVAL

Dear Parents/Carers

The school would like to invite you to our annual ‘NHSPA Earth Festival’ that will be held on Friday 8th March 2013, from 1pm-3:20pm. The ‘NHSPA Earth Festival’ event blends the school's performing arts talents with that of the environmental awareness and sustainability.

There will be various food, drink, environmental and novelty stalls at the festival. Tokens will be sold on the day by the P&C. Tokens can be exchanged for purchases from the stalls. No cash will be accepted at any of the stalls.

All parents/carers must pre-purchase tickets from the front office for $5 each. There will be no tickets sold on the day.

The theme this year will be ‘Greenfleet’. Funds raised from the event will go towards ‘Greenfleet’ who will plant a native tree on behalf of the school for $3 per tree. We hope to raise enough for a whole new native forest!

'More trees = Less CO2 = Less Climate Change'.

We look forward to having a great day and we hope to see you there!

NHSPA Earth Festival Committee
Hard at Work
All English classes are now hard at work and already some assessments are underway or fast
approaching. Year 12 have just completed their in class viewing task for Module A in both Advanced and
Standard and we were very pleased with the application of the students.
Year 12 Extension 2 students have submitted an early draft of their Major Works and their teachers are
happy that this cohort is far ahead of other schools in their work.
Year 10 will soon complete an in-class essay on their Shakespeare text while Year 9 are hard at work
completing an original short story using the trigger word time.
Year 8 will shortly complete a viewing task based on their film text while Year 7 are busily compiling an
anthology of poetry. As a taste of what to expect, you can read Phoebe Wolfe’s feelings about the
seasons elsewhere in this newsletter. Don’t worry Year 11! We haven’t forgotten your Area of Study speech
on power. That’s not far away so keep reading George Orwell’s Nineteen Eighty Four and Animal Farm
and keep researching those related texts.

Debating is Coming
Teachers will shortly be calling for interested students to audition for our debating teams and we look
forward to a good turnout. Newtown has a terrific history in debating and public speaking and we expect
this to continue in 2013. Our Year 10 team in 2012 were zone premiers and this should assure us of a
strong Year 11 team. Several new students have already expressed an interest in debating and we
welcome some new blood.
Please listen for announcements and keep an eye on the noticeboard outside the English staffroom.

What Matters?
What matters is a competition organised by the Whitlam Institute and students are required to write a 400-
600 opinion piece on what matters to them today. We encourage all students to participate in this exciting
competition. There are some excellent prizes in each division. Interested writers should see Mr Fischer for
details. Closes early May so get busy and give your opinion.

Parent / Teacher Nights
The English staff is looking forward to meeting parents at these important nights and dates can be found
elsewhere in this newsletter. The new online booking system is being trialled and hopefully it will prove to
be very easy to access. Should any parent or carer have any questions about the parent / teacher nights or, for that matter, any aspect of English, please phone Mr Fischer on 95191544.

Michael Fischer
Head Teacher English

A Love for the Races

It was a day of love and triumph for NHSPA,
as they held their annual swimming carnival at Enfield Aquatic Centre.
Sebastian Marie from Year Seven described the day saying
“It was a good, fun and enjoyable day with my friends.”
Sebastian competed in the 13 years Boys Freestyle and came first in his race.
“I felt happy and very proud of myself after I won.”
Mr Byrne, a staff member of the PDH/PE faculty,
who attended and helped organise the event, described the day as being:
“Successful and a day enjoyed by all.”
Mr Byrne would like to express his gratitude to all students and teachers to participated,
helped and attended the carnival.
His highlight of the day was:
“The Student-Teacher Races, as the teachers won with tremendous triumph.”
Overall the day was highly spirited and enjoyed by all members of the NHSPA.

By Chloe Breitkreuz and Lilli Khalil
Swimming Carnival article from Year 9 Journalism
SUMMER
Summer is the season of the sun
The season waves lap at the sand
The season that sucks the winter out of land
The season colour comes out to play
The season full of warmth everyday
The season the water is clear, the sky is blue
The season everything is bright, everything is true
The season of t-shirts and shorts, thongs and sweat
The season to live, not to regret
The season we all scream and shout
That is what summer is all about!

WINTER
Winter weaves its wondering woe
Through the towns terrifying teachers too
It is interested in ice, interested in illness
Sad sorry soldiers stuck with the slithering sickness
Winter wonderlands wave wickedly in the wind
Snow is so slimeful, so sorrowful and sinned

What do you see?

I see trains, I see buses; I see friends getting restless
I see grass, I see water; I see friends setting boarders
I see Fantasy house, I see house Musical; I see friends getting loyal
I see Horror house, I see house Action; I see friends setting traditions
I see swimmers, I see races; I see friends getting nervous
I see afternoon, I see evening; I see friends… tiring…
I see the Swimming Carnival: what do you see?
DRAMA DEPARTMENT

It's hard to believe that we have already reached the half way point of Term One, 2013 as life in Dramaland goes on apace. Over 215 students auditioned last month for a place in one of our Drama Showcase Companies (over 21% of the total school population - a record). Obviously, not all of these students were successful and found a place in one of our companies. All those students in Years 7 - 11 who did not make it are encouraged to seek feedback from one of the auditioners and to try again at the beginning of Term Three.

Later this term, a company of Drama students will be winging away to China as part of the NHSPA tour. Early next month, on April 4, a special concert featuring this company and other companies/ensembles from Dance and Music will be held in the Studio Theatre. We'd love to see you there.

The Drama Department has organised a number of theatre excursions this year, including the recently attended "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" at the Belvoir Street Theatre and the upcoming "War Horse" on April 3rd. Tickets for these and other shows are heavily discounted and students are encouraged to take advantage of these live theatre events.

The Showcase seasons begins on May 21st and concludes on 18th. We hope to see you all there.

Drama Department

HSIE DEPARTMENT

The Mock Trial competition is under way for 2013. This year, the Legal Studies students competing include Will Bartolo, Nicholas Bradley, Jack Bromfield, Remy Danoy, Orson Heidrich, Amy Kimball, Charlotte Regan, and Tyler Whitlam. In each competition round, students work in a team against another school, having been given either the defence or prosecution brief to prepare and then present, as if in a real life court situation. The cases are presided over by actual magistrates and the students spend many lunchtimes with their teacher Mr Parnham and solicitor Elisabeth Nash from law firm DLA Phillips Fox, preparing their case.

The team played away against International Grammar last Wednesday 27 March, in the pre-competition round, running the Defence in a civil case regarding a missing BMW M3 Coupe from a car service outlet. The team performed well considering it was their first time 'in court' and although we did not win, there were a lot of encouraging signs for future trials, and luckily, this first one was a non-scoring round. Watch out for news of the next round.

Three classes, 10 N, 10A and 10 P, braved the elements last Friday 1st March on their fieldwork excursion to Cronulla. Ably led by Mr Cole, Mr Parnham and Mr Field, the students conducted observations and data collection in relation to coastal management issues at Cronulla. This fieldwork is a compulsory part of the Geography course and gives students an opportunity to consider local community issues and ways that individuals can participate in and influence decision making processes, as informed citizens. It also gave them first hand experience of the low pressure system over Sydney that lasted the whole day!

Rachel Mules
Head Teacher HSIE
All Year 11 Visual Arts students and their teachers will be attending an all-day excursion to view 2012 HSC artworks included in the ARTEXPRESS exhibition at the Sydney Olympic Park Armory Gallery, on Thursday 28 March [Week 8]. This building is the largest single room gallery with uninterrupted wall space in Australia.

2012 NHSPA HSC student Zachary Moore-Boyle’s photographs were chosen for ARTEXPRESS and will be exhibited at Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre and Grafton Regional Gallery.

We had three works chosen for the ‘34th Sister and Friendship Cities Children’s Art Exhibition’ at the Nagoya City Museum, Nagoya, Japan. It was held from 21 -25 November 2012 and 38,299 attended the event.

It would be greatly appreciated if students could bring the following for use in the Art Studios; towels, ice-cream containers, plastic plates and bowls, plastic take-away containers and lids suitable for pallettes

Jacqualynne Boon
Head Teacher Visual Arts

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS REGARDING PURCHASING LAPTOP FOR YOUR CHILD TO USE AT SCHOOL

If you are considering buying a laptop for your child to use at school, please ensure that they speak to the school’s Technical Support Officer, Mr Rogers, beforehand. He is able to provide them with the technical requirements that will need to be fulfilled in order to connect to the DEC network to gain access to the Internet.

A number of students have purchased laptops that cannot be connected to the network because of wireless incompatibility issues and are therefore not suitable for school use.

DEC Student Laptops Coordinator
Co-curricular rehearsals: Large Ensembles
Thank-you to all the students who auditioned for the large ensemble program. Most students will have been placed in an ensemble. Please check the rehearsal timetable below.
Please notify ensemble directors/Ms Thomas if students are unable to attend a particular rehearsal.

Please find attached the ensemble fee letter

China Rehearsals are also taking place and we are looking forward to presenting these works on Thursday April 4th in the studio theatre.

On 27th February NHSPA choir students attended a rehearsal workshop to prepare several works for the upcoming “In Concert” performance to be held in the Sydney Town Hall on Monday 13th May. The project involves many students from NSW country and metropolitan schools and will be conducted by the director of Sydney Philharmonia Choirs, Brett Weymark. Students will be provided with links to music, enabling them to learn individual parts before the next rehearsal on Tuesday 7th May.

Talent Development Project and Schools Spectacular applications are due. Please check the Arts Unit website for details.

Instrumental/Vocal Tuition program: We are continuing to place students with tutors as applications come in. Please find attached the information/application document.

Rehearsal timetable

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Term one has seen a very busy start to the sport calendar at NHSPA. We have already seen our school and zone swimming carnivals take place, some of our CHS knock out games played and the Bligh Zone Boys Soccer Gala day completed. We are also busily preparing for the Sydney East Swimming Carnival, the girls Bligh Zone Soccer Gala Day, and our school cross country carnival as well as the Sydney East boys and girls soccer trials.

The annual NHSPA Swimming Carnival was held on Thursday 14th February at Enfield Swim Centre. This was a change in venue from previous years and I would like to take this opportunity to explain this change. As many parents are aware, our carnival is usually held at Drummoyne pool. This year due to circumstances out of our control, Drummoyne could not offer us our preferred date for the carnival and therefore this necessitated a change in venue. Ideally we would have preferred to hold the carnival closer to school however our growing attendance at school carnivals does not allow us to use many of our closer venues. We are endeavouring to secure a new venue for next year that will not only be much more convenient for students and staff but will also adequately house us all. We are delighted that the attendance at carnivals is growing so rapidly and we hope to have close to 100% attendance within the next few years.

The school carnival saw many of our students selected to represent the school at the Bligh Zone Swimming Carnival on Monday 28th February at Enfield Swim Centre. Once again, NHSPA has the largest swim team in attendance and all our students represented the school with pride.

Rory Hocknell was the swimmer of the meet once again on 54 point and he also broke 2 records. His ability in the pool is extraordinary and his little sister Zanzi is following in his footsteps – she was the runner up swimmer of the meet on 52 point!

The behaviour of our students was excellent and once again noted by many teachers and parents from other schools. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Reynolds for volunteering to attend the carnival and all the parents who came to support their children. Although they may not show it sometimes, I am sure that the kids are very grateful for the support they receive at such events.

The following students were successful in gaining selection to represent the Bligh Zone at the Sydney East Swimming Carnival to be held on Monday 11th March at Homebush Aquatic Centre:

- Nicholas Bradbury
- Gemma Buckland
- Alasdair Chisolm
- Vasilije Djurovic
- Tom Edwards
- Rory Hocknell
- Zanzi Hocknell
- Amy Johnson
- Eleni Knapp
- Olivia Medina-Du Cros
- Angus Noakes
- Hayden Piggot
- Melissa Smith
- Coby Smith-Carr
- Tom Wharton Jones

We wish them luck and know that they will represent the school and Zone proudly.
As with every year we enter various teams in the NSW CHS Knockout Championships. This year those sports are:

- Soccer
- Touch
- Water Polo
- Cricket
- Rugby League
- Netball

Some of these teams have already played and have progressed to the next round. These are the Open boys cricket team led by Mr Byrne and the Open girls water polo team. Well done to these teams and we wish all our knockout teams luck in their games this year. I would also like to thank the staff that have volunteered to coach these teams.

The Boys Bligh Zone Soccer Gala Day was held on Thursday 28th February and this day is used as a trial for the Bligh Zone Boys soccer team. I am pleased to announce that our boys went undefeated on the day, winning all their games and eventually the grand final. The team was coached by Mr Tomasek and this team will represent NHSPA in the upcoming CHS Knockout Competition.

Eight students were selected to represent the Bligh Zone at the upcoming Sydney East trials. Well done boys!

The Girls Bligh Zone Soccer Gala Day was to be held on Wednesday 27th February however it was postponed. The rescheduled date is Wednesday 13th March and we will be having trials at school conducted by Mr Connery who will also coach the team.

The school cross country carnival will be held at Sydney Park later in the term. As mentioned previously, our attendance rates for carnivals is steadily increasing each year, in particular at the Cross Country carnival. It is a compulsory day for all Year 7 students and competitors only for students in Years 8-12. Further information regarding organisation for this event will be distributed to students in the near future.

We look forward to a busy rest of term 1 and even busier term 2!

Laura Bivona & Sam Byrne
Sport Organisers
Dear Parents/Carers,

As the semester 1 ensembles and companies have commenced rehearsals, it is now time for you to pay the semester 1 Ensemble/Company Payment. This year the fee has been set at $90 per semester.

This fee, to be paid each semester, will be used to subsidise associated costs such as:

- Tutor fees
- Equipment upgrade and replacement
- Clerical costs
- Copyright costs
- Venue hire
- Transport
- Set and prop construction and purchase
- Technical resources
- Technical Director's fees and those of other technical industry professionals

Whereas the school will continue to meet the majority of these costs, the fees will allow us to maintain and enhance the quality of co-curricula tutelage and student performance that we have become so respected for.

All students must pay their semester 1 ensemble/company fees by Friday 22 March 2013. Non-payment may result in students being replaced as members of these ensembles/companies. **As always, if for reasons of financial hardship, you are unable to pay these fees please contact me in writing as soon as possible so that we can ensure your child is not disadvantaged or embarrassed by non-payment.**

To lessen the financial burden for parents, the fee of $90 will cover one or more ensemble/company within each performing arts discipline. For example, if a student is a member of 2 music ensembles, they would still pay the base $90 fee. If the same student was a member of a drama company as well as the two music ensembles, they would pay a total of $180 ($90 for music membership, $90 for drama membership).

**In addition to this fee, the dance faculty will continue to apply a costume charge to members of companies and ensembles. The details of this will be provided directly from the faculty.**

**This semester the fee will also include one complementary child ticket to any Studio Theatre Showcase Concert. This initiative of the Prefect body is designed to encourage students to attend performances from other disciplines to their own. Details of how students can redeem these tickets will be announced closer to the Showcase season.**

Please complete the Semester 1 payment sheet, attached, and have your child return it with payment to the school office by Friday 22 March 2013. If you have any questions regarding the fees please contact me at the school on 9519 1544.

I look forward to another outstanding semester of performance.

Stephen Gray
Principal
7 February 2013

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Ensemble / Company Payment
Semester 1, 2013

Please complete the form below by ticking the appropriate boxes and have your child return it with payment to the school office by Friday 22 March 2013

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Student/Payment Details

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Cardholder's Name: (Please Print): ..............................................................................

Phone No: ..............................................................................................................
ABOUT PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

Instrumental/vocal tuition is given in each week for a minimum of 30 minutes.

The lessons are generally rotated so that student misses a different class each week, minimizing class disruption.

It is the student's responsibility to catch up on any missed class work by talking with their class teacher and/or fellow students regarding class work and homework.

Notification to class Teacher

Students will notify their class teacher at the beginning of class that they have a music lesson. They will then excuse themselves from class 5 minutes beforehand and go directly to the lesson. Upon return to class the student must go via the swipe room in the front office and obtain a 'music lesson' pass which must be presented to their teacher.

Lesson fees

Lessons are $35 per half hour to be paid in full at the beginning of each term. A minimum of 24 hours notice of cancellation is required or lesson fee will be forfeited. A least two weeks notice (not including holidays) must be given if lessons will be discontinued in the following term.

Commitment

Having private music lessons is a serious commitment and requires an undertaking to the following:

- Attend weekly lessons
- Practise regularly
- Pay lesson fees in full at the start of each term
- Catch up on missed class work due to music lessons
- Tutors must be notified if for any reason you miss a lesson, including circumstances such as assessments or excursion

HIRING AN INSTRUMENT

The school has limited instruments for hire for an annual fee of $120.

As well as this there are several suppliers that we suggest:

Sax and Woodwind 95574588
Sydney String Centre 99048051

Whilst there are many other suppliers for hire and purchase, please talk with a music teacher in regards to suitability of the instrument prior to purchasing.

Repairers

Steve Giordano 95719086
MD Instrument Repair 97241200

These are repairers that we have used in the past but there are others. Just be aware that there is often a lengthy waiting time for many repairers.

If school instruments need repair then this should be done through the music department.
Enrolment form/Expression of interest
(Please fill out and return to Music Department)

Name of student

Year/Roll

Name of parent

Signature

Contact Number

Instrument in which you would like tuition (please tick)

- Violin
- Viola
- Cello
- Double Bass
- Flute
- Oboe
- Clarinet
- Bassoon
- Saxophone
- Trumpet
- French horn
- Trombone
- Tuba
- Percussion
- Drumkit
- Piano
- Guitar
- Voice

Please note:
Whilst the ITP attempts to cater for all of these instruments, this depends on both availability of qualified tutors and level of student interest.

Newtown High School
Of the
Performing Arts

Vocal /Instrumental
Tuition
Program
2013
Parent/Teacher Night
for Years 9 and 12

MONDAY, 18TH March, 2013
from 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm

Dear Parent/Carer

You are invited to attend a Parent/Teacher Night to discuss the progress of your child.

The Parent/Teacher Night will be held on Monday, 18th of March, 2013 from 4.00pm – 7.00 pm for Years 9 and 12. We strongly recommend that students accompany their parents to the interviews.

This year, we will be trialling an online system to enable you to arrange teacher bookings.

You can make bookings through the schools website (www.newtown-h.schools.nsw.edu.au), on the online booking link and follow the prompts. If you are receiving this as an email, please click on the schools web address to begin this process.

Please book a time that is convenient for you as soon as possible to ensure you are able to secure a booking time. If you are unable to make online bookings please instruct your child to make bookings in person with their teachers and note the time in their diary.

We look forward to seeing you on the evening.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Gray
Principal
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