December has continued to be particularly busy for everyone at the school. Showcase concerts, two Orientation Days, reports, Presentation Day, Year 7 swim school and HSC assessments.

SHOWCASE SUMMER SERIES
During the summer series it has been a pleasure to experience the outstanding talents of our students. The series culminates with two nights at the Seymour Centre, the Dance Showcase on 3rd December and the Showcase Finale on 12th December. It would be great to see full houses and the opportunity to celebrate another wonderful year of performance.

SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR
Last month, many of our staff had the great fortune to attend this year’s Schools Spectacular at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. Once again, I am amazed at the talents of all of the students involved. The staff attending was particularly impressed by the level of sophistication shown in the performances of our dance, music and drama students. It is no coincidence that many outstanding segments were directed, devised and choreographed by our talented staff. Well done to all involved.

ORIENTATION DAYS
We took the opportunity this month to welcome our new students for 2015 and their families at two Orientation Days. On Monday 1 December our new Year 11 students joined us, followed by the new Year 7 on 3 December. Again, these events are successful because of the support of staff and P&C volunteers.

PRESENTATION DAY
Presentation Day will be held on Thursday 11 December at the Seymour Centre. This will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate individual and school achievements from 2014. On behalf of the community I will extend our thanks to the team of staff who formed this year’s organising committee. Students received notes regarding this event in late November. Copies of the notes can also be found on our website. I look forward to seeing you there.

Finally, as the year comes to a close, I thank you for your support. I continue to be amazed by the talents and commitment of students, staff and parents and feel very privileged to be Relieving Principal of this school.

I wish you all a relaxing holiday season and look forward to working with you in 2015.

School resumes on Wednesday 28 January for Year 7, 11 and 12 students and on Thursday 29 January 2015 for Year 8, 9 and 10 students.

Peter Shields
RELIEVING PRINCIPAL
In this last month of 2014, the school year is drawing to a close, while the busy pace continues.

SHOWCASE
Our Showcase “Summer Series” has again been a resounding success, finishing with the two concerts at the Seymour Centre, the Dance Night in the Everest Theatre on 3rd, and the Showcase Finale in the York Theatre on 12th December. The entire 2014 “Summer Series” Showcase has been a most entertaining season with outstanding, professional performances showcasing the talents of so many of our students. The Deputy Principals extend our congratulations to our student performers, the technical production team, staff and parent volunteers for their invaluable contributions which make our concerts so enjoyable and rewarding.

NAPLAN STUDENT SURVEY
The Literacy and Numeracy Team is undertaking a survey of students in Year 7 and Year 9 this term, regarding the NAPLAN tests they sat earlier in the year. All students will complete a ‘survey monkey’ online survey, whilst some students will partake in a short interview. We anticipate that the information gathered from this process will assist the school in better addressing the literacy and numeracy needs of all students.

BYOD PARENT SURVEY FOR PARENTS
We remind Year 9 parents of our invitation to take part in our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Survey. We would like your feedback on this year’s BYOD program. Your feedback will allow us to make any necessary changes and further improve the program. Please be assured that absolute confidentiality and anonymity will be maintained in gathering and processing your responses.

Thank you in advance for your participation and feedback.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/nhspa-byod-parents

SCHOOL BUSINESS
Year 11 students are well into the HSC course with a number of assessments scheduled from 8th to 16th December. Timetables for the final assessment week of the year have been issued to students with no formal lessons taking place during this time. Students are expected to arrive at their scheduled assessment tasks at least fifteen minutes before time to minimise any unforeseen circumstances. In the event of illness or misadventure, students must follow the procedures described in the assessment booklet. On the day of the exam, if the student were to suffer an illness or misadventure, they must inform the school of their absence. On the day of their return, they must complete an illness/misadventure form and submit documented evidence to support their application to me. The assessment task can then be rescheduled. If this process is not followed it may result in the student receiving zero for the task.

Year 10 will finish their junior schooling on 16th December when they are eligible for the Record of School Achievement (ROSA). Students are expected to attend until that date and are currently working on skills that will prepare them for the senior school. Part of their work involves completing a mandatory set of modules from the Board of Studies titled ‘All My Own Work’. The students intending to study the HSC Preliminary have selected their courses for 2015 including the incoming new audition students who attended an Orientation Day on 1st December where information about the school and their course patterns of study was communicated. Year 10 reports are issued.

Years 8 and 9 2015 have also chosen their electives and most students will study the electives of first choice. While we have done our best to accommodate all students’ choices, in some cases, students have been advised to choose again as some elective classes either did not run or the class size had reached maximum. Any written request for a change to your child’s pattern of study will be considered in the first few weeks of 2015.
In Week 9 of this term we were delighted to welcome to the school our entire Year 7 cohort for 2015 and our new intake of audition students for Year 11 2015. It was a pleasure to meet the parents, carers and students who have chosen Newtown High School of the Performing Arts and we look forward to welcoming them next year into our vibrant school community.

Overleaf you will also find a flyer illustrating the correct footwear that students should wear as part of their uniform which is in conjunction with the Department's Occupational Health & Safety regulations namely black, leather, enclosed shoes that are supportive and protective.

The annual Presentation Day will be at the Seymour Centre on 11th December to celebrate the achievements of our wonderful students.

Finally, we would like to wish all members of our school community a safe, relaxing holiday and look forward to working with you again in 2015. School commences for Years 7, 11 and 12 on Wednesday 28th January and for Years 8, 9 and 10 on Thursday 29th January.

Nilaufer Rajwar, Leisa Munns and Rachel Mules
Deputy Principals
Newtown High School of the Performing Arts
School Shoes

Black, Leather, Enclosed are SUPPORTIVE and PROTECTIVE

IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS:

❖ The Department’s Occupational Health & Safety regulations requires all students to wear only black leather enclosed school shoes (ballet or slip-ons are not permitted)

❖ On days where students have PE, they need to bring their sports shoes in their bags and change before class

❖ On sport days, sports uniform and sport shoes are required

Acceptable footwear:

Please note:
The following shoes do not comply with the school’s uniform expectations.

Unacceptable footwear:
The next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 December at 6pm in the school common room.

P&C FACULTY GRANTS in 2013/2014
The P&C donated $36,176.78 for academic, welfare and sporting activities across a series of faculty grants to assist the school over 2013 and 2014. The faculty grants provided for up to $4000 to each non-performing arts faculties in the school, with the aim to support teachers to enhance the student learning experience. Achievements from these grants include:

- Installation of five water bubblers outside the gymnasium, allowing students to access water during sports and PE classes in G Block. It also means that teachers now don’t need to open the change room every time students need to have a drink.

- Funding for Year 9 students to attend two-day cross curricular excursion to Canberra in March 2014, which included visits to the Veolia BioReactor and Windfarm, CSIRO, National Botanical Gardens, Parliament House and Questacon. The teachers report that this excursion has had a positive impact on the welfare and connectedness of the Year 9 cohort.

- Purchase of two programs for Maths: Edudata and Math type, both useful resources for maths teachers, particularly for preparing maths questions and revision tasks.

- Five computers permanently set up in English teaching classrooms, allowing the teachers more time for teaching (rather than setting up a laptop and warming it up at the beginning of each teaching day).

- Laminated wooden benches with metal leggings installed in the TAS room for housing the sewing machines. The new benches provide an ergonomic structure and safe workspace as the electrical cords are now safely secured and the benches are now stable.

- Purchase of two new laptops for LOTE, allowing students increased access to online language resources such as Language Perfect.

- Refurbishment of the new Learning Centre, allowing a flexible space for students to learn, study or spend quiet time. “Most grateful to the P&C for the support” - feedback from the Learning Centre staff.

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 googlegroups 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?
NHSPA Parents and Citizens Community (P&C)
Year 7 Welcome BBQ 2015

On behalf to the Parent & Citizens (P&C), we would like to warmly welcome you to the NHSPA Community.

A date for your diary - Friday, 27 February 2015, Year 7 Welcome BBQ. This will be held at the school where both school staff and the P&C Executive team will be in attendance. It is a great opportunity to meet other Year 7 parents as well as Year 7 teachers and find out more about the P&C.

This is the first official event for the 2015 Year 7 community group and as it is combined with world Earth Day, where many students perform, it is always an evening of fun and entertainment.

BE A PART OF THE NHSPA P&C

To continue the positive contribution the NHSPA P&C has made to the school, we need your involvement. The more parents who are involved, the more exciting and positive the outcomes for the school will be.

How the P&C works
We encourage P&C members to attend our monthly meetings. As a P&C member you will receive emails of the minutes from P&C meetings and information regarding events and activities occurring at school via the P&C Google Group. We encourage you to sign up (see below how to register). It is a great way to keep informed regarding what is happening at our school.

A voice
P&C membership is voluntary. Membership gives you voting rights and the opportunity to be involved in the future direction of the school. The P&C ratifies funding for certain school projects as well as feeding into strategic planning for the school when requested.

Friendship and community
The P&C monthly meetings are a friendly gathering of people who share the common goal of caring for our school. P&C Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6.00pm in the Common room next to the school reception area. The Annual General Meeting is held at the March meeting.

Some functions of the P&C are:
• To encourage closer communication and cooperation, between parents, staff and students, and members of the community.
• To provide support and recommendations to the Principal on issues relating to the student body, and to assist in the provision of financial or other resources and services for the benefit of NHSPA students.
• To participate in committee’s and projects to improve both the learning and teaching outcomes and physical environment of the NHSPA.
• Provide assistance during Showcase session, Audition and Orientation events
• Provide parent representatives for interview panels for NHSPA teacher recruitment.
What has the P&C been doing lately?

- Refurbishment of the Studio Theatre where students regularly perform
- Financial support for Performing and Visual Arts Masterclasses
- Sustainable school strategies, including water dispensers for students, and a garden for Food Technology classes.
- Financial support for the non-Performing and Visual Arts faculties to support learning outcomes, including furniture for the Learning & Study Centre in the Library.

Testimonial
"As a parent of a student who joined NHSPA two years ago, I know the feeling of excitement but at the same time fear of the unknown. Our family lives in the Shire and thus had the added complexity of travel. Well, the good news is, two years on and my daughter, Natasha has more than settled into the routine but is thriving thanks to a great supportive school community. I am very confident that your child’s transition from Primary school into High School will also be a great experience.”

Dennis Dumla, Current VP, NHSPA P&C

How can I become involved?
Come to the Welcome Year 7 BBQ and sign-up for the P&C; or come along to a P&C meeting, join one of the many sub-committee’s and look out for Google groups updates and requests for assistance.

How to register onto the NHSPA P&C Google Group

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Send an email to nhspa+subscribe@googlegroups.com

**How to unsubscribe from the group?**
Send an email to nhspa+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com

**I have changed my email address**
Please send an “unsubscribe” email from the old email address and then send another email to “subscribe” the new email address

**Problems subscribing or unsubscribing?**
Send an email to: j.m.caley@gmail.com

**To Post an Item**
Prepare an email and send to nhspa@googlegroups.com

Emails will not appear immediately as they are subject to moderation

**Moderation**
When your email is sent it is first reviewed by a moderator appointed by the P&C President and will only be withheld if it contains inappropriate language or remarks that are potentially defamatory.

**Problems posting any item?**
Please send an email to j.m.caley@gmail.com with the information you would like posted.

**To respond to a posting Please do not hit “reply”** when answering a post unless you want the response to go to everyone on the Google list. It is preferable you respond to the person posting by copying their email address and forwarding the email to the relevant address
LIBRARY NEWS

As well as taking this opportunity to wish all readers a safe and restful holiday period, can we appeal to all parents and students to return borrowed books to the library? Please take a few minutes to search in those school bags for overdue books and have them returned asap to the school.

Mr Fischer and Mrs Hasche have greatly enjoyed their brief stint filling in as librarians and we anticipate that our school library will flourish in 2015 with a new librarian.

Please spend some time over the long summer break with a book or three.

Best wishes from the library to the entire Newtown High School of the Performing Arts community.

Stay well, stay safe and stay read!!
As the school year draws to an end, we reflect on the wonderful achievements in the English Faculty in 2014. We began on a high-note with outstanding HSC Results from 2013. Our first in the state in Standard English was a remarkable achievement and one that is testament to the quality teaching and learning which takes place in English here at the school. When this article hits the press, we will be eagerly awaiting our 2014 HSC results, which, as always, are sure to be impressive.

Looking back, we have had numerous successes on the Debating front this year, and I thank our Debating coaches for giving of their time and expertise to coach our students. Our talented debaters are to be commended for their fine ambassadorship for the school.

This year has marked the first year of the new Australian Curriculum in Years 7 and 9. Our curriculum planning and implementation was very successful, with students and staff engaging deeply in units of work and the demands of the new syllabus. We have now completed Australian Curriculum planning and programming for Years 8 and 10, which will be implemented in 2015. I take this opportunity to thank staff for their professionalism and diligence in helping plan and write programs and assessment tasks for next year. We are excited about the curriculum changes that are ahead!

This term has seen the English Faculty teach the new Area of Study Discovery for the very first time. Tireless planning and preparation took place in the lead-up to this new topic. This has indeed paid off as the unit has been taught with enthusiasm and excellence. Both staff and students have enjoyed this new Area of Study, and we look forward to teaching the other new prescribed texts and electives on the Prescriptions List in 2015 and beyond.

I take this opportunity to thank my staff for their hard work this year. Newtown is a busy place, but the English staff are unwavering in their commitment to student engagement and results. Teaching can sometimes be a thankless job, so I wish to sincerely acknowledge and thank my English staff – Mr Lavrut, Mr Crich, Ms Martyn, Ms Leotta, Ms Garnsey, Mr Taylor, Mr Woolley and Mr Fletcher – thank you for all that you do for our students. I also wish to acknowledge the hard work of those staff who have taught out-of-faculty this year. Thank you to Mr Benson, Ms Ansoul and Ms Hoddinott – your commitment and diligence did not go unnoticed.

In closing, it is with sadness that I bid a fond farewell to Mr Woolley who leaves us to take on a classroom teacher role at SCEGGS Darlington for next year. Mr Woolley is an educator of the finest quality who is held in the highest esteem at this school. I sincerely thank him for his 5 and a half years of dedicated service to Newtown. I thank him for his outstanding teaching practice and for the difference he has made to so many lives (both staff and students) in his time here at the school. Newtown’s loss is SCEGGS’ gain. Thank you, good bye and good luck Mr Woolley!

To our students and parents, I hope you enjoy a happy and safe Christmas break. We look forward to working with you in 2015. The English Faculty wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

Kirk Thomas
HEAD TEACHER ENGLISH
NICHOLSON MUSEUM
On the 6 and 7 November all students in Year 7 visited the Nicholson Museum. This was a great opportunity for the students to have a hands on experience with ancient artefacts and antiquities. The museum comprises of nearly 30,000 artifacts of artistic and archaeological significance from Egypt, Greece, Italy, Cyprus and the Near East.

This excursion was not possible without the support from the P&.C. who supported the HSIE department by funding a substantial amount of the costs. The students and faculty would like to extend their thanks to the P&.C.

I would like to personally thank all year 7 teachers who were a part of this engaging excursion and especially thank Helen Kyriacos for her organisation and dedication in making this event a reality.

SEMI-FINALISTS IN MOCK TRIAL 2014
Congratulations to our Legal Studies Mock Trial team who were beaten in their semi final battle on Friday 21 November. This event was held at the Sydney Downing Centre Courts and it was contested against St John Paul College from Coffs Harbour.

The team has worked tirelessly throughout the year and it has been impressive to see their passion and commitment to doing their best. In the days before their next battle the team were meeting before school hours and always making sure they were ready to give their all. Newtown was represented by Jadzea Allen, Lois Armstrong, Jessica Black, Nahualli Portillo-Baskett, Laura Stewart, Mia Turnbull-Walsh and Jared Ziegler. A big thank you to Jonathan Parnham who has worked all year to have the team organised. Well done on a fantastic year of achievements.

REMEMBERANCE DAY 2014
I would like to congratulate and thank the school community for their attitude and respect they presented at this year’s Remembrance Day Ceremony. This year the school held two concurrent ceremonies and it was an honour to host the school event outside the Library.

I would like to thank the following Year 9 students:

Commensurate Address: Spencer Clark and Allegra Monk
Poems: Lucille Molineux, Nina Scarlett Bayndri and Marcel Kocbek-Malepa
Aboriginal and Women recognition: Lucy Lock and Miranda Rogers
Flag Raiser: Joseph Evans
Bugler: Ruth Kartika
National Anthem: Ivy Browne, Chloe Breitkreuz and Tahlia Crnjac

40 HOUR FAMINE FUNDRAISER
This years 40 hour famine raised $2558.90 and involved a number of students from all year groups. The students raised money through individual sponsorship, cake selling and cash collections at school. Well done to the students who represented the NHSPA community.

Adrian Shipp
Relieving Head Teacher HSIE
Congratulations to all those students involved in the Opening Night of our Showcase Season as well as those who performed on November 25 & 26 in the Studio Theatre. The opening night featured three drama companies: in St George’s Hall, the Tripp Company; in the Studio Theatre, Mr Mountford’s production of “Picnic at Hanging Rock” and during the interval, a site-specific piece enacted by Ms Macedone’s company.

On Tuesday 25 & Wednesday 26, four drama companies played to full houses. Four very different and challenging plays: Brenton Fletcher’s company presented a film accompanied by live dialogue/speech and live music. Judith Hoddinott’s Year 7 company presented “The Highwayman”. The Ailwood company performed the bizarre “Oh Dad, Poor Dad, Momma’s Hung You in the Closet and I’m Feeling So Sad” and finally Andrew Benson’s year 10 Extension Class presented two Shakespearean classics: “Macbeth” and “A Midsummer Night’s Dream”.

But it’s not over yet. Two more companies will be performing at the Showcase Finale on Friday December 12. This time, and for the first time, in the York Theatre at the Seymour Centre. These are Judith Woodroffe’s “La Belle Dame Sans Merci” and ex-student Garth Holcombe Company presenting “Madame Stromberg’s Finishing School for Girls”.

Tickets are available through the Seymour Centre’s website. We hope to see you there. We also wish all of our students a safe and happy summer vacation.

Mr Tim Ailwood
HEAD TEACHER DRAMA
You would think term four would be quieter, but not at this school; there has been a frantic air of activity every which way.

For our Showcase Summer Series opening night, the Art Faculty used the talents of our year 8 students to create a mass of ‘Pop’ Art 2D and 3D imagery; popcorn, ice-creams, candy canes, giant packets of crisps, lollipops, colourful bunting and soup cans adorned the school grounds surrounding our theatres. This culminated with an exhibition in St Georges Hall foyer of a selection of artworks from the entire visual art cohort of 2014. The planning, mounting and hanging has kept the visual arts students and teachers extremely busy. How wonderful to see it all come together.

We are enormously proud of the year 12 students who have just left us. We have two nominations for Art Express, Alvin Williams and Mia Carey. In addition Alvin has been invited to enrol at Sydney College of the Arts from his dazzling portfolio already!
Our beloved Ms Hannan delivered another fine daughter recently. One Penelope Mae Hannan has become the younger sister of Mary. Ms Hannan will be taking a year's break and will be back to join us in 2016.

On Wednesday 10 December, 40 Year 8 extension students will visit The ‘Pop to Popism’ exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW.

HSC Visual Arts students have been to visit the White Rabbit Gallery in Chippendale.

The scent of ‘holiday’ is definitely in the air. Our students have worked hard and are now on the cusp of being one year wiser. Some are ready. Some are not. We are all excited about the holidays.
Having not written this term, I have to make mention of the fantastically successful Spring Prom at the end of last term. As well as being a major performance event for music, this was also the last event for Gemma Thomas as Head Teacher Music. Gemma retired at the end of last term after more than two decades of leading the Music Faculty. During this time Gemma has been a leading figure in establishing a strong and vibrant Music Faculty at a Performing Arts High School.

As word got around of Gemma’s retirement, many alumni from Sydney and around the world sent their congratulations and a group of alumni put together a ‘secret’ farewell item for the concert. We wish all the best to Gemma Thomas for the future and hope that she remains as a strong member of our school community.

ENCORE
Congratulations to year 12 Music students who have recently completed their HSC exams. Performances this year were again of a very high standard and reflect the energy and passion that students bring to their work. Five students have already had their efforts recognised through encore nominations. These were Eve McEwen, Lyla Levi-Jordon, Alfie Carslake, Nelson Earl and Emma Gibson.

HOME AND AWAY
Students from the NHSPA Senior Choir were selected to feature in an episode of Home and Away performing the hymn ‘Abide with Me’ for a dawn service commemorating the 100 year anniversary of the ANZAC landings. The hymn was beautifully arranged by Senior Choir leader and past-student Dion Condack.

It was an early start departing Newtown at 2:30am for the performance, conducted on set by Mr Podreka at the Palm Beach location. The students featured in the episode as Summer Bay High’s choir students and on set their performance was described as one of the most emotionally resonant moments in the landmark episode, with the director and actors of the show personally commending them afterwards. We had a great time! The episode will be aired during ANZAC week in 2015.

REMEMBRANCE DAY
Senior choir also performed as part of the community Remembrance Day ceremony on 11 November, with Miles Bennett Performing the Last post. This was the first time that this event was staged in cooperation with members of the Newtown Returned Servicemen’s League, Members of the Australian army and community leaders.

NEWTOWN FESTIVAL
Congratulations to the year 8 Soul/Funk Ensemble (still looking for a name) who continue to grow in repertoire and reputation and performed at this year’s Newtown Festival.

SHOWCASE
Our Showcase series is in full swing. Opening night was a huge success and our music night in St Georges Hall on Thursday 18 November saw the Orchestra along with choirs, vocal ensembles along with soloists from Music 2 perform.

Last Thursday the students from Music 1 performed in the Studio Theatre and the students from year 9 ‘Create your own Musical’ presented a completely original work. The students are now working on a CD recording of the songs.

We still have a big night on Thursday 4 December with the Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Junior Jazz and the Jazz Orchestra in the Studio Theatre. Our Finale at the Seymour Centre on December 12 will see performances from the Junior and Senior Choirs, Percussion Ensemble, String Ensemble and combined items with Dance and Drama.
ELYSIUM CONCERT
Thankyou to Ms McGowan and the year 11 Music Extension students who performed as part of the Elysium Concert in St Georges Hall on Tuesday 3 December. Also a big thanks once again to Dave Fergusson and the fantastic students in the Technical Company.

Christopher Miller
HEAD TEACHER MUSIC

MAKE - Composition Workshop with the London Symphony Orchestra
- Rowan Scott, year 12 student

From the 21 - 28 of November, Mathew Druery & myself were lucky enough to be accepted for a composition workshop with the world renowned ‘London Symphony Orchestra’. During this week, all 14 students involved in the programme went through the intense process of listening, making, refining and rehearsing towards our final destination of performing with the LSO at Sydney Conservatorium.

The Piece of music that built the premise of our compositions was Stravinsky’s “Petrushka” Ballet which we saw performed at the opera house on the following Monday. The objective was to split Stravinsky’s work into 30 different sections and delete every 2nd so that we could seamlessly slot our own ‘arrangements’ of Petrushka in without the audience knowing. During this whole process we had various musicians from the LSO helping us the entire way, even in the performance which was a once in a lifetime experience to be able to learn and play along side some of the world’s greatest musical minds.
YEAR 8 GALA DAY
Last Monday the Year 8’s got to participate in their Year 8 Gala day after several were postponed in Term 3 due to bad weather. This time it was well over 30°C in a very dry heat. The Year 8 students should be congratulated on their resilience to the heat and their enthusiasm on the day! All students participated with sportsmanship and thoroughly enjoyed the day. The Year 8 girls took out the Netball with the final being Newtown 1 v Newtown 2 that ended in a draw! Congratulations to the following girls!

Newtown 1
Sophia Passell
Phoebe Wolfe
Esme Durkan
Ashleigh Tan
Milly Alcock
Maeve Ireland-Jones
Isabelle Hazelwood
Anastasia Scoggin

Newtown 2
Ruby Newman
Natasha Sloman
Lilah Thompson
Lara Woof
Caitlin Bradley
Myka Cornish
Scarlett McNeil-Dean

A big thank you to Mr Connery, Miss Bivona, Mr Byrne, Mr Field, Miss Spirovska, Mr Aktinson, Miss Berner, Miss Favelle and Mr Taylor who all were at different venues supervising teams on the day!

OPEN BLIGH ZONE GIRLS NETBALL COMPETITION
Report from the netball coach Miss Favelle – TAS Faculty

On Monday 24 November the Open Girls Netball team travelled to Tempe Reserve to compete in the Bligh Zone Netball Carnival. It was a blistering hot day, with temperatures reaching 35°C in the shade. The competition was varied, with NHSPA easily defeating Tempe and Leichhardt. NHSPA played Strathfield Girls in the final. It was challenging for both teams, who by now were feeling the effects of physical exhaustion and the harsh weather conditions. It was an extremely close game; Strathfield Girls’ were victorious, defeating us 17-15. The girls should be congratulated for their exemplary conduct both on and off the field.

Team Members
1. Arabella Cignetti Year 10
2. Stephanie Jaunzemis Year 10
3. Brianna Parsonage Year 10
4. Imogen Russell Year 9
5. Robyn Van Der Merwe Year 10
6. Charlie Powell Year 10
7. Venus Turner Year 7
8. Mia Coomber Year 9
PDHPE EXCURSIONS
Year 7 Swim School is on Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 of December. Permission notes were handed out last Wednesday to all Year 7 students. If students did not receive a permission note there are spares outside the PDHPE office. Permission notes need to be returned by Friday. Please contact Samuel.byrne7@det.nsw.edu.au if you have any questions.

Looking forward to 2015 in SPORT – The following sports have been entered in the CHS Knockout teams. All teams are Opens (years 7-12) unless otherwise stated. Most teams have regular training sessions, which are open to any students. Students need to continually check the notice board early next year for updates on training times and knockout dates.

CHS Knockout teams

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Elyse Reynolds
Head of PDHPE
Wow, what a night! On Tuesday the 18 November Callum Bain, Joseph Christie Evans and Tess McClory (Back stage) ventured into the opening night of the “Summer series” Showcase season at Newtown High School of the Performing Arts. We began the night by discussing pre-show preparations with Year 9 dance students Kelly Chen and Chayan Blandon-Duran. We discussed the rehearsals and last minute preparations before the show. We soon headed through the school to where we reached House managers Mr Tomasek and Mr Woolley. We discussed the importance of house managers and what they do. They were very glad to be involved and were happy to help everyone that asked. We were waiting outside the studio theatre waiting for the show to begin. Right on time, the warning bell sounded and we all filed through the side doors and into the theatre. We took our seats six rows back from the front to find the main cast of the year 12 production of “Picnic at Hanging Rock”.

**Picnic at Hanging Rock**

*Picnic at Hanging Rock* was by far one of the best performances of the night. As we walked into the theatre a distinct lighting and the sound of subtle smoke machines buzzing in the wings set the mood straight away. *Picnic at Hanging Rock* is an old Australian story about a group of school girls and their teacher who go missing on a picnic to Hanging Rock in rural Victoria. The outstanding performances of everyone involved blew the audience away. Some notable performances were those of Mia Turnbull-Walsh and Audrey Mitchell who both stood out amongst the cast. Along with their outstanding performances came an amazing score. Overall, it was a superb company performance.

**The Space Between**

*The Space Between* was a short street theatre performance about people who go missing around Australia and those who are left behind. The performance was highly interactive and involved all participants performing a ground sweep, SES style, while looking for a missing girl. This quite literally pulled the heart strings of all those involved. Towards the end of the performance, multiple paper planes fell from the top of A block. These were made out of sheets of paper with the faces of missing people printed on them. Original and Interactive.

**That Awkward Moment**

The Tripp Companies performance “That Awkward Moment...” was both engaging and entertaining through their use of mime and comedy. The different acts encompassed a variety of humour including black comedy and irony. An example of this is in the first act; the barber accidentally kills his customer while shaving him and has to act as if the customer is still alive while tending to another. An example of Irony was shown in the act where a man was going to propose to his girlfriend by placing the ring in her glass, but the situation resulted with her choking on the ring and the waiter accidentally proposing to her. The different drama mediums resulted in the whole performance awing the audience and sending them into fits of laughter that I'm sure will be remembered.
Senior Choir

The senior choir's performance was both exciting as it was calmly pleasant. The intertwining melodies and harmonies created a peaceful atmosphere and a tranquil mood. The audience participation kept everyone engaged as the choir conductor guided us through the varying verses.

Year 9 dance extension “A Little Party”

(An inside report by Tess McClory) Our Year 9 Dance Extension dance “A Little Party” was aimed to excite the audience and act as a fun closing performance. Backstage, we were very rushed to get ready in between performances as we went out and watched the street theatre. This gave us more adrenaline and energy which I am sure came across in our performance. Our dance included fast jazz movement, big jumps and turns. The St Georges Hall stage was very small so our movement was limited, but this mostly made us work harder. Our performances seemed to go down very well with the audience especially at the end when we all danced off the stage and out the door. Our whole dance extension class had so much fun performing it and it ended up being a great upbeat closing number! (Callum: With extra commendation to the amazing performances of Phoebe Combes, Irene Louise and Tess McClory)

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Create Your Own Musical

Tonight's show consisted of two musicals (Create Your Own Musical and Up in Light's production of Matilda) and year 11 Music Solos, and the show was fantastic. The evening started off with the Year 9 elective Create Your Own Musical "Dinocrew", which was a funny, heart-warming story about humans travelling back in time to the prehistoric era, and a human falling in love with a dinosaur. There were technical issues, but the cast worked through them and still put up a great show that was both hilarious and sweet. The audience really enjoyed the show, especially Lucy and Gabriel's emotional love-song duo. The two voices complimented each other beautifully and although Lucy's microphone wasn't working, she still managed to project so that we could all hear her clearly. The musical numbers really made the piece, and Ellen Wang played a fantastic evil villain. The dinosaur troupe (Rosie Weller, Zanzi Hocknell, Lily Olive, Allegra Monk and Lucy Lock) all had a great stage presence, as did the human characters (Gabriel Burke, Ellen Wang, Stephanie Eid and Chryseth Eclevia). The show was fabulous and they are releasing a CD of all the musical numbers soon.
Mrs Hoddinott Company, “The Highway Man”

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“Bess”

“The Highway Man”

“Highway Man”s Horse”

“King Georges Men”
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Mr Ailwood Company, “Oh Dad, Poor Dad. Mommas Locked You in the Closet and I’m feeling so Sad”

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“Bell Boys”

“Cast Bow”
Tuesday 25 November - Showcase Review

Showcase at Newtown High School of the Performing Arts has always been regarded as a must see event by the Newtown community. Twice a year NHSPA holds a 2-3 week long performance period, and hits the nail on the head each time.

On Tuesday the 25 of November I was lucky enough to watch a fun and outstanding performance from a variety of year groups, all challenging next year’s Showcase performers for all they’ve got. The audience thoroughly enjoyed all performances with laughs, and gasps of suspense.

“The Highway Man” by Mrs Hoddinott’s Year 7 Drama Company (picture), was a stunning start to the night. They converted the popular early 20th Century poem into a breathtaking stage production. Reciting the poem, while acting out the tragic story behind it gave eeriness to the poem and performance. All actors were performing wonderfully throughout, staying completely focused on the story ahead. All actors spoke their lines perfectly, throughout the show and didn’t make one ‘slipup’ with their performance. “The Highway Man” was surely one of the best choices for a dramatic start to the night.

Next on the spectacular night was Mr Fletchers Company doing the “Ultimate Film Challenge”. It was short film clips, produced by many different years. But not only did they create astonishing videos they had to act side parts on the stage in their groups! Each video had a different theme stretching from sporting events, to horror and to equality; all having great impact on the audience.

Mr Ailwoods year 9 Company performed “Oh Dad, Poor Dad, Mommas Locked You in The Closet and I’m Feeling so Sad”; and I believe that at first glance it was the odd name which first caught the audiences eye. The title of they play only just reflected the quirkiness of the performance. Spectacular acting shone throughout the performance as all characters made a large presence on stage. This play was described by many as ‘courageous and crazy’ as it leaped from Bell Boys to dancing plants and fish. Though some themes were a tad adult, everyone in the audience deeply enjoyed it, and I found it a highlight of the evening.

To close up the remarkable show, Mr Benson’s year 10 Company took to the stage performing the classic “Macbeth”. All actors were incredible remembering all their detailed and extremely difficult lines. Though it was an edited version (the original would have taken much longer) the story was phenomenal, with their new perspective on Macbeth. I would never have expected a less than perfect performance from such an amazing company. It closed the night perfectly with all the audience clapping up a storm after curtains closed.

The spectacular performance of the individual students in this showcase season gives me great hope that they will have a bright future.

By Nicola Huber-Smith
TEAMWORK, was the only thing I said for 3 days straight on this camp. It was probably the best experience I've had this October. The food was at my grandma's quality and the accommodation was to a higher standard than my humble abode. The instructors were inspiring and enthusiastic over the whole camp ordeal and the experience was marginally pleasing.

All jokes aside, this was easily the best camp that I, and many of our Peers have been on. One student,(Yasmina), when asked how to describe the camp simply stated "Teamwork". Although some of us won't make it through, it was definitely worth the trip to Stanwell Tops to both learn about leadership and to bond with those in our year group.

One of my personal highlights was talking to people who I honestly, before this camp, didn't know before. Spending time with new friends and listening to the great camp leaders like Tris and Andy was, without a doubt, an experience to be remembered. Now all I'm waiting for and all I can think about is the final list to come through and to see who gets through to the next camp. But wait! Is that what this is all about? Of course it isn't. Even if I, or any of my other peers don't get through to the next camp, then it was still, well worth the adventure to enjoy such a camp.
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Yours sincerely

[Signature]

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