RELIEVING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

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

Welcome back
Our Principal, Stephen Gray will return to co-lead our school from the beginning of next term every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. He will remain in his seconded position of Principal, School Leadership on Wednesdays and Fridays when I will co-lead as Relieving Principal. On behalf of the school community, we warmly welcome him back. He has clearly missed the frantic pace and buzz that is Newtown.

World Earth Festival
Our annual World Earth Festival held last month was a wonderful collaboration between students, parents and staff where we celebrated aspects of the school, the arts and environmental sustainability. It was great to see so many parents able to attend and make the day so successful.

New Parent BBQ
On the same day as World Earth Festival, the P&C held the welcome BBQ for new parents. Thanks to all parents and staff who attended and particular thanks to the P&C for conducting this important event that gave all of us the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other better in a more casual setting.

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 gives 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 Mr Shipp his outstanding commitment to the year group.

Sustainability Excursion to Canberra
Year 9 will attend a cross-faculty excursion to Canberra on 12th and 13th March to learn more about sustainability and sustainable living. Students will visit a bioreactor that processes Sydney garbage waste and a wind farm, study current carbon capture and storage technologies developed by the CSIRO and visit the Botanical Gardens, Parliament House and Questacon. Again, this opportunity for our Year 9 students can only take place with the support of the teachers attending- Ms Munns, Ms Hindmarsh, Mr Mayerhofer, Ms Spirovska and Mr Byrne.

Peer Support Program
Later this month our annual Year 7 camp, at Stanwell Tops, will be 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. Our thanks and congratulations extend to the Year 10 leaders for their work on the camp and their ongoing commitment to the program. Thanks also to the staff who will give up their time to attend the camp because without their support, it simply could not happen.

Parent-Teacher Nights.
Last month students in Years 9 and 12 received information for the upcoming Parent-Teacher Night on Monday 16th March. 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 31st March. Both events start at 3.30pm 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 6th May.

One Fine Day
Every two years, Newtown High School of the Performing Arts presents a major musical theatre extravaganza. This year our biennial theatrical production, “One Fine Day” combines the skills and talents into a cross-curricula production involving the collaboration of Drama, Music and Dance faculties. Over forty five students are involved in this musical which showcases the talents of the performers in music, dance and drama, together with the expertise and tireless efforts of the staff and technical company. The musical will be performed in the Studio Theatre from 23rd till 27th March at 7.30pm. Tickets are available online from our website.

UK Drama Tour
Towards end of this term 34 students of Drama as well as 4 teachers will be travelling to the United Kingdom. The focus of this tour will be theatre visits, workshops as well as cultural and touring opportunities in London and Stratford. The touring party will leave on 29 March and return 12 April. Bon voyage.

Peter Shields
RELIEVING PRINCIPAL
The staff and students are now well settled in to the new school year. In the first few weeks of this term we have had many events such as the swimming carnival, school photo day, co-curricula auditions and the Year 11 Crossroads Camp, World Earth Festival and Welcome BBQ.

Year 11 Crossroads Camp
In Week 3, the Year 11 students attended their two day mandatory Crossroads Camp at the Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops. It was a successful camp with students displaying exemplary behaviour, participating in all activities, engaging in the talks presented by the guest speakers and most importantly building stronger bonds with their peers. The last component of the Crossroads course will be covered by Paul Dillon, from Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia, who will address the Year 11 students at school on Friday 27th March.

World Earth Festival and Welcome BBQ
On Friday 27th February the school had a busy day with the World Earth Festival from 1pm-4pm and Welcome BBQ from 5pm. The World Earth Festival featured a number of live performances, multicultural and environmental stalls and multicultural food stalls and workshops. This event was organised with the dedication and commitment of our staff under the leadership of Hannah Hindmarsh and the on-going support of the P&C. We would like to thank all the staff, students and parents who donated their time and skills to contribute to the success of this event. The Welcome BBQ was organised by the P&C for all Year 7 parents and new parents of students in Years 8-11 to the school at 5pm. We would also like to thank the P&C for organising this important event.

Year 9 Sustainability Trip
The Year 9 Sustainability Trip, a cross-curricular initiative where students will be visiting the Capital Wind Farm, CSIRO, Questacom and Botanical Garden over the two day excursion, will be held on 12-13 March with Hannah Hindmarsh, Hans Mayerhofer, Cathy Spirovska, Sam Byrne and Leisa Munns supervising the students on the trip. Buses will leave from the school by 7.45am and return to school on Friday around 5pm. A big thank you to Hannah and her team for organising this educational experience for the students.

The Year 7 Peer Support Camp
The Year 7 Peer Support Camp at the Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops is going to be held this month from 23rd to 25th March supervised by members of the welfare team, including executive. 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 will also attend the camp with the Year 7 students. It will give 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 Jack Taylor, Hannah Hindmarsh, Hans Mayerhofer and Nilaufer Rajwar.

Parent Teacher Nights
The first Parent Teacher Night is soon approaching with Parent Teacher interviews for Years 9 and 12 taking place on Monday 16th March between 3.30-7pm. Bookings are now open via the link on the website and we would like to encourage our parents to attend this evening to discuss the progress of their child. The correspondence regarding this evening has been distributed to students in Years 9 and 12. This correspondence (which is also available on the schools website) describes the process necessary for making bookings online. Bookings for the first evening will close on Thursday 12th March at 3pm.

Parent Teacher 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. I am looking forward to seeing many of our parents and students at our upcoming parent teacher evening. Parent Teacher interviews for Years 8 and 11 will be held on Tuesday 31st March and for Years 7 and 10 on Wednesday 6th May. Information regarding the online booking process for these evenings will be circulated to the students and made available on the website at least two weeks prior to each parent teacher night.
Year 7 and 9 Vaccinations
Year 7 students will bring home in Week 7, consent forms for vaccinations for Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis and HPV. Should you wish your child to receive the vaccinations administered by the nurses from NSW Health on 31st March, the signed consent forms must be returned by 30th March to the Year Advisers, Hannah Hindmarsh and Hans Mayerhofer, or to the nurses on vaccination day.

UK Drama Tour
The first UK Drama tour will get underway from 29th March and will return to Australia on 12th April with staff and students back at school at the start Term 2. The 34 students and 4 staff members will be traveling to London and Stratford-on-Avon where they will be participating in tours and workshops, visiting Royal Shakespeare Company and Shakespeare Globe Theatre, the Tower of London, and seeing a variety of theatre performances. We wish them a safe and successful journey.

BYOD
As you may be aware, this year we have expanded the BYOD program to all year groups. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have now been given a talk on Digital Citizenship and the appropriate use of the device at school. They have also been given instructions for logging in to the DEC network. All students can now bring their own devices to school for educational purposes.

Tell Them From Me Survey
This term, our school will participate in the Tell Them From Me survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help students improve their learning outcomes. The survey is completed online during Weeks 7-9 and is entirely voluntary and confidential.

Attendance
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, students should bring a letter to the office before school and must swipe out when they leave. Whole day absences should be explained in writing upon your child’s return to school within seven days. This is a DEC requirement.

Year 12 Privileges
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 and swipe in by 10am if they have no class period 1, and to 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.

Year 12 Assessment Week
Year 12 assessment week will commence from Monday 30th March. There will be no timetabled lessons from 30th to the 2nd 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 the illness/miscadventure procedures. Good luck to all Year 12 students during this assessment block.

Finally we just wanted to remind parents that many of the events outlined in this correspondence are also available via the online school calendar on the schools website. The school places all key dates, events and assessment information on the calendar. Also available on the website are copies of all letters sent home to parents regarding school events. We would encourage parents to visit the website routinely to ensure you have all the relevant information and are updated on all school activities.

Nilaufer Rajwar, Leisa Munns and Rachel Mules
DEPUTY PRINCIPALS
P&C NEWS

P&C AGM
The P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday 10 March at 6pm in the school library. Due to a number of executive P&C positions becoming available in 2015, we look forward to replenishing the ranks and encourage all parents interested in supporting and engaging with the school to attend. Serving on the executive is an effective way of having your say on how P&C funds should be spent to best serve the school’s goals of academic achievement and excellence in the performing and visual arts. See below for more details on roles available in the P&C.

WORLD EARTH FESTIVAL
WEF 2015 was a great success. Congratulations to Dennis Dumlao and his army of over 100 parents and friends who helped out and an additional 60 parents and carers who joined WEF for lunch. More than $6,600 was raised on the day. A big thank you to Dennis and his planning team - Hannah Hindmarsh, Katherine Hynes, Anna Nettheim, Natanya Shearer-Stanton, Briony Magoffin and Ross Moffat, and to those who stayed back to wash up, clear up and transport the compostables and the recycling. We would also like to acknowledge the following suppliers who provided a number of things that we used for the event: Kennards Alexandria who donated the use of a generator for our expresso coffee machine; Marionette of Balmain for the use of their expresso coffee machine, as well as providing the coffee beans and cups for free; Feather & Bone of Marrickville for subsidising the sausages.

P&C ROLES
P&C Executive Positions (up to 11):
- President (currently Katie Mann)
- Vice Presidents – 2 (currently Emma Walters and Dennis Dumlao)
- Treasurer (currently Ross Moffat)
- Secretary (currently Kelly Burke)
- Executive Committee members (Currently: John Caley, Lisa Penlington, Haryana Dhillon, Jill Dures). Two positions are vacant.

Sub-Committees
Building Sub-Committee (Current Chair: Vacant)
- Work closely with the school executive on building safety, maintenance and improvement issues, and consider matters of location and form in relation to building additions.

Environment Sub-Committee (Current Chair: John Caley)
- Identify ways to work in partnership with school students and faculty in efforts to improve environmental awareness and responsibility throughout the school.
- Promote environmental awareness amongst the school community.
- Develop strategies and activities to facilitate the increased environmental responsibility of the school. Identify grant opportunities to improve the environmental performance of the school.

Performing and Visual Arts Sub-Committee (Current Chair: Lisa Penlington)
- To work closely with the Heads of Dance, Drama, Music and Visual Arts faculties as well as Technical Company, to promote, support and develop the school’s performing arts’ capabilities and to identify opportunities to facilitate the continued development of the school’s links with local and other performing and visual arts organisations.
- To identify opportunities for improved linkages with other performing and visual arts communities that would support the school’s performing and visual arts faculties’ learning outcomes, eg to increase appropriate work experience, festival participation, mentoring and master-class opportunities.
- To identify ways to provide practical support to the performing and visual arts faculties including facilities and equipment.
- To assist with the promotion and other support of Showcase, Proms and similar events involving student performances and exhibitions.
Faculties Sub-Committee (Current chair: Katie Mann)

- Work closely with the English, Maths, Science, HSIE, TAS, Languages, and PDHPE faculty heads to identify practical and financial aid that could be provided in support of these faculties’ learning outcomes.

P&C on the NHSPA WEBSITE
Follow the link below:
http://web1.newtown-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/
The school website has a calendar and 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 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?
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

It has been a productive few weeks in the English Department here at NHSPA! All English classes are busily preparing for submission or completion of their first assessment task due at the end of the term (or early next term for Year 11). First Drafts of Year 12 Extension 2 Major Works were submitted in Week 4, with the Drafts indicating that we will have some very strong Major Works come submission time in August.

In the coming weeks, the Premier’s Debating Challenge is set to commence. Students have already begun coaching and preparation for the first round of the competition. Watch this space for Debating updates over the next Term. In advance, I thank the coaches for their efforts with our students.

The English Staff have been busy up-skilling over the last Term. Several English staff attended Professional Learning on the new HSC prescriptions, while other English staff members attended an in-service on the English K-10 curriculum continuum to map out where Years 7-10 English fits into the Australian Curriculum for across all learning stages. Professional Learning (PL) is a key component of Quality Teaching and I thank the English Staff for their willingness to undertake such PL opportunities.

Earlier this term an English webpage was attached to the School Website where the Faculty will be posting relevant links and information for parents and students. While it is only a new page and continues to evolve, it is set to be an invaluable resource for all students at the school. Make sure that you check it out when you next peruse our school website!

To finish, I will remind students about the Premier’s Reading Challenge being run by our Librarian Ms Sweers. All Year 7 students were issued with a permission note in English classes, and students in Years 8 and 9 were also offered the opportunity to participate in this competition. All students are encouraged to be involved, particularly those with a love of literature.

Kirk Thomas
HEAD TEACHER ENGLISH

LIBRARY

Greetings from Ms Sweers – the newish face in the NHSPA Library.

First I’d just like to say thank you to all for your patience with me as I scratch my head and mutter: “Qua?” I’m on a steep learning curve at the moment and appreciate the kindness.

So, what’s happening? Well, the Premier’s Reading Challenge has just begun, so if you’re a Year 7 – Year 9 student with a passion for reading, you should definitely enter. You can pick up a note from your English teacher, or from myself in the library. Over the next couple of weeks I’ll be demonstrating how to record your reading online – so watch the daily announcements.

You may have noticed that I am sending you a number of emails. I like to have a chat… Many of these concern the new titles that we release each fortnight. Also, I like to buy what you want. Come to the circulation desk at the library and request the books and films that you need the library to purchase. I figure you’ll borrow more this way…

Senior Students – check out the front desk next week for the ‘Senior Research Book’. You’ll be able to book a time with me during one of your study periods to access some help with research, planning, writing tips, discussions of related texts and the list goes on.

There’s more… oh so much more, but you’ll just have to wait ’til April.

Be seein’ ya – Ms Sweers
The visual arts department had a great holiday break and hope that you all did as well.

All our visual arts students have received their art kits and their first assessment tasks. The students have begun to create some beautiful artworks, which are nearing completion.

In 2014, the artwork of two HSC students Mia Carey and Alvin Williams were selected for the current Art Express. Their work is being shown at various venues, including the Art Gallery of New South Wales and selected regional galleries.

Years eleven were taken on a waterlogged excursion to visit Art Express at the Art Gallery of NSW and also visit the Museum of Contemporary Art. The students had the opportunity to compare the galleries as well as enjoy a range of artworks and styles. Students saw everything from the top HSC work in NSW to Shaun Gladwell’s Storm Sequence 2000.

The Year 10 Students are hard at work getting their heads around Cubism- with a painting deadline steadily approaching. It is always interesting to see how they interpret pastiche and Picasso’s practice.

Our Year 9 students are learning a little about the conventions of advertising with their Toulouse Lautrec poster assessment. Students have been asked to choose a favourite place to promote and in development we have everything from IKEA to the glebe markets.

Newtown’s Year 8 students are enjoying learning about Australia’s infamous painter John Brack and his modernist work Collins Street, 5pm. The clever students are asked to assemble a pastiche of this work recreating it as King Street, 3pm. Everything from green hair and nose rings find themselves describing the colourful and diverse scene right outside our door. It is a far cry from Brack’s account of monotonous Melbourne in the 50s and in fact is an indicator of just how far we have progressed as a nation since then.

Phew and last but certainly not least the darling Year 7 have been training their hands and minds with a little art 101. Combining all of the fundamentals of art-making they are soon to produce a pop art inspired still life painting, not bad for a first term at high school if we do say so ourselves.
MUSIC EMSEMBLES
The large music ensembles are well and truly under way and students seem to have fallen into the rehearsal routine.

The rehearsal times for the larger ensembles are as follows

Orchestra – Tuesday 7.20 am – 8.40am
Symphonic Wind Ensemble - Wednesday 7.20 am – 8.40am
Senior String Ensemble Wednesday 7:20 – 8:40
Concert Band - Thursday 7.20 am – 8.40am
Jazz Orchestra – Thursday 2.45-4.30pm

Senior Choir (Green Choir) – Tuesday 3.20-4.30pm
Intermediate Choir (Red Choir) - Monday 3.20-4.30pm
Junior Choir - Friday 3.20-4.30pm
WOMP (Weapons of Mass Percussion) - Wednesday lunch

These large ensembles form an essential part of the co curricular program at Newtown High School of the Performing Arts and rely on consistent student attendance and commitment. Throughout the year smaller ensembles will be formed based on student commitment to large ensembles. I look forward to hearing all of these ensembles as part of the many concerts organised throughout the year and as part of our 25th year celebrations.

Christopher Miller
Head Teacher Music

Instrumental and Vocal Tuition
The school provides an opportunity for students to have instrumental and vocal lessons at the school. The lessons run during the school day on a rotational basis so that the students do not miss the same class each week. Most lessons are half hour in duration once a week over a ten week term with payment or tuition being made directly to the tutor. Tuition places are filling up fast so if you are interested in lessons please fill out one of the Instrumental and Vocal Tuition Forms (attached to the newsletter) and return it to me in to Music Staffroom and I will place you with an appropriate tutor.

Deborah McGowan
Instrumental and Vocal Tuition Co-ordinator
HIGHLIGHTS FROM WORLD EARTH DAY

Earth Day
This year’s Earth Day was again a huge success and, as always, enabled many student bands to perform on stage in front of a festival audience. This was a great opportunity for all performers but it is also important to acknowledge the efforts of both Parents and the Technical Company in helping to organise the day.
HIGHLIGHTS FROM WORLD EARTH DAY
PDHPE & SPORT

Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 have all swapped over to practical lessons for the rest of the term. All students are required to have the NHSPA sport uniform for every lesson. All years have a practical assessment task with each of the units below. Students will receive the task notification this week in class.

Year 7 – Athletics
Year 8 – Dominant Movement Patterns (gymnastics)
Year 9 – Athletics
Year 10 – Fitness and Aerobics.

Congratulations to the following students who were elected House and Vice Captains for 2015

Action
House Captain – Brendon Bottos
House Captain – Pia Bernasconi
Vice Captain – Lauren Adams
Vice Captain – Carolina Clemment

Fantasy
House Captain – Oscar Gibbins
House Captain – Steph Jaunzemis
Vice Captain – Felix Maude
Vice Captain – Arietty Wachsmann

Musical
House Captain – James Eden
House Captain – Maya T Downes
Vice Captain – Maddison Paluch
Vice Captain – Anica Siljeg

Horror
House Captain – Bryn Chapman
House Captain – Bree Parsonage
Vice Captain – Mali Sinclair
Vice Captain – Vaso Djurovic

2015 Swimming Carnival
The Swimming Carnival was held on Friday 13th of February at Drummoyne Swimming Pool. The carnival was a very enjoyable day for our school community. Our students were very eager, with excellent attendance and participation throughout the day.

The House Relays and Year 12 v Staff relay was a highlight on the day, supported by all interested students and huge crowds cheering on their house mates and teachers.

The outstanding House leaders need to be commended on their ability to organise junior students to compete in events and assisting staff members at the marshalling area.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all staff for their support on the day; their work as officials was excellent, with a number of staff working through the day on different events and supervisions.

A special thank you to Laura Bivona, Sam Byrne, Luke Connery and Stuart Klees for helping organise their house groups in the lead up to the swimming carnival and supporting house leaders on the day.
Congratulations to the following School Age Champions

**Age Champions – Girls**
12 years – Hannah Stevenson (Horror)
13 years – Taylor Stone (Horror)
14 years – Grace Doyle (Horror)
15 years – Olivia Medina-Du Cros (Musical)
16 years – Hannah Newton (Horror)
17+ years – Isabella Wellings (Action)

**Age Champions – Boys**
12 years – Calum Rodgers (Action)
13 years – Lincoln Sharp (Fantasy)
14 years – Dexter Coady (Action)
15 years – Ben Wastie-Pero (Horror)
16 years – Marcel Kocbek-Malepa (Horror)
17+ years – Vaso Djurovic (Horror)

**Swimming Carnival - House points**
1st – Horror 558 points
2nd – Fantasy 401 points
3rd – Musical 397 points
4th – Action 270 points

**Bligh Zone Swimming & Sydney East Swimming**
We had 58 students representing the school at the Bligh Zone Swimming Carnival which was held at Enfield Pool on Friday 20th of March. Congratulations to the following relay teams for placing 1st at the Bligh Zone Carnival and have made it through to Sydney East Swimming Championships.

- Girls Open Medley Relay
- Boys 12-19 300 All Age Relay
- Girls 12-19 200 Free Relay
- Girls 13 200 Free Relay
- Boys 15 200 Free Relay
- Boys 16 200 Free Relay
- Boys 17 200 Free Relay
- Girls 12 200 Free Relay
- Boys 12 200 Free Relay
- Girls 13 200 Free Relay
- Boys 15 200 Free Relay
- Boys 16 200 Free Relay
- Boys 17 200 Free Relay

The following individuals have made it through to the Sydney East Championships in their individual events:

- Vasilijie Djurovic
- Zanzi Hocknell
- Scott McDougall
- Ainsley Meale
- Olivia Medina-Du-Cros
- Olivia Moir
- Lucille Molineux
- Hannah Newton
- Julian Oliver
- Brianna Parsonage
- Ocea Ralph
- Miranda Rodgers
- Hannah Stevenson
- Taylor Stone
- Isabella Wellings
Sydney East Swimming Championships are on **Wednesday 18th of March at Homebush**. All students will receive a permission note this week from Miss Reynolds. Good luck to all students!!

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**Regular Sport Training Sessions**
All Students are welcome to attend. These training sessions are not trials. They are an opportunity for students to meet people from different year groups.

**Upcoming Sport Events**
Sydney East Swimming Championships 18/3/15
School Cross Country Carnival 20/3/15

Ellie Reynolds
HEAD TEACHER PDHPE
SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The day was cold and dreary, but despite the rain, the student’s spirits were high. Keeping to tradition, the buses pulled up just before the start gun went to signal the first race. The grandstand was soon packed with bubbly children and teachers of every age spilling with enthusiasm and excitement. The weather cleared and, with the Year 12’s relaxing on their inflatable bananas, the 2015 swimming carnival was officially in progress.

Coloured zinc was being passed around, along with cheers and drink bottles. Katie Ata Waters of Year 9 commented “I’m loving it, its kind of hot, but this is the best one {swimming carnival} yet.”

The day went by in a flash, before we knew it, we were back on the buses and heading home.

From left to right
Tana Laga’ia (Year 8), Rhian Turner (Year 10), Eleanor Open-Riley (Year 9) and Kyri Gospidachi (Year 9)

Mia Black and Elli Goldsworthy

A QUIET CARNIVAL WITH GREAT ENDS………

Yet again Newtown High School held its annual Swimming Carnival. As student loaded the buses the carnival soon began. The crowd went crazy as the races begun, and the carnival went off with a bang.

There were many competitors who had prepared for the races and many with friends to cheer them on at the finish line. The carnival also had many people swimming for participation for house points.

In particular Fantasy house screamed, shouted and cheered everyone on even if they just were having a go to gain their house points. Leaders of each house came prepared with everything they could ever need for their house to win. With their encouragement skills, costumes and high spirits, they were sure to do well.

The crowds and supporters went crazy for the students vs teachers race. It was close but the students won the race. The crowd went crazy.

The carnival was a success overall with a record number of attendees and a fun enjoyable day for all.

For the year 12 students, the carnival was full of fun, memories and creative costumes. Despite the rain, students and teachers kept on going and made sure it would be a great carnival.

Paityne Eminovski
NHSPA SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2015

Children are sprawled everywhere. Licking ice creams, crunching chips, panting after races their peers providing them with water, chatting with friends taking photos and decorating each other with the essential ingredient for a fun swimming carnival… zinc. The smell of salt water, sweat and food hang in the air.

![Drummoynge pool](image)

*Drummoynge pool*
Left to Right: Time takers, crowd, teachers tent.
Photography Tempe Walne

From time to time amid the babbling crowd a loud gun shot is fired, and for a brief second there is a moment of silence until it all starts up again, cheering for the race. Although the morning’s weather did not look promising it has cleared and the humidity is rising.

At 9.45 am races commence, working up from the youngest age in each stroke. Newtown allows all students to jump in the water no matter how competitive. Many competitors hopped in the water and swam the race with their friends to earn points for their house. Five girls in Year 9 raced “for fun” to gain points, have a laugh and create good memories. (Left- three of the five girls)

![Left to Right - Tempe Walne, Isla Mowbray and Noa Amiry](image)

*Left to Right - Tempe Walne, Isla Mowbray and Noa Amiry*
Photography Isla Mowbray

Beatrice Trye ,13, in year 7 said “There are so many people but it’s not overwhelming as the atmosphere is really friendly and fun”. Another student, who had won every event she had entered, Olivia Medina-Du-Cros ,14, said ‘this swimming carnival is turning out really well. 1. because I’m winning and 2. being able to have a great time with my friends and joining in with the Newtown school spirit”.

The whole school gathered around the pool to support the teacher, student race. The race began and the students took the lead. In the last lap of the race Ms Reynolds nearly closed the gap (which was nearly half the pool in length) but unfortunately she missed by a hair. On the other hand A WIN FOR THE STUDENTS. The crowd cheered.

The day ended with tired children piling back onto the buses, riding bikes or walking home. The carnival was definitely a day to remember with it’s excitement and enthusiasm. The year twelves costumes were very entertaining and gave everybody a good laugh while the races had us all holding our breaths. Next year’s is sure to be just as good, I for one can’t wait!

ISLA MOWBRAY
MUSICAL PRODUCTION - “ONE FINE DAY”

As part of the Newtown’s 25th Anniversary, the first major celebration of this historic milestone is the launch of a major cross-curricula MUSICAL PRODUCTION “ONE FINE DAY”

SET IN 1963 AND FEATURING 27 SONGS FROM THAT YEAR. IF YOU REMEMBER THE SHIRELLES, THE CHIFFONS, THE SHANGRI-LAS - YOU WILL LOVE THIS SHOW.

Featuring a ten piece band and over twenty singers, it is a story about love in a more innocent time against a backdrop of growing tension in the United States.

Monday March 23 - Friday March 27

STUDIO THEATRE

7:30PM

TICKET PRICING

$30 - Adults
$20 - Child/Concession/Student

Tickets available from the link on: www.nhspa.nsw.edu.au

CAREERS DEPARTMENT

This year we have started the process much earlier for distribution of Work Experience documentation for Year 10 students who have been given their packages this week. This will hopefully assist students and parents to prepare their paperwork with a potential employer well in advance.

This will also allow for students to think about their choice of work experience and contact employers well in advance to achieve the maximum from their work placement and ensure that it is a worthwhile and rewarding experience.

If you require more information and/or clarification please do not hesitate to Ms Ula George, Careers.
One Fine Day

An Original Musical from the 1960’s

STUDIO THEATRE
Monday March 23 – Friday March 27
7:30pm

Tickets: www.nhspa.nsw.edu.au
**Enrolment form/Expression of interest**

(Please fill out and return to Music Department)

**Name of student**

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**Year/Roll**

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**Name of parent**

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**Contact Number**

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**Instrument in which you would like tuition (please tick)**

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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.

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**Newtown High School**

**Of the Performing Arts**

**Vocal / Instrumental Tuition Program**

**2015**
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 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.