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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

YEAR 12
This term has been a very busy and successful one for our Year 12 students. Since the trial examinations we have started the HSC itself with practical exams and submissions of major works in Dance, Drama, Extension 2 English, Visual Arts, Textiles and Design, Design and Technology, French and Music. Everyone involved has been very impressed with the quality of work presented and we look forward to some outstanding results.

We are currently planning events to celebrate the contributions of the current Year 12 to the school over the last six years. The major event will be our Graduation ceremony on Friday 18 September. Families will receive invitations and more information over the next two weeks.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP
Earlier this term our students elected our 2016 Prefect body. Congratulations to the following outstanding students: Stan Cheung, Vaso Djurovic, Michael Giglio, Alisa Harrington, Harrie Hogan, Stephanie Jaunzemis, Airu Matsuda, Ned Olive, Miro Saunders, KJ Shergill, Alex Small and Veronica Von Arnim. I look forward to working with them at our Prefect training day and throughout the next 12 months.

CHINA TOUR
Last month I was fortunate to travel with a group of 24 students and teachers to Beijing for the CCTV event: Joy Dancing 2015. The week-long event culminated with the filming of the concert televised in China and around the world via the internet to an estimated audience of 300 million. Our dancers, vocalist and musicians performed a number of times during the week and were wonderful ambassadors for our school and nation (as we were the Australian delegation). Congratulations to everyone involved.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE
Earlier this month our newly formed Communications Committee had its first meeting. The committee, made up of parents, students and staff, will be responsible for the implementation of strategies identified in our School Planning processes. Among our priorities will be improving information around the transition for Year 7 families, parent-teacher evenings, co-curricula auditions, as well as our school website. Thanks to parent representatives Maya Saric and John Gaspar.

Stephen Gray
Co-Principal
YEAR 12 UPDATE
The last few weeks have been very busy for our Year 12 students and their teachers, particularly for the Dance, Drama and Music students as the HSC practical exams have been taking place. Most of the students have reported feeling very relieved that this aspect of their HSC has passed and they are now busy preparing for their written exams next term. Major works and projects have also been submitted for the Design and Technology, Textiles and Design, English Extension 2 and Visual Arts students.

Once again the quality of the work produced this year has been exceptional and we would like to thank our dedicated teachers who have worked tirelessly to support and guide our current HSC cohort. It has been very pleasing to see many students take advantage of this post-trial revision period and all Year 12 students will meet with their curriculum advisors one final time on Monday 7th September to be issued with their final school report and discuss their preparation strategies for the HSC and goals post HSC. We know this is an exciting yet daunting time for our departing Year 12 students as they prepare for their HSC and look to the future, we wish them all the very best. We are now looking forward to the final week of planned celebrations to commemorate the class of 2015.

WEEK 10 ARRANGEMENTS
In the final week of term we will be farewelling our Year 12 students with a number of events. Mr Gray has sent home a letter to all Year 12 parents outlining the arrangements for Week 10. Our Year 12 students will be performing a Farewell Final Curtain concert for their cohort and the staff on Monday 14 September. The final day of formal classes for Year 12 will be on Tuesday 15 September. The Year 12 Picnic will be held at Drummoyne Pool on Thursday 17 September and the Graduation Day ceremony will take place on Friday 18 September commencing at 12:00pm at the Seymour Theatre. This will necessitate an early finish for students in Years 7 – 11 on that day. Supervision will be provided should you wish your child to remain at school - your child will need to return request for supervision slip attached to the letter issued by our Principal regarding arrangements for Graduation Day.

YEAR 11 YEARLY EXAMS
The next 2 weeks are of particular importance for our Year 11 students as they have commenced their Yearly examinations on Monday 31 August. The exams run until Friday 11 September. Students are advised to approach these examinations seriously and ensure that they are well prepared for each examination. We would like to also remind our parents and students of the illness/misadventure process in place during an examination period. If a student is ill or suffers misadventure on the day of a scheduled examination they are required to contact Mr Pico, the Deputy Principal in charge of Year 11 in the morning before 8:45am. Mr Pico will then arrange for a rescheduling of that exam to take place within the examination period. Students are required to fill in the necessary illness/misadventure forms and attach any relevant medical or supporting documentation as outlined in the Senior Assessment Policy. The completed forms must be returned to the Deputy Principal within two days. We wish our Year 11 students all the very best as they conclude their preliminary courses. Year 11 students return to class from the 14 September and are expected to attend all lessons throughout the final week of term.

TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY
As you may be aware our school is participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them from Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between the 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

SPRING PROM
On Wednesday 16 September our Spring Prom concert will be held in St. Georges Hall from 7.00pm. It will be a musical evening of classical and popular styles with a large number of our music students performing including many of our Year 12 soloist. We hope to see many families come along to this enjoyable calendar event.

STATE DANCE FESTIVAL
The State Dance Festival will be held at the Seymour Centre from Monday 14th to Friday 18th September featuring a large number of our very talented dance students. Tickets are available through the box office at the Seymour Centre for performances every night at 7:30pm. The festival will be featuring performances by our very talented students. Thank you to our Dance staff for the commitment and involvement in such initiatives that provide valuable performance opportunities for our students.

2016 PREFECTS
A prefect induction assembly was held on Thursday 26 August where the newly elected 2016 prefects were presented with their ties and pins. The assembly also provided us with the opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by our outgoing Prefect body. We are extremely confident that our incoming 2016 Prefect body will rise to the challenge and build on the strong legacy that this year’s student leadership team have left.

Finally, we would like to wish all members of the school community a safe and pleasant holiday. School resumes for everyone on Tuesday 6th October with a Week A timetable.

If you have any concerns regarding your child please contact the relevant Deputy at any time.

The Deputy Principals
Peter Shields/Rachel Mules (Curriculum, Years 7 and 10)
Karl Pico (Teaching and Learning, Years 8 and 11)
Nilaufer Rajwar (Wellbeing, Years 9 and 12)
The next P&C Meeting will be held next Tuesday, 8 September at 6pm in the school common room. The P&C meets on the second Tuesday of every month. Being involved in the P&C is a great way to meet other parents and play an active role in the school community. You will learn more about NHSPA, its goals, achievements and teaching staff. No fundraising is required and there are many opportunities (both big and small) to become engaged in interesting projects to support the school.

P&C PAGE ON NHSPA WEBSITE UPDATED
The P&C page on the NHSPA website contains information on the P&C, meeting dates, contacts and latest news. Make sure you visit by clicking on the P&C link on the left side bar of the NHSPA website.

MAINTENANCE ISSUES AT THE SCHOOL
The P&C has written a letter of grave concern to the Department of Education about ongoing maintenance issues at the school including the collapsed retaining wall in the playground, and leaks in the Studio Theatre, the gymnasium and St Georges Hall. We have invited the Department to send a representative to the September P&C meeting, but as yet, the Department has not taken up the offer. The P&C will circulate the Department’s response when it is received.

CALL OUT FOR PARENT REPS FOR YEARS 8 AND YEAR 9
The P&C is putting a call out for P&C parent reps for years 8 and 9. If you are a parent of a child in year 8 or year 9, and you are interested in being the link between the P&C and the parents of that year group, then please contact P&C President Emma Walters on emma@ewassociates.com.au

NHSPA P&C FACULTY GRANTS 2015
The NHSPA P&C donated $10,000 for academic, welfare and sporting activities across a series of faculty grants to assist the school over 2015. The Faculty Grants provided funds to non-performing arts faculties in the school, with the aim to support teachers to enhance the student learning experience. A request for expressions of interest in Faculty Grants was issued by the P&C Faculty Sub-committee early in 2015 to the welfare, academic and sport faculties at the school, and the following three requests were funded:

1. TAS: Robotics and Graphical Programming – amount provided $5000
2. Mathematics: purchase of an Interactive Projector – amount provided $3000

P&C SUPPORTS DANCE MASTER CLASS PROGRAM
The P&C has supported the Dance faculty through funding a series of Master Classes with Ruben Graciani (Chair of the Dance Department and Associate Professor at Point Park University, Pittsburgh US) in Term 2, 2015. A/Prof Graciani attended NHSPA to deliver the Master Classes for a two week period in Term 2, with all dance students from years 7-12 receiving at least one Master Class in Modern Dance Technique while he was at NHSPA. The Master Classes occurred during the normal timetabled class times, allowing staff members to observe all his classes; an invaluable in-service opportunity for NHSPA Dance faculty staff. In addition, a series of workshops were conducted with A/Prof Graciani over three days for students to learn a piece of repertoire which will be performed in Semester 2 at the Seymour Centre. Another valuable component to the visit was that A/Prof Graciani conducted auditions for over 50 students who were interested in attending Point Park University, with many student accepted and several students offered scholarships for both the BA/BFA courses and summer school program. The P&C contributed $6000 towards the visit and Master Class program.

Head Teacher Dance Ms Leisa Munns said of the visit: “Overall it was an incredibly successful Master Class series which provided both the students and the Dance Faculty with a worthwhile training experience. I cannot thank the P&C enough for their incredible support of the Arts in the school.”
PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS (PVAS) SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE
This sub-committee works closely with the Performing Arts (Drama, Music, Dance) and Visual Arts faculties. The next meeting is Friday 4 September at 4pm, meet in the foyer of the Administration block. We welcome all interested parents to join this dynamic team.

NEXT P&C WORKING BEE – SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2015
The next P&C working bee for the school grounds will be Sunday 1 November. Put the date in your diary now! More details to follow. If you can’t wait, please contact the Environment sub-committee chair, John Caley, on j.m.caley@gmail.com

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?

YEAR 9 JOURNALISM

SCIENCE WEEK FLYING HIGH
Being a Performing Arts School, we strive to do the best we can, and creativity is in our blood. On Friday the 21 of August, the school held their own paper plane competition, for our very own Newtown Science Week. Held in the quadrangle and hosted by the science faculty, this comp was the perfect ending to science week.

More than 25 students competed with a variety of individually crafted aeroplanes, some not even remotely looking like the airbuses we see on a day-to-day basis.

A massive applause to the two winners, who flew their aeroplanes with poise and passion, and to the commendable students who participated from all years. To Broughton Caley, who won the longest time in the air at just over 5 seconds, and to Nathaniel (Tana) Laga'aia who won furthest distance, winning overall at 21.1 metres.

All in all, a shout-out and special thank you to the science department, for creating the best science week the school’s had in a while. Without their input, this event would’ve ceased to exist.

By Kimmi Tonkin
Year 9 Journalism

Flynn Davis of Year 8 - ready to fly his plane
(photo by Anna McFarland & Kayley Lucia Zielinski-Nicolson)
The Paper Plane Competition

To finish off our amazing science week, on the 21st of August, Friday, at lunch time, a very exiting paper plane competition was held in the oval, by the science teachers. Students from all ages made their paper planes, signed up and raced their planes with the wind.

The winners are;
For the plane which flew the longest time in the air, Broughton Caley and the plane which flew the furthest distance, Tana Laga’Aia.
As we approach the end of Term 3, it is timely to reflect on the achievements of our students in English.

It has been a very busy few weeks in the faculty. All junior years have submitted their third formal assessment task and staff are in throes of marking tasks as I write this report. Year 11 are currently completing their Yearly Examinations and we anticipate some excellent results. Some very impressive drafts of student essays and creative writing tasks indicate high levels of engagement with the Area of Study: Power.

I also remind all of Year 11 to pay their $50 to the front office as soon as possible for the Area of Study “Discovery” Day. This study day will be an excellent way for Year 11 to start their HSC English course.

As year 12 complete their final weeks at the school, I would like to acknowledge their hard work and commitment to their studies. Final reports have been written, and our strong Trial HSC results look very promising for HSC results in December. Our Year 12 Extension 2 English students submitted their Major Works on the Friday of Week 5. At our Extension 2 evening in Week 7, the 15 students spoke about their Major Works and presented extracts from their compositions. Staff and students were very impressed by the quality of the works.

On the Debating front, we have enjoyed numerous successes over the last few weeks. Years 10, 11 and 12 all made it to the regional knockouts. Congratulations to our talented debaters for their success!

I take this opportunity to wish Year 12 the best of luck as they finalise their course-work and prepare for the HSC! Year 12, thank you for the memories! Keep working. The hard work will pay dividends with your results.

Kirk Thomas
Head Teacher English
Changes In The Library Inspired Everyone

Our school library has been changing a lot in an awesome way during the last couple of weeks. Change is good, so it should go on.

INTERVIEWER: I have noticed a lot of changes in the library. Who is organising all those things?

LIBRARIAN: Mostly me, but I do ask the staff and students about what they think about it too. So it's not my library and I think it's best to ask people’s opinions.

INTERVIEWER: So, what is your plan about it? How do you want it to look? Have you finished organising it all or are you going to change a bit more things around?

LIBRARIAN: I think that space should evolve. You begin a change and when you’re finished, you look back to it and ask the other’s thoughts about it. After that, you go back to edit it. So in short, there will be more changes in the next three years. I do like change. I think it keeps interests of people.

INTERVIEWER: So, what section of the library do you like the most?

LIBRARIAN: I love the gallery section at the back the most. I think it’s a good way to represent the junior artists talents.

INTERVIEWER: Alright; I got no more questions to ask. Would you like to say anymore?

LIBRARIAN: Yes. I think it’s important the library not only have the space for the people, but it should also welcome people. The libraries in the past were usually like no, and shush! I think it should be yes and a sweat welcoming environment. No students should be afraid to ask a question to me and they should come up and tell me about their suggestions about how we can improve our library together. I'm a very kind person and I would like to hear other’s thoughts on our library.

INTERVIEWER: Well, the library looks great at the moment! I will just ask a couple of students about their comments for it. Thank you!

'It's awesome. These comfy chairs are so cool. We just need bean bags and pillows.' Year 7 girls.

'It's a good improvement. I think there are more places now to sit down and work.' Year 11 girl.
We take this opportunity to wish our Year 12 students all the best in their upcoming HSC and beyond. It has been a pleasure watching you enjoy the challenges of Mathematics throughout your junior and senior years and maturing into young adults who have an appreciation for the beauty of Mathematics.

**Winter Series “Does it add up?”**
As part of the Mathematics winter series of “Does it add up?” Charles Cameron, the owner and business manager of Brewtown in Newtown addressed our Year 8 cohort. Mr Cameron is a former Newtown student and he talked about the relevance of Mathematics in his professional life. The Year 8 cohort found the talk very interesting and relevant as Mr Cameron talked about areas that they had just learnt in Financial Mathematics, as well as his recollection of studying Mathematics as a Performing Arts student at NHSPA.

Our **Spring Series** will feature a speaker from UTS and Mr Ferguson will also address the Year 8 cohort regarding the importance of algorithms from a Sound Technician point of view.

Year 8 have recently completed an extensive task looking at designing a house, adhering to the required floor space ratio as stipulated by the council, the costs of construction and painting involved. We have been very impressed by the standard of work produced and the creativity of our students. We will post some samples on our Moodle site.

On the 11 of August 221 students took part in the ICAS Maths competition and we are looking forward to their results which will be available at the end of the year.
It has been a busy month in the Drama Department.

In the last school holidays, Andrew Benson organised for several of our students to attend a workshop at Belvoir with the cast of Seventeen. The actors, all in their 70s, were each paired with a student to observe and rehearse with to enhance their portrayal of being seventeen. The students were then invited to a preview of the play and were able to see the impact their participation had on the production. The actors and team at Belvoir were incredibly complimentary of our students and remarked on how talented, receptive and wonderful they were throughout the workshop.

Year 11 students were also given the opportunity to attend a performance of Seventeen at Belvoir. They joined a number of other school groups in the audience of this hilarious and transformative coming of age play. At the Q&A with the actors after the show, Mrs Sceats noted that our students asked insightful and pertinent questions and conducted themselves with a strong sense of dignity and sophistication.

It’s been action packed at the Drama Department with an exciting HSC Performance Night, design projects being submitted trips to the theatre and the completion of the practical HSC marking.

The HSC Performance Night was a huge success and showcased some of the HSC work that was soon to be marked. Mr Mountford and Mr Benson were incredibly pleased with quality of the performances on the night and it was exciting to see how hard the students have worked and how they have flourished as performers.

The non-performance Individual Projects were submitted and it was indicative of the breadth of the talent at Newtown High School of the Performing Arts to see our students tackle all of the design areas. We had a diverse range of costume, set, lighting, poster and promotion and video drama projects packaged up and sent of to the marking centre.

The external HSC markers than came for four days and all of our HSC drama students performed their final assessments.

A number of Year 11 students were invited to the Benchmark marking day at the Zenith Theatre in Chatswood. Newtown was represented by two Group Performances and two Individual Performances. The students came with energy and enthusiasm and all their performances on the day were exemplary.

We are currently in rehearsal for nine showcase companies and so look forward to the months ahead.

Judith Hoddinott
Relieving Head Teacher Drama
PD/H/PE FACULTY

You be the Coach

The Year 9 practical assessment for Term 3 involves students designing a skills session for primary school students between the ages of 6-12. Newtown Primary School students have been visiting the school over the last two weeks to take part in the assessment. Year 9 students were asked to coach a small group of students through an 8 minute skills session which was repeated numerous times. Students from the primary school thoroughly enjoyed their time. Since the assessment has finished Year 9 students have received thank you letters and pictures from the primary school students. This is a great opportunity for Year 9 students to develop their leadership and interpersonal skills!

Year 12 Taping and Bandaging Workshop

This week Year 12 PDHPE students participated in a two hour Taping and Bandaging workshop. Shane Kertanegara who is one of Sydney’s leading physiotherapists delivered the workshop. Students learnt how to strap the ankle, knee, wrist and thumb. They also went through a number of rehabilitation procedures and practical components. This workshop is a great opportunity for students to get up to date with current procedures from the health science industry.

Shane Kertanegara

Shane trained at the University of Sydney, graduating with first class honours and received the University Medal for Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy in 2006. As a student Shane worked as a trainer for Soccer NSW (2005-07). Since graduating he has worked solely in multidisciplinary sports medicine clinics and sporting clubs in Sydney. He was the physiotherapist for West Harbour Rugby Club (2007-09), Gordon Rugby Club (2010-11) and is currently the head physiotherapist for the Sydney University Rugby Club. Shane is also the current part time physiotherapist for the NSW Sydney Stars.

His physiotherapy experience has not been limited to rugby teams as he has worked closely with:

- Rugby League, Melbourne Storm (2009-10)
- Soccer, Leichhardt Tigers (2008) and Soccer NSW (2005-07)

Shane’s clinical interests include hip, shoulder and knee joint injury management, soft tissue strains and tendinopathies. His primary fields of interest are the foot and ankle joints. Shane’s research was based on the ankle joint, which he presented at the latest International Foot and Ankle Symposium.
Year 12 v Year 11 Touch Football match

Over the next two weeks a number of sporting matches will take place as part of celebrations to farewell Year 12. The atmosphere was electric with a number of students from all years lining up along the oval cheering on the teams. Year 12 ended up winning 4-2!

SPORT

Year 8 Gala Day

Year 8 had a fantastic day at Gala Day. We had some outstanding results with Newtown in 4 out of the 5 finals (Boys Soccer, European Handball, Girls Soccer, Boys Basketball & Girls Soccer).

Unfortunately, Year 8 Girls Netball was called off early due to extreme weather conditions however 2 of the Netball teams won all 5 round games.

Congratulations to the following teams:
- Boys Soccer who beat Balmain in the final
- Girls Soccer who finished tied first in the final!
- Open Girls Netball were undefeated in all 5 round games. They were awarded Bligh Zone Netball Champions.
It has been a fun and exciting month for Visual Arts despite the cold weather and unexpected torrential rain. Year 12 have been working extremely hard to get their artworks finished for the HSC and the art exhibition. The show was held on the 25 of August when after near drought conditions the skies opened up. The exhibition which is usually held in St Georges Hall had to be quickly reconsidered as waterfalls were streaming from the hall dome and the walls making it impossible to hold the exhibition there. With some quick thinking from the Visual Art department and Mr Gray plan B was enacted and the student’s artworks were swiftly moved from St Georges Hall to the schools temporarily empty shopfront on Kings Street.

Through the hard work of the Visual Art department staff and students the new space became the site of our bustling salon style exhibition. Opened by Stephen Gray, the exhibition night was a success with the added atmosphere of excitement from King Street the crowd filled the room and spilled onto footpath. The artworks hung high throughout the space and in the beautiful windows where members of the public came to see the works, commenting on the sophistication of the final artworks. Year 12 showcased their excellence; hard work and creativity with over 55 students in Year 12 visual arts this year the artworks were diverse and abundant.

HSC exhibition in the shop front on King Street, Newtown.
Year 12 Exhibition in the shop front on King Street.

Emma Harbridge with her paintings.
Packing down the exhibition and boxing up the works always proves to be a challenge. With form filling and double-checking 96 packages in total, now all completely boxed up in under two days. It is a testament to perseverance that the works will be sent off to the marking centre in Homebush, good luck to all!

Now Year 12 students can let the art theory fun begin as their focus is now on the exam. What artists have students chosen to focus on? What can they tell you about the artists material practice, the life and times they lived, who were the audiences then and who are they now? How do critics and historians view the artist and artworks? These are just a few of the things we are all thinking about leading up to the exams.

At the end of this term we reluctantly say farewell to art teacher Pleasance Ingle. She will be leaving our school to spend her time travelling, painting and raising chooks in the country. Pleasance is a corner stone here at NHSPA, her humour, antics and warm heart will be missed so much. We will all stay in touch and hopefully from her country studio she can keep adding to her NHSPA collection of skulls and bones, freaking out Year 10 students in their drawing classes. During her time here she has been a great support to the Drama department with costuming many performances and trying to keep the costume room in some state of order. Since the showcase electives began Pleasance has directed the graphic design students to design and produce hundreds of covers and posters for all the companies, ensembles and school events. She is an exceptional painter and has imparted her wisdom to many students and teachers. On many occasions she has generously spent her time painting backdrops for school plays and musicals. Her students speak of her fondly and continue to come back to see her and to update her on their adventures and art studies. We all wish her well and thank her for all her work as a teacher and a vital member of the NHSPA community.

Jacquie Boon
Head Teacher Visual Arts Department
Painting by Pleasance Ingle
RPA Research Foundation Medal Awards Ceremony

Once again NHSPA music faculty was invited to perform at the RPA Research Foundation Medal Awards Ceremony. In the past we’ve taken the Sax Quartet, The Guitar Ensemble and various other instrumental groups. This year we took our Senior String Quartet - Lydia Sawires, Lauren Olofsson, Lilli-Ann Khalil, Isabella Fonti. We have been working with RPA Hospital for the last 13 years. The opportunity to work within our community is beneficial for our students and it encourages a strong commitment to works of charity. The girls presented themselves professionally. They played well and were excellent representatives of our school. The professors, doctors, nurses and other staff were most impressed with their performance. We look forward to next year’s event.

E. Lewis-Jones

Opera House Performances

Congratulations to the Orchestra, String Ensemble, Senior Choir, Jazz Ensemble and Symphonic Wind Ensemble who recently performed at the Sydney Opera House as part of the Acacia, Banksia and Jacaranda concerts. These ensembles were selected as ‘outstanding music groups’ and lived up to the description.

As part of the same series of concerts, the Junior Jazz Ensemble will be performing at the Sydney Town Hall on Thursday 17 September and Olivier Hans-Rosenbaum has also been selected as a soloist for the Australis Concert at the Sydney Opera House on Wednesday 28 October.

Manly Jazz Festival

The Jazz Orchestra will be performing at this year’s Manly Jazz Festival on Sunday 4 October. There will be a rehearsal on Friday 2 October from 11am-1pm (venue to be confirmed).

Spring Prom

We are once again holding our annual Spring Prom in St. Georges Hall on Wednesday 16 September. This is a great opportunity to grab a picnic blanket and enjoy the many talents of music students at NHSPA. The night will include the Orchestra, String Ensemble, Percussion Ensembles, Choirs and soloists and also offers us an opportunity to say farewell to our year 12 students.

Performance uniform

Whilst on the topic of performances, just a quick reminder of expectations regarding the wearing of the performance uniform.

The following outlines what students are expected to wear for all formal performances;

1. Clean, white/black collared shirt (ironed) - check with director
2. Black formal skirt/trousers (not jeans)
3. Black socks/tights (no holes) and polished black leather shoes

Sometimes your director will ask for coloured ties/black bow ties. Check with director in plenty of time to acquire what you need- if there are any problems please speak to your directors early.

C. Miller
Head Teacher Music
NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS

Spring Prom 2015

7pm  Wednesday September 16  St Georges Hall

Presented by the NHSPA Music Faculty
Feat. Orchestra, String Ensemble, Choirs and Soloists.
Bring a picnic and picnic blanket
and celebrate the season