Welcome back to all of our returning families for 2016, and a big welcome to new families who have joined the School community this year. The beginning of a new school year is always filled with anticipation and excitement and I know that this particularly applies to students experiencing the transition to high school and those joining a new school. This year we welcome approximately 170 new Year 7 students, over 30 new Year 11 students and a small number starting in each of the other years. We look forward to working with them and you, their parents, over the coming months and years.

2015 Higher School Certificate Results
Our HSC class of 2015 has once again continued the trend of outstanding HSC results seen at Newtown High School of the Performing Arts over recent years. Congratulations to the students, teachers and families whose achievements include:

- Students of Ancient History achieved an average of 80%, 8.9 marks greater than the state mean with 21% of students receiving band 6 (over 90 marks) which is almost 3 times the state rate, and 58% receiving 80 or more compared to 32% state-wide
- 39% of students in Biology achieved 80 or more, compared to 28% state-wide
- In Dance, our students achieved a remarkable 11.9 marks above state average, 49% received 90 plus (up from 39% in 2014, 30% in 2013 and 20% in 2012) compared to 12% state-wide, and 95% in the top 2 bands compared to 45% state-wide
- We saw pleasing improvement in Design and Technology with students scoring an average of 74%, up 4% from last year
- In Drama, 57% of students received 80+ compared to 42% state-wide
- Our English Standard results were 2% above state average with 11% of students in the top two bands compared to 8% state-wide and up from 8% in 2014
- English Advanced results saw an average of 82% with 64% of students receiving marks over 80 compared to 58% state-wide
- With an average mark of 42/50 our Extension 1 English results saw 100% of students in the top 2 bands
- 100% of Extension 2 English students received marks in the top 2 bands compared to 82% state-wide. Achieving an average of 42/50.
- In Food Technology, 39% of our students achieved a mark of 80+ compared to 28% state-wide
- With an average mark of 75%, Geography results showed 47% of students in the top 2 bands compared to 41% state-wide
- With an average mark 3 above the state, 21% of Legal Studies students achieved 90+ marks compared to 11% of the state
- With an average 4 above the state, General Maths continued the great improvement of recent years with this year 33% achieving 80+ compared to 25% of the state and 28% in 2014.
- In Maths 2unit, our students achieved an average result of 74% with 45% of students scoring in the top 2 bands, up from 38% in 2014
- In Modern History, 41% of our students achieved a mark of 80+ and an average of 76%
- 100% of our History Extension students achieved marks in the top 2 bands, with an average of 40/50
- Music 1 results were excellent this year with an average of 85% (5% above state average), 84% in the top 2 bands (compared to 62% of the state)
- Our Music 2 results were equally impressive with an average of 87, and 95% of students gaining marks of 80 or more
- Music Extension results were again excellent with an average of 46/50 and 100% in the top 2 bands
Our PDHPE results, continued the outstanding improvement of recent years with 5 marks above state average, 16% achieved band 6 (compared to 9% state-wide) and 47% in the top 2 bands up from 32% last year and compared to 30% state-wide.

With an average mark of 78, 44% of our Textiles and Design students achieved marks of 80+.

With an average of 80, 62% of our Visual Arts students gained marks in the top 2 bands compared to 53% state-wide.

and finally, French Beginners students achieved very pleasing results with an average of 81% (5 above state average), and 54% scored 80+ compared to 49% state-wide and 40% in 2014.

So, once again our students have achieved results with which we can feel very proud. This is further evidenced by the following successes:

- Eliza Cooper was awarded 100% in Dance and officially placed 2nd in the State.
- Eliza Pall scored 98% in Music 1, placing her 8th in the state.
- 64 students were placed on the NSW Distinguished Achievers list for receiving 90+ in at least one course.
- an impressive 37 students (up from 33 in 2014) achieved marks of 80 or more in 10 or more units.

Student Achievements
Throughout the year I would again like to use this newsletter to celebrate student successes. Please let me know of any outstanding achievements, both inside and outside school, so that your child can be acknowledged in future newsletters.

Swimming Carnival
This month we are holding our annual school swimming carnival at Drummoyne pool. We are hoping for fine weather and I’m sure we will once again see many outstanding performances as well as a lot of fun for all involved. Please assist us by making sure your child has returned their sport requirement note for 2016.

USA Dance Tour
Later this month, Dance students from Years 9, 10, 11 and 12, along with myself, Ms Munns, Mr Pico and Ms McKellar, leave for the USA Tour. This tour, held every two years, culminates with performances and classes at the National Dance Festival in Pittsburgh. The festival also gives our senior students the opportunity to audition for scholarships to prestigious colleges and universities.

I look forward to sharing our experiences and successes with you upon our return.

Staff changes
This year a number of new staff members have joined the school community. We welcome Giovanna Trenoweth as our new Head Teacher Visual Arts; Michael Tanner in HSIE; Tahnae Luke in Drama; Megan Ayre in Science, and Vicki Stewart and Kamal Samhat in Maths. We also welcome back Cassandra Ellis, Louise Roumanos, Belinda Scanlan, Amelia Berner, Alice Chen and Catherine Hannan.

Deputy Principal, Nilaufer Rajwar is currently on leave. During the first month of term Kirk Thomas is relieving in her place and Jane Garnsey is relieving for Kirk as Head Teacher English.

This term I will be continuing in my role of Principal, School Leadership through the department’s Leadership and High Performance Unit. I will be performing this role on Mondays and Wednesdays. Therefore in my absence, Peter Shields will continue as Co-Principal, Rachel O’Neill as Co-Deputy Principal and David Cole as Co-Head Teacher HSIE.

Finally, I look forward to another great year where we continue to work together in achieving outstanding outcomes for our students.

Stephen Gray
Peter Shields
Co-Principals
WELCOME BACK to all students and families to the 2016 school year. A special welcome to students and their families who are starting at NHSPA this year. Each year brings us exciting possibilities and opportunities and we look forward to another great year.

YEAR 7
It is a particularly exciting time for our Year 7 students with the start of high school. We hope the transition continues to be exciting and enjoyable for them. If, however there are issues your child has raised with you, there are many people in the school to contact if you require advice or support. Do not hesitate to talk with the teachers, the Year 7 Advisers, Jack Taylor and Danielle Barsi, School Counsellors Anne-Mari England and Vanessa Worrall and the Deputy Principal responsible for Year 7, Nilauefer Rajwar. However, for the first five weeks of term one, Kirk Thomas will be Relieving Deputy Principal for Year 7. There will be an opportunity to meet with staff at the welcome BBQ for new parents on Friday 4th March.

ASSESSMENT CALENDARS AND BOOKLETS
The school year has started well and students are well settled in their new classes. All students will be issued with draft assessment booklets and assessment calendars within the first few weeks of term. These documents outline the nature of all assessment tasks scheduled over the year, along with the dates when each task will be held. The assessment calendars have been issued in draft form for the first few weeks of term. However, once details are completely accurate, final assessment calendars will be re-issued and posted on the school’s website. Students have also been issued with their 2016 school diary. Can we encourage all students and parents to familiarise themselves with these documents and start entering important dates into student diaries. It is important to start the new academic year organised and prepared and it is hoped that these documents will assist students in planning for key assessment tasks.

SENIOR ASSESSMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR ILLNESS / MISADVENTURE
The Senior Assessment Policy and Procedures for Illness/Misadventure are outlined in the Year 11 and 12 booklets. The school has a very clear policy in relation to assessment and it is important that all senior students and their parents familiarise themselves with the procedures in place. If due to an illness or misadventure, a student is unable to attend an assessment task the student or family member must contact the school to notify the relevant Deputy of their absence. On the first day of their return to school the student must report to their Deputy and complete the Illness/Misadventure form. All students in the senior school have been informed about these procedures during their first Year meetings, however if there are any further questions regarding the policy we would encourage students and parents to contact us for further clarification. We also have implemented a consistent assessment policy for Years 7-9 and Year 10 have important procedures also outlined in their assessment booklets. Students are required to return acknowledgement slips from the back of assessment booklets to the relevant Year Adviser after becoming familiar with processes and procedures.

COURSE CHANGES
There have been some students requesting changes to their course pattern of study for 2016. Any requests for changes to courses or electives studied by Years 8, 9, 10 or 11 for 2016 should be made in writing by February 26. There will be no further changes after this date unless circumstances are deemed exceptional. This will ensure students have plenty of class time to meet outcomes and perform to their potential.

YEAR 12
In the coming weeks, Year 12 students will be given the privilege of flexible starting and finishing times, including permission to leave the school grounds at lunchtime. The signed permission note clearly outlines the conditions of these privileges. Students are expected to be at school by 10am if they have no class period 1 to swipe in, and swipe out if they are leaving school early. It is the Year 12 student’s responsibility to follow this process in order to maintain accurate attendance records.
CO-CURRICULA COMPANY AND ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS
The co-curricula company and ensemble auditions for Semester one will commence in Week 3. Audition dates and times have been communicated to students. We would like to encourage all our students to embrace the opportunities that are available as part of our co-curricula program and participate. We would especially encourage the Years 7 and 11 auditioned students starting this year to take advantage of the performing arts opportunities being offered at NHSPA.

ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The Swimming Carnival is to be held on Friday, 12 February at the Drummoyne Swimming Centre. We look forward to a successful and enjoyable day, with good attendance and a high level of participation from our students. Thank you to Ms Reynolds for the organisation of this event.

WELFARE
The Student Year Advisers for 2016 are:

Year 7  Mr Jack Taylor and Ms Danielle Barsi
Year 8  Ms Hannah Hindmarsh and Mr Hans Mayerhofer
Year 9  Mr Brenton Fletcher and Mr Philip Podreka
Year 10 Ms Cathy Spirovska and Mr Sam Byrne
Year 11 Mr Andrew Benson and Mr Alain Lavrut
Year 12 Ms Claire Ansoul and Mr Zeljko Janusic

We appreciate the hard work the Year Advisers do throughout the year with our students in ensuring their wellbeing.

YEAR 11 CROSSROADS CAMP
The Year 11 Crossroads Camp is to be held on 18 and 19 February at “The Tops Conference Centre”, Stanwell Tops. The Crossroads program is a mandatory component of the Stage 6 syllabus. Besides meeting the requirements of the program, the camp assists with the transition of our new Year 11 students. It provides an opportunity for students to get to know each other and for new friendships to be formed. Thank you to Mr Benson and Mr Lavrut, the Year 11 Advisers, for their hard work in organising what is sure to be a successful camp. We would also like to thank all staff members who have volunteered their time, without which we would be unable to have the Year 11 camp. Also as part of the Crossroads course, Paul Dillon, a noted drug and alcohol guest speaker will address the students on 26 March at school.

YEAR 7 PEER SUPPORT CAMP
Later this term, in Week 9, we will run the Year 7 Peer Support Camp also at “The Tops Conference Centre”, Stanwell Tops. Year 7 students and their Year 10 Peer Support leaders will attend this three-day camp. It is another important initiative that assists the Year 7 students’ transition into high school. Thank you to Mr Jack Taylor (Peer Support Co-ordinator and Year 7 Adviser), and Ms Danielle Barsi, Assistant Year 7 Adviser for their organisation of the camp. The Peer Support camp notes were sent out to students at the end of last year. Completed forms are required to be returned to Mr Taylor in the English Department. Once again we would like to thank all staff who will be attending the camp in advance.
WORLD EARTH FESTIVAL
On Friday 4 March Newtown High School of the Performing Arts is again hosting “World Earth Festival”. This festival will commence for the school community at 1:00pm and will feature a number of live performances, multicultural and environmental stalls and multicultural food available for purchase. There will also be an Arte Povera Art Exhibition in the NHSPA gallery on King Street where students, parents and the community will be exhibiting sculptures that reflect NHSPA's sustainability motto of Recycle, Reuse, Refuse, Reduce and Rot. World Earth Festival has been organised with the dedication and commitment of our staff under the leadership of Ms Hindmarsh and the ongoing support of the P&C. We would like to thank all the staff, students and parents who will be donating their time and skills to contribute to the success of this event. Tickets for the event are $5.00 and must be pre-purchased from the school and entry on the day will be granted via the Front Administration office on King Street. We would like to encourage all parents to attend this event as we can guarantee a wonderful afternoon for all members of our community to enjoy together.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)
Information regarding the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) was sent home to Year 7, students at the end of last year. Year 7 students are required to bring in the signed and completed BYOD Policy Acceptance that sets out the responsibilities and expectations for the use of the personal device at Newtown High School of the Performing Arts. Year 7 students will be given a talk on Digital Citizenship and the appropriate use of the device at school in the coming weeks, prior to the use of their device at school. Instructions will also be provided at the talk for steps on logging into the DEC network. Please feel free to contact Nilauber Rajwar if you have any queries or concerns in regards to the BYOD program.

NSW SCHOOLS VACCINATION PROGRAM – YEAR 7
Year 7 students were given information envelopes from NSW Health regarding the NSW School Vaccination Program on Wednesday 3 February. The envelopes contain important information from NSW Health regarding the Vaccination program for parents and students. The first scheduled vaccination is being held in Week 4 on Wednesday 17 February during periods 1 and 2. Forms are due back to Mr Taylor on Monday 8 February.

For your information, the dates for all vaccinations this year are as follows:

1) Wednesday 17 February (HPV, dTpa)
2) Wednesday 4 May (HPV, Varicella)
3) Friday 21 October (HPV)

Please note that any student who misses out on a vaccination due to absence on any of these dates will be able to get the vaccination done on the next visit by NSW Health and that, after the third vaccination date, NSW Health will arrange a catch up day to be confirmed later in the year.

We understand that vaccinations can be a source of anxiety for students so we manage these days with care and attention for our students. The team from NSW Health are very understanding and experienced in managing the program. Notices in the Daily Student News will inform students of what they need to do prior to and on the day.
GOAL SETTING PROGRAM
This year the wellbeing team will be leading a goal setting and coaching program for Years 9 and 10. This program will involve Years 9 and 10 students working with a teacher (coach) to set learning goals for 2016. The coaching program will begin in Week 3 of this term with presentations at year meetings.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
As you are aware we are a uniform school. All students must be wearing our full school uniform which can be purchased from the Uniform Shop in F-block on Thursdays from 8.00am-1.30pm. We look forward to your support to ensure students arrive at school in uniform with the appropriate footwear; black enclosed leather shoes. If there is an occasion when your child is out of uniform, please provide a note explaining the circumstance and they will be granted a uniform pass without breach. If a student does not have an explanatory note, they must obtain a uniform pass from the office. Should there be several uniform breaches without an explanation, a letter will be sent home to clarify the circumstances. The school has a second hand uniform pool with limited items and is able to assist with providing items of uniform.

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, for example, students should bring a letter to the swipe room before school indicating the time of department, dated and signed by the parent/carer. Whole day absences should be explained upon your child’s return to school and not exceeding within seven days which is a DEC requirement. Also if your child is late to school, a note explaining the lateness is advisable.

We look forward to an exciting 2016 and the opportunity to work and learn alongside our students and their families. It is important that academic, welfare and other concerns are dealt with positively and we encourage students, parents and teachers to discuss issues with us whenever required. Please feel free to contact us if you have any queries or concerns in regards to the schooling of your child.

The Deputy Principals
Peter Shields/Rachel Mules (Curriculum, Years 8 and 11)
Karl Pico (Teaching and Learning, Years 9 and 12)
Kirk Thomas - Rel. (Wellbeing, Years 7 and 10)
Welcome all to NSHPA in 2016!

We hope you had a wonderful break and we look forward to working together in supporting NHSPA in 2016. And an especially warm welcome to all the new families joining the school this year.

The next P&C Meeting will be held next Tuesday, 9 February 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.

CALL OUT FOR PARENT REPS FOR YEAR 7
Each year the P&C puts out a call for parent representatives for Year 7. The role of the P&C reps is to organise social events for the parents of that year, and act as a conduit between that year group’s parents/carers and the P&C. It can also involve working with the year advisor and assisting new parents navigate the high school environment. We have parent reps for all the other year groups too. If you are a parent of a child in Year 7 and you are interested in being the link between the P&C and the parents of Year 7 in 2016, then please come along to our next P&C meeting on Tuesday 9 February at 6pm at the school common room and find out a bit more about the P&C.

SAVE THE DATE – FRIDAY 4 MARCH: WORLD EARTH FESTIVAL
World Earth Festival is an annual event open to parents, carers and friends of the school community. It will be held on Friday 4 March between 12.30-4.00pm at the school. We have a callout for parents to be involved (see attached flyer). The festival is a wonderful collaboration between students, parents and staff where we learn about and celebrate aspects of the school, the arts and environmental sustainability. This is a fabulous opportunity to immerse yourself in the special atmosphere of the NHSPA school community. To get involved please contact P&C Vice President Dennis Dumlao on Email: dddumlao@bigpond.com or Mobile: 0404 336 647.

SAVE THE DATE – FRIDAY 4 MARCH 5PM: P&C WELCOME BBQ
The annual P&C welcome BBQ will be held at the school at 5pm on Friday 4 March, in the courtyard outside the Studio Theatre. The focus is on welcoming new Year 7 and Year 11 families (and other new families) to the school and to introduce you to the NHSPA P&C. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents from your child’s year group as well as teachers and find out more about the P&C. The BBQ will be held after the World Earth Festival (also on 4 March 2016) where many students perform - always a day of fun and entertainment which parents are encouraged to contribute to and attend.

SAVE THE DATE – TUESDAY 8 MARCH 6PM: P&C AGM
The Annual General Meeting of the P&C will be held at the school at 6pm on Tuesday 8 March 2016. NHSPA P&C has a range of sub-committees that need active parents to get involved. These sub-committees are a great way to meet other parents and carers and contribute to the school. Consider nominating yourself as a chair or member of any of the following subcommittees:
• **Building Sub-committee** - responsible for design of and changes to infrastructure and equipment and refurbishments through the school.

• **Environmental Sub-committee** - responsible for introducing sustainable ideas to the school, as well as looking after the garden and environment, eg, through regular working bees.

• **Faculty Sub-committee** - responsible for supporting the academic and sport faculties and implementing creative and interesting teaching and learning strategies for curriculum outcomes in these areas.

• **Performing and Visual Arts Sub-committee** - responsible for supporting the Music, Drama, Dance and Visual Arts faculties, plus Technical companies through creative and interesting teaching and learning strategies.

• **Communications Sub-committee** - this Sub-committee is an exciting opportunity for interested parents to work with the school and help design and implement creative and practical communication ideas, to assist the flow of relevant information between groups.

Other positions to be elected at the AGM are President, Vice-Presidents (2), Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Committee members.

Come along, nominate yourself and get involved!

**P&C PAGE ON NHSPA WEBSITE**
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.

**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?
2016 World Earth Festival (WEF)

Friday 4 of March from 1pm for parents and students

We warmly invite you to Newtown High School of the Performing Arts’ annual sustainability festival. The theme for 2016 World Earth Festival is Zero Waste - focusing on the 5 R principles of Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rot.

The festival is designed to educate students on the key ideas about sustainability, as well as bring together the school community. We want our students to understand the importance of making informed choices today without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.

Stalls that require some help include:

**Second hand clothes swap:**
Students can bring in unwanted clothing to swap plus uniform items that no longer fit, and concert blacks.

**Music stall:**
Students can bring in cd’s, records, instruments etc to be sold on the day.

**Cake Stall:**
Cake boxes will be sent out for students to make cakes/slices for the day.
Boxes will also be available at the office for collection.

*Once again we will need assistance with the Token sales, Sausage Sizzle BBQ and Fresh Fruit Juice stalls*

We are looking for **volunteers** to help out on the day. This could be with the running of stalls, food preparation or in providing items for the stalls.

**Money raised** will go to sustainability projects at the school plus a donation to a national sustainability project (to be decided soon by the students).
### WEF Stall Volunteer Requirements:
The festival is a fabulous opportunity to immerse yourself in the special atmosphere of the NHSPA school community. It is the biggest event in the school calendar where parents and friends can play an active role in its success.

**Token stall**
- **9.00am-10.00am**: Set up stall
- **9.30am-3.00pm**: Selling tokens for the festival, deliver cash to Admin Office for counting
- **3.00pm-4.00pm**: Pack up stall

**BBQ stall**
- **10.00am-11.00am**: Set up stall
- **11.15am-12.00pm**: Start pre-cooking the sausages, onions and felafels
- **12.00pm-2.30pm**: BBQ Cooking & Serving students and guests
- **2.30pm-4.00pm**: Clean-up BBQ and tables etc.

**Cake stall**
- **8.15-9.00am**: Collecting cake boxes delivered by kids on the day to the studio theatre foyer
- **Prior to 12.00pm**: Setting up table and chairs for workers in allocated spot in playground & Pricing cakes
- **12.00pm-12.30pm**: Setting out cakes on table with napkins for serving with unpacked boxes close at hand
- **12.00pm-3.00pm**: Serving on stall and replenishing cakes as they sell
- **3.00pm-4.00pm**: Selling off anything left cheaply and helping to pack stall up

**Clothing swap**
- **8.15am-9.00am**: Collect clothes delivered before school to studio theatre foyer (items should be delivered on a coat hanger) and give each student a clothing token for their item
- **9.00am-11.00am**: Hang up items on clothes racks provided
- **11.00am-11.30am**: Collect clothes delivered at recess to studio theatre foyer and give each student a clothing token for their item
- **11.30am-12.30pm**: Hang up clothes on racks provided and stack if too many to hang
- **12.30pm-1.00pm**: Move racks to allocated spot
- **1.00pm-3.00pm**: Staff stall - exchange items for tokens and rehang clothes tried on and not purchased
- **3.00pm-4.00pm**: Help pack up stall, remainder of clothing to be donated to charity, racks returned
WEF Stall Volunteer Requirements (Continued…)

**Juice Stall**
- 10.30am-12.00pm: Help set up stall and cut up fruits like watermelon and apples etc.
- 12.30pm-3.00pm: Assist making and serving juices
- 3.00pm-4.00pm: Help pack up stall

**General Assistance on the day**
There are lots of small tasks throughout the day thus if you can only spare an hour then fantastic.

There are other new stalls being planned and more information will be provided shortly.

Also, we are looking to borrow 4-6 pergolas for the stalls, if you do have one and willing to lend it for the event, we would love to hear from you.

I am hoping that you can help us in some way. If you are available, please contact Dennis Dumlao via e: dddumlao@bigpond.com or m: 0404336647.

Please DO NOT POSTPONE replying as we would like to confirm the stall roster within the next two weeks. This will help us in our planning.

If by any chance you are not able to join us on the day, you might like to consider baking something for the cake stall. We have purchased 150 biodegradable boxes to transport the cakes and goodies from home to the school; all you need to do is ask your daughter or son to pick up a box or two from the school office and bring the cake to school on the day itself. Drop off will be at the cake stall near the studio theatre area.

The other way to support the event is to provide spending money for your child to purchase items on the day. All funds raised will be donated to a few sustainability projects.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon and THANK YOU for being an active participant of our great school community.

**WEF Program Contact Details:**

Dennis Dumlao (P & C)    Hannah Hindmarsh (Environmental Leader)
dddumlao@bigpond.com    hannah.hindmarsh@det.nsw.edu.au
The English Faculty would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new students and we are enjoying catching up on the holiday news from our returning students.

We have had few staff changes in the English Faculty - however, we are welcoming back Cassandra Ellis after the birth of her son and a stint working overseas. Alice Chen is also with us again this year and is job sharing with Cassandra. Alice will be taking some extra classes for the first few weeks while Kirk Thomas is the Relieving Deputy.

The Faculty have been very impressed with the high level of enthusiasm and curiosity in the classrooms as we start engaging with our first units of work. We are looking forward to meeting you and discussing them with you in more detail at Parent Teacher Nights.

The students have received the information regarding their first assessment tasks that are listed below with the week they are due:

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The Faculty are continuing to implement the Faculty Plan and incorporate creative activities into our teaching resources. This year we are also looking at ways to strengthen our emphasis on positive education in the classroom to ensure every lesson is enjoyable and engaging.

We are looking forward to supporting and working alongside you and the students over the coming year.

Please feel free to contact us either by email (through the school email) or by phone.

Jane Garnsey
Relieving HT English
A very warm welcome to all our students in Mathematics and I take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Vicki Stewart who is a new permanent member of the Maths faculty this year and also to Mr Kamal Sahmat who is working with us on a part time casual basis.

Once again I would like to emphasise the need for every student to return their textbooks from last year. We are still awaiting the return of books especially those from year 9 and year10 last year, could you please return them as soon as possible so as to enable a smooth transition for every student.

I notice with great pleasure that calculators are now on sale at office works ($8.60 instead of the usual $28), calculators are a vital tool in Mathematics and every student must have one. A reminder that the Mathematics faculty has an open door policy, so please come and see any teacher, in the maths staff room, if you are struggling with your maths homework or classwork. Looking forward to a great year of positive learning in Mathematics.

Joelle Pearn
Head Teacher Mathematics

News from the LIBRARY

Welcoming us back to a New Year we have an excellent new audio visual service, Enhance TV Direct which will give students free access to over 18,000 educational videos. Log in details have now been sent to all Year 8-12 students and Year 7 will be up and running in Week5. This term we’ll also be introducing a new e-book service, which means that students will be able to request titles and have them live and ready to go a minute later – an excellent time turnaround. Login details will be sent to students over the next couple of weeks, and they’ll be able to borrow from this service at home, 24/7.

The library continues to invite students requests – our Teacher Librarian is more than happy to buy your text requests to support your studies and your leisure reading. Please see Ms Sweers about the texts that you want, so she can order them for you. Thanks for helping us make the collection what it needs to be.

Finally, congratulations to our students who completed the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge – your certificates will be presented next week and a special commendation goes out to those who received the Gold Certificates for 4 years participation in the Challenge. This year’s Challenge will begin on March 7th, and we look forward to increasing the number of participants and supporting your child’s literacy. – permission notes will be handed out in 2 weeks’ time, so keep your eyes peeled.

Regards – the Library Folk
At the beginning of the school year Science and LOTE would like to warmly welcome all students both new and old back to NHSPA for 2016. With the culmination of a busy and productive year in 2015, 2016 is shaping up to be another fantastic year. With the first few couple of weeks of school under their belts students will be getting use to the fast and fun pace at NHSPA.

Science and LOTE views 2016 as a year for students to immerse themselves in all things science and languages. With the success of events such as Science Week in 2015, we will continue to encourage a “hands on” approach to learning science through inquiry and experimentation to give students experiences to see the relevance and importance of science in an increasingly technological and changing world. With the international theme of Science this year being “technology”, expect all sorts of things drones, droids and robots.

Here is a list of all topics that the students in years 7 to 10 will be doing in term 1:

- Year 7  Introduction to Science
- Year 8  Cells Tissues and Body Systems
- Year 9  Energy, Electricity and the Environment
- Year 10 Evolution and Genetics

At the beginning of each unit students will have received a checklist of all the main concepts that will be taught within each of these topics. Senior students will have also received the syllabus dot points of the unit that they are currently studying. We encourage students to enter the dates of all assessment tasks in their student diaries. These can be found in their assessment booklets. The use of the study centre is also recommended for students who have any questions about Science and LOTE.

Merci et bonne année

Tom Tomesek
Head teacher Science/LOTE
Welcome back to the entire NHSPA community for what will no doubt be another busy year from start to finish. The HSIE department hopes that you all had a restful summer break and feel refreshed and ready to launch into the many activities that lie ahead.

We would particularly like to welcome to the faculty Mike Tanner who joins us this year to teach junior history and senior Ancient History. We are also very pleased to have Victoria Van Maanen return to us for the year and Pip Branson who is relieving Hanade Beydoun for the first 5 weeks. Sadly, we have bid farewell to Helen Kyriacos at the end of 2015 as she moves into a very well earned retirement. Her vast knowledge, experience and tremendous care for the students will be missed here in HSIE but we do hope to have her back for some casual teaching where possible.

Mock Trial
The Mock Trial competition will run as usual this year. This competition is a valuable and rewarding part of our extra-curricular program and is led by teacher Jonathan Parnham and lawyer Elisabeth Nash from Mills Oakley Lawyers.

Year 10 Geography and History Organisation
This year we are returning to the semesterisation of Year 10 Geography and History. This means that students will study 2 terms of one subject with 5 lessons per 2 week cycle, and then switch over to the other subject for terms 3 & 4.

Year 10 Geography Field Trip
The Semester 1 Year 10 Geography field trip to Cronulla will go ahead as usual. Students will undertake research action relating to coastal environments, using a range of practical skills and activities on the day including field sketches and water quality testing. This will take place in Week 5 of Term 1.

Global Young Leaders Conference
Once again this year the HSIE faculty has nominated students for the Global Young Leaders Conference in the US, taking place during the winter break. This unique experience is an intensive leadership and training conference organized by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council. The conference gives our students the chance to expand their perspectives and cultivate their inherent leadership skills by examining and discussing global issues with distinguished diplomats and by visiting historical and modern-day bastions of political, social and economic influence. This is a wonderful opportunity and an experience that past students have found very engaging and rewarding.

D Cole and R O'Neill (nee Mules)
Co-Head Teachers HSIE
Already these few weeks have been busy and rewarding.

We have learnt that many of our students from past years have got into courses of their choice and are furthering their passion for drama with wonderful work for screen and stage.

Odessa Young is starring in 2 films in cinemas at the moment. ‘The Daughter’ and ‘Looking for Grace’.

Heidi McKinnon has auditioned and has got into the acting course at NIDA.

Brynn Chapman-Parish has been taken up by Shanahans management .

Phoebe Pilcher is going to WAPA to study lighting design...these are just a portion of the students who are continuing their pursuit of a career in the performing arts.

At NHSPA we are starting to audition students for Semester 1 Showcase companies. We were so proud of the Showcase companies from last semester... All was great... a special mention to the Year 7 Mountford Company for their celebration of the school's 25 years.

The Drama Department has booked many theatre excursions to further the student's love and experience of theatre to:-

Onstage, Sydney Theatre Company, Belvoir, Sport for Jove to name a few..

Judith Hoddinott
Relieving HT Drama
Welcome back to all students for 2016

Congratulations to all HSC Music students who achieved excellent results last year. This included Encore nominations for Alistair Hayes, Giorgia Kennedy, Josh Meader, Jessica Rookeward and Sam Weller. Sam Weller and Tamasin Schmiga also gained encore nominations for composition and Eliza Pall achieved 8th in the state for Music 1.

We would also like to welcome our new students to Newtown High School of the Performing Arts. For new students it can seem like a daunting task to find your way in a new school, especially when it comes to taking advantage of opportunities in the school.

Each year we go through an audition process for all of our ensembles. This audition process is a great opportunity for students to get involved in the extensive music ensembles program at Newtown High School of the Performing Arts and we strongly encourage all students to come to the audition that interests them. Below are a few frequently asked questions regarding the music auditions.

MUSIC AUDITION INFORMATION

When and where will the auditions be held?
Auditions will take place during the few weeks of Term 1. These auditions will be held in the Music Department, after school from 3.30-5.30pm.

What do I need to prepare?

Vocal Audition
Students do not need to prepare any material for the Vocal Audition. The students will be taught a song and perform it in small groups and/or individually.

Instrumental Auditions-Woodwind, Brass and Strings including Guitars
Students need to prepare one piece to perform up to 2 minutes and a scale of their choice. Wind and Brass auditions will require the student to attempt a short unprepared sight-reading.

Keyboard/Piano
Students are to prepare a short piece in the style of their choice. Please note that the number of places using keyboard/piano in ensembles are limited. Students are encouraged to audition for voice, percussion or on another instrument.

WOMP
Students interested in auditing for WOMP (Weapons of Mass Percussion) are not required to prepare anything. Students will be taught several patterns in the ensemble.

Percussion and Drum Kit
Students will need to prepare a short piece. You may also be also required demonstrate different drumming patterns.

Music Auditions are held in instrumental groups across all years; for example violinists from years 7 to 12 will audition on the same day. For all Music auditions, students will perform in front of the audition panel (usually two people) and other students of that instrument.
What are the selection criteria for the audition?
The Music staff will consider the following in selecting and placing students within ensembles:

- Technical facility including intonation, rhythmic accuracy and general technical ability
- Dynamics and expressive techniques, including phrasing and articulation
- Stylistic understanding appropriate to the piece performed

The panel will also consider Year group, balance of Ensembles and prior commitment to Ensemble (where appropriate).

There are many large Music ensembles within the school:-

- Orchestra
- Symphonic Wind
- Senior String Ensemble
- Junior String Ensemble
- Jazz Orchestra
- Concert Band
- Junior
- Intermediate
- Senior Choirs

Students must be a member of one of a large ensembles to be considered for selection into smaller chamber ensembles.

These smaller ensembles include:

- Extension Junior
- Intermediate and senior Choirs
- String, Wind, Sax Quartets
- Junior Jazz Band
- Senior Jazz Band
- Senior Percussion Ensemble

Rock ensembles will be formed on a project basis rather than a regular ensemble format.

Earth Day
Earth Day is fast approaching and is once again a great opportunity for young bands to perform in a festival atmosphere. Any students interested in performing will need to see myself in the Music Department.

Christopher Miller
Head Teacher Music
The school provides an opportunity for students to have instrumental and/or vocal lessons at NHSPA with professional tutors. The lessons take place 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 each school term.

Below are some frequently asked questions concerning the Instrumental/Vocal Tuition programme.

What is the cost of the lessons?
Lessons are $40 per half hour private lesson with fees to be paid in full at the beginning of each term directly to the tutor.

What if I can’t make my lesson?
A minimum of 24 hours notice of cancellation is required or lesson fee will be forfeited.

What payment options are there?
Lesson fees must be paid in full at the start of every term. At least two weeks notice (not including holidays) must be given if lessons will be discontinued in the following term.

What is the procedure for leaving class to go to an instrumental/vocal lesson?
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 that must be presented to their teacher.

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

What is my expectation as a student in the instrumental/vocal tuition programme?
Having private music lessons is a serious commitment and requires an undertaking to the following:

- Attend weekly lessons
- Practice 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

What is the procedure for being involved in the instrumental/vocal tuition programme?
Download and print the Expression of Interest Instrumental and Vocal Tuition form below (or on the school website) and return it to return it to Ms McGowan in to Music staffroom. You will then be given the name and number of an appropriate tutor. From that time you will liaise directly with the tutor.


Deborah McGowan
Instrumental and Vocal Tuition Co-ordinator
Welcome back to school to Years 8 to 12 parents and students and welcome to all the students and families who like myself are new to Newtown High School of the Performing Arts.

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself. I am Giovanna Trenoweth, the newly appointed Head Teacher of Visual Arts. I was given the exciting news that I would be moving to NHSPA following the application and interview process, on the last teaching day of 2015 and two days later I was giving my farewell speech to staff and starting to pack my boxes of resources for the big move. I come to Newtown with 20 years teaching experience, 10 of which were as Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts at Killara High School. I am passionate about the importance of the teaching profession and am keen to ensure that students at NHSPA receive an outstanding education in Visual Arts that is engaging, relevant, future focused and prepares students to take their place as global citizens in our fast paced, small world. My background is in photography and I have a keen interest in resin and porcelain jewellery design and contemporary art practice. I was excited to hear of the many innovative initiatives NHSPA has implemented such as mindfulness and positive psychology which seem to fit so well with my own teaching philosophy. It has been a lovely first week at my new school where students and staff have been so friendly and made me feel so welcome and I look forward to the opportunity to meet with parents and the wider school community.

This year the Visual Arts faculty also welcomes back Ms Catherine Hannan (Hunt) as she returns from maternity leave. She will be working on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in 2016. Catherine is looking forward to seeing the talents of our students throughout the year.

The Visual Arts team this year also includes the talented and dynamic Ms Claire Conroy, Mr Daniel Fischer and Ms Francesca Heinz.

We are all impressed to see the enthusiasm and dedication of our students as they embark on their studies this year, many of whom have already been working overtime coming into the art studios in their breaks to develop their artworks. Students have also been excited to receive their Visual Arts kits over the past week. Opening a brand new set of drawing pencils and a new Visual Arts Process Diary with all those blank pages ready to be filled with ideas, experiments and artworks can be both exciting and daunting. It’s a great time of year filled with anticipation for what is to come. These Visual Arts kits are purchased with funds from the contributions families pay and we thank you in advance for assisting us with these payments as promptly as possible.
To begin this term we have our Senior Life Drawing Studio where students can attend weekly drawing sessions with life models and Visual Arts teachers. Throughout history a vital component of artist education has included experience in life drawing and these sessions will provide students at NHSPA with intensive studio practice to develop their drawing skills. Students should collect a permission note from their Visual Arts teacher promptly as places are limited.

Parents, students and teachers are invited to submit artworks created from recycled materials for the Earth Day Visual Arts competition. Conditions of entry are on the poster which can also be found in the newsletter.

There is, as always an array of exhibitions to see at galleries close at hand and further afield. Specifically, before it closes on the 14th February "The Greats" exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW. You have a little longer to get to the Museum of Contemporary Art to see the Grayson Perry exhibition which is on until the 1st May and if you are looking for a weekend away or something to do in the next school holidays a trip to Melbourne to see the Andy Warhol and Ai Weiwei exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria is highly recommended and it closes on the 24th April.

Giovanna Trenoweth
Head Teacher Visual Arts
PD/H/PE FACULTY

PDHPE Year 11 - 12
Year 11 has begun their preliminary course investigating Core 2 - Body in Motion. Year 12 continues their HSC course investigating how various training types, training plans and technology can improve performance for individual athletes.

Year 7 – 10
- PDHPE lessons include theory and practical lessons.
- Students in Years 7, 8 and 10 have one lesson each week of PDHPE.
- Each term weeks 1-5 are theory lessons (5 lessons) & weeks 6-10 (5 lessons) are practical classes. Teachers will remind students when they switch over to practical lessons.

Students in Year 9 have 4 lessons (2 practical and 2 theories) per fortnight. Their class teacher will inform students which lessons are practical and theory.

This term Year 7 – 10 are studying the following areas:
Year 7 – Sense of Self
Year 8 – Health in Young People
Year 9 – Safe Celebrating
Year 10 – Safe Celebrating

SPORT
Permission notes for Carnivals, Sport and PDHPE events
During the school year students will participate in weekly sport and whole school carnivals across various locations within the metropolitan area. With each of these activities comes a permission note and from time to time some students miss out because the notes are not returned.

To streamline this process for both staff and parents we are seeking your permission to include your child in all local carnivals and sporting activities. Students received hardcopy of the Sports Requirement permission note last week. Notes need to be returned to the yellow drop box outside the PDHPE staffroom by Friday 5\textsuperscript{th} of February.

Sport Requirement note
Year 7 – Blue Sports Requirement (was included in the information pack)
Year 8 – Orange Sports Requirement Note
Year 9 – Red Sports Requirement Note
Year 10 – Yellow Sports Requirement Note

NHSPA Swimming Carnival
Information 2016
The annual Newtown High School of the Performing Arts Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 12\textsuperscript{th} February 2016.

2016 Sports Permission note was handed out to each student on the first day back. The sport permission note includes the swimming carnival. It is compulsory for every student to return the note, please make sure the 2016 Sports Permission note has been returned to the PDHPE Department. Please note Year 7 students would have returned this note within their information pack last year.
Date: Friday 12th February 2016
Venue: Drummoyne Swimming Centre, Henley Marine Dr, Drummoyne.
Time: 9.00am to 2.00pm. The first event starts at 9.15am; therefore all students making their own travel arrangements should allow sufficient time. All students should arrive by 9am for roll call. Students will dismissed from the venue at 2pm.
Transport: Students are permitted to make their own way to and from the venue, however the school will also provide transportation. This will be in the form of buses departing at 8:20 (sharp) from the front office and returning to school by 3:10.
Cost: Carnival payments have been included in school contributions. Please ensure that payments have been made
Bus Details: Bus fee is $10 return. Please note that this is a return trip IE: No student will be permitted to travel back by bus if they have not travelled to the carnival by bus and paid the bus fee. The bus fee is payable to the front office. Please ensure that this is paid by Thursday 11th of February. If you wish to take this option you must meet at school outside the Admin Office at 8.00am.
Uniform: Students are asked to dress in FULL PE UNIFORM TO AND FROM the carnival. Those wishing to wear house colours may change AT THE CARNIVAL VENUE. Students are advised to leave valuables at home. No responsibility will be taken for lost or stolen items.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Canteen facilities will be available however these are often costly and not of sound nutrition. Students are encouraged to bring their own food and drink.

The carnival will proceed regardless of weather except severe conditions such as electrical storms. Should the carnival be cancelled a message will be posted on the school website at 7.00am and the school phone lines will also be open from 7.00am. Students are required to be at school in full school uniform with all required equipment should the carnival be cancelled.

Please ensure that students are well equipped with sun protection and adequate hydration (water).

Change of Medical Conditions/Parent Contact Details

Medical information forms should have been returned to school at the beginning of the 2015 school year.

Medical conditions/physical disabilities should have also been stated on the 2015 Sport Requirements Permission note that was included in the Year 7 Information pack. Parents need to update medical conditions/physical disabilities through contacting the school office immediately.

Parent contact details (number/email) also need immediate attention if they have changed.
Swimming, Cross Country & Athletics
DATES – 2016

SWIMMING

NHSPA – Drummoyne Pool (9.15-2.30pm)
Friday 12th of February 2016

BLIGH ZONE – Enfield Swimming Pool 10am-2.30pm
Monday 22nd of February 2016

SYDNEY EAST - SOPAC Homebush
Tuesday, 15 March 2016 (7.30am – 2.30pm)

NSWCHSSA – SOPAC Homebush
Sunday, 3 - Tuesday, 5 April

CROSS COUNTRY

NHSPA
Sydney Park - Thursday 31st of March

BLIGH ZONE
Sydney Park - Friday 27th of May, 2016

SYDNEY EAST
Miranda Park - Friday, 17 June 2016

NSWCHSSA
Eastern Creek - Friday, 22 July 2016

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ATHLETICS

**NHSPA** – Homebush Warm up Athletics Track
Wednesday 18th of May 2016

**BLIGH ZONE** – Homebush Athletics Track
Thursday 23rd of June 2016

**SYDNEY EAST** - Sylvania Waters Athletics Fields
Wednesday, 3 – Thursday, 4 August 2016

**NSWCHSSA** – SOPAC Homebush
Wednesday, 7 – Friday, 9 September

**Cross Country Distances**

**Regular Sport Trainings Sessions**

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**Netball, Basketball and Softball will start during Term 1. Students are encouraged to check the PDHPE noticeboard (outside the gym). Notices will be put in the daily news regarding training times.**

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact myself - elly.reynolds6@det.nsw.edu.au

**Elly Reynolds**
Head Teacher of PDHPE/Sport
2016 World Earth Festival (WEF)

We would like to invite you to be a part of Newtown High School of the Performing Arts for the annual sustainability festival. The theme for 2016 World Earth Festival is (Zero Waste). Focusing on the 5 R principles of Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Rot and Recycle. It will be on Friday 4 of March from 1pm for parents and students.

The festival is designed to educate students on some of the key ideas about sustainability as well as bring together the school community. We want our students to understand the importance of making informed choices today without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.

We are looking for volunteers to help out on the day. This could be with the running of stalls, food preparation or in providing items for the stalls.

Stalls that require some help include:

- **Second hand clothes swap**: students can bring in unwanted clothing to swap such as uniform items that no longer fit, concert blacks or other items.
- **Music stall**: students can bring in cd’s, records etc. to be sold on the day
- **Cake Stall**: Cake boxes will be sent out early next week for students to make cakes/slices for the day.

We are looking for **old tea/coffee cups** to be used at the coffee stall on the day, if you have any you would like to donate please bring them in.

**Money raised** on the day will go to sustainability projects at the school as well as donating money to a national project (this will be decided on by the students).

Contact Details:

Dennis Dumlao (P & C)                        Hannah Hindmarsh (Environmental Leader)
ddumlao@bigpond.com                          hannah.hindmarsh@det.nsw.edu.au
Call out to Students, Parents & Community

Create a sculpture that reflects NHSPA’s sustainability motto of:
Recycle
Reuse
Refuse
Reduce and Rot

To be exhibited in the NHSPA gallery on King Street, Newtown on the 4 March 2016

Categories:
Parents and the Community
Junior
Senior

Restrictions: 1 x 1 m maximum.
Recycled materials only (non-recycled fasteners and adhesives allowed).

Judges: NHSPA Art Staff
Prizes: TBA
Parent Newsletters will be automatically sent to email address provided unless a hard copy is requested by completing and returning this form.

Complete this section ONLY if you want to receive a hard copy of the Monthly Parent Newsletter

Student’s Name: ................................................................. Year .....................................
Parent/Carer ......................................................................................................................................
Signed ............................................................................. (parent/carer)
Date ................................................................................

If a hard copy is not required we will email a copy of the Newsletter to your email address.

If your email address has changed or you wish to register your email address, please supply below:

Student’s Name: ................................................................. Year ............................
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Email Address: __________________________________________
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NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS

AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER PANADOL TO STUDENT

I, ______________________________________ (name of parent) authorise Newtown High School of Performing Arts to prescribe Panadol if required to my son/daughter __________________________ of Year ________

Please indicate dosage: 1 tablet 2 tablets

I may be contacted on: __________________________________________

Or Emergency phone contact: __________________________________

Parent/Carer Signature ........................................Date:........../....../.........
# Newtown High School of the Performing Arts

## 2016 Co-Curricula Music, Dance and Drama Audition Timetable

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**NB: Students who are unable to audition for companies/ensembles at the designated time because of illness or other serious clashes see the relevant Performing Arts Head Teacher.**

Please Note:

Technical Company auditions Monday February 8th - 3:15- 5:15pm in the Studio Theatre