Now over three decades old, Dorothy Hewett’s epic play has grown into a classic of Australian theatre. A story of a woman’s quest for freedom and self-realisation, the play is full of lyricism, music, satire and vaudeville.

It traces the life of Sally Banner from school days to old age through her lovers, disappointment, marriage and politics. Both funny and deeply moving, “The Chapel Perilous” is one of the largest productions to be staged at Newtown High School of the Performing Arts. – The NHSPA website

This semester we are not simply putting on an ordinary showcase season, Mr Ailwood has decided to stage Dorothy Hewett’s epic drama, ‘The Chapel Perilous’.

Made up of a prologue and two acts, the two and a half hour show is to be put on in St George’s Hall despite fears that the roof damage would not be fixed in time.

The play follows the life of Sally Banner, from her schoolgirl days to her elderly years, as she tries to find her identity in a world where her high ideals are in conflict with the small-mindedness of those around her. This is not a play for the faint-hearted but it can guarantee a fun and thought provoking night at St. George’s.

The cast contains four year 12 students and two from year 11, as well as a chorus made up of a mix of year 11 and 10 students. It has been a collaboration between the three performing arts faculties and art, with Mr Lewis-Jones as Musical Director and Ms Scanlan as dance choreographer.

One cast member, Macushla Cross, is a new year 11 student who is finding it “really exciting” she says. “It’s good because it’s the kind of drama that I was really expecting, and to get a taste of that is really cool.”

Jessica Paraha, the year 12 student cast to play Hewitt’s semi-autobiographical lead, spoke about the stress involved with having this extra commitment, “I suppose everyone is feeling HSC stress at the moment; if anything Chapel is making me stress less, it’s just a fun little thing to do. It lets me pretend the HSC isn’t looming over our heads.”

Set to be a fantastic piece of theatre put on by a combination of the three arts faculties, it is sure to be one of Newtown’s best and most memorable yet.

Harriet Wallace-Mead
It’s showcase season again, and as always students and teachers have been rehearsing and working hard to put on some entertaining performances. Come along and show your support by watching your friends and others perform their talents, in ensembles, solos and companies – a good night guaranteed! Support Newtown’s Performing Arts!

To book tickets go to the school’s website.

**DRAMA NIGHTS**

Role up Role up, Showcase season is upon us and that can only mean one thing. Talent. The drama department have been busying brewing up a number of excellent shows which you just won’t want to miss. Don’t be a fool, see a play at school!

**Dwyer Company “American Stories”**

Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th June, Week 7, 7:00pm

Featuring: Year 11

A collection of six scenes by Joe Pintauro set in New York. All shades of comedy. Don’t miss it.

**MUSIC NIGHTS**

Come and listen fantastic night of music, with a range of musical styles among ensembles, choirs, and soloists. With pieces such as The Moldau by Bedrich from orchestra, Smetana, Sculthorpe Quartet No. 9 played by the string quartet and Piazolla by the Piano Trio, there is something for everyone.

**Tuesday 29th May, Week 6, 7:00pm**

Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Stage Band, Green Choir, Red Choir, Orchestra, Senior Vocal Ensemble, String Ensemble, Senior Percussion Ensemble, Recorder Ensemble

**Wednesday 30th May 23, Week 6, 7:00pm**

Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Stage Band, Green Choir, Red Choir, Orchestra, Senior, Vocal Ensemble, String Ensemble, Senior Percussion Ensemble and Recorder Ensemble

**Thursday 31st May 7:00pm, Week 6, 7:00pm**

Solo and Small Ensembles, Guitar Ensemble, String Quartet

**DANCE NIGHTS**

Enjoy an enticing night of dance performances, with a range of styles from different ensembles and companies. Experience the music, costumes, and graceful movements of Newtown’s dancers!

**Wednesday 13th June, Week 8**

Featuring: All years except year 8 enjoy

**Thursday 14th June**

Featuring: Year 8 and all Extension and Classical Ballet, year 9 showcase elective

A range of class work, with a special performance from year 9 showcase elective ‘Up In Lights!’

*A full night of dance is a must see for all dance lovers.*
Saturday 23rd of June,
Week 8 SEYMOUR CENTRE
Featuring: All years
‘Off Broadway’
A special dance evening with 12 classical ballet and dance company. Ensembles performing! Invited to also perform, are NSW Public Schools Senior Dance Companies and a Company from University of NSW, these works choreographed by Garfield Lemonius from Point Park University, Pittsburg USA. A full night of dance is a must see for all dance lovers.

A stunning night of classwork performance of ballet and contemporary pieces.
Two weeks ago, on the 23rd May, Newtown High school students represented our school in the Bligh Zone Cross Country. We had many students participating with everyone putting in a great effort. We had a few lucky ones who finished in the top ten, meaning they would go onto the next level and participate in the Sydney East Cross Country Carnival on the 14th June at Miranda. The individuals who

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We should congratulate all these students on their magnificent results even those who didn’t place in the top ten of their age group. We had a excellent, fun day and lets all wish our competitors who made it through Bligh Zone good luck next week at the Regional Cross Country Carnival on the 14th of June.

Reconciliation week is an annual event which is held from the 27th of May to the 3rd of June, to celebrate the steps forward we have taken in building a community in which all Australians, whether emigrants or indigenous people, are equal.

One event this year was the Schools Reconciliation Challenge, an art competition in which close to one thousand students aged 10-16 from all over the state created an artwork based on the theme of ‘Our Place’.

At NHSPA, we sent off several entries from one of our year 8 art extension classes.

And the hard work paid off; on the awards night on May the 25th, four out of these seven NHSPA entries artworks received an award-

Jemima Tilly of year 8 received 2nd place out of her age group, and Laura Sheedy, Stephanie Oppen-Riley and Astrid Crane all received special commending awards. To top it all off, the awards ceremony MC was a former Newtown art student; Carla Mc Grath!

These artworks and other selected artworks are on show at the Australian museum until the end of August.
Dear Darlings,

My name is Aunty Newtown and I’m here to help you, help yourself. Life can get you down, I would know, but I’m here to make sure you’re all happy boys and girls again. Working many years as the personal physiatrist for such stars as Martha Stewart, Obama, Alec Baldwin and Kermit the Frog has taught me a thing or two about personal health. So send in your question and I’ll send my loving advice.

How do I get a girlfriend?

One thing that I picked up from my work in the trenches is hygiene is key. A good sleeping routine, eating your vegetables and self-confidence will make the girl your oyster.

Does the sun spin around the earth or is it the other way?

How long is a foot long?

It’s getting colder where our bench is...I wonder where we’ll migrate for the Winter...

What’s an essay?

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The SRC is currently working towards

- Hand towels in the boys’ bathrooms
- Picnic tables
- Mufti day fundraiser

Please put your suggestions for improvements or ideas to improve the school in the SRC box in the office!


Across
1. The mathematical study of rates of change (7)
2. Painter of the ‘Mona Lisa’ (8,2,5)
3. Sydney’s train service (4,4)
4. Recreational activity involving wool (8)
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33. Submissive (6)
34. Ignorance is... (5)

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1. I can be cracked, I can be made, I can be played, I can be told, I can be made?
2. Painter of the ‘Mona Lisa’ (8,2,5)
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