World Earth Day!

The very talented Year 10 student Jared Ziegler was asked to make a video outlining the events of World Earth day 2013. What he has produced is outstanding not only in quality but in capturing the festive feel of the day itself, Using the incredible music by our very own Shanghai Taxis. When asked about the project Jared kindly shared

“It recounts the day as a montage, using music from shanghai taxis. The montage explores all the different parts of the day, e.g. stalls, bands, performances ect and represents it in a fun exiting way”

A new year has begun and with that comes new teachers, classes and perhaps even responsibilities. Term 1 has not failed to bring excitement with an array of events that have taken place: The induction of year 7s with their year 7 camp, World Earth day, the ever so popular Worlds Greatest Shave and upcoming China Tour for those talented students chosen to represent the school. Hopefully the rest of the year brings more to look forward too with showcase semester beginning next term.
To kick start the daunting process of primary to high school, the newly inducted year 7s went on their 2013 camp to Vision Valley, accompanied by the specially picked year 10 peer support leaders. Here we have two views on how the camp went from the different year groups.

Lilly Lacey from year 7:

Peer support camp was really, really awesome and I enjoyed it so much. All the activities were just great and overall the whole experience was super fun.

I have to admit the food wasn’t terribly good because it didn’t taste fresh the way food is meant to and it didn’t have any flavour, but apart from that it wasn’t the worst I’ve ever had. My favourite activity was the water slide but the only bad thing was that the water was really cold and the colour of it was green and dirty. I would like to say on behalf of all the year 7s a massive thank you to all of the teachers and year 10 peer support leaders that have given up their time to let us have lots of fun on camp. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL THE FUN WE HAD ON THOSE THREE AWESOME DAYS!!!!!

Laura Stewart from year 10:

On the 3rd to the 6th of March this year all of year 7 and a small group of year 10 had the privilege of attending the 2013 peer support camp. It was a three day course to help the year 7s get to know each other and to help them get to know their year 10 peer support leaders. It was a huge success. There were many things that I think everyone took away from this camp including some great activities, plenty of new friends and a stronger connection to another year, but for me there were a few things that stood out over the rest.

The first of these was helping one of my year sevens conquer their fear of heights and jump off the flying fox, we stayed up with him as he worked up the courage to jump and, when he finally did, I felt as if I were flying with him. We repaid his bravery with jelly beans and marshmallows later.

Another memorable event at camp for me was the disco on the second night. It was a fun event for both years and really established us as a group of friends we saw some funky dance moves, a lot of talent and all had a good time.

A big part of peer support camp wasn’t what happens on the activities but what happens in the cabins and lodges. Especially when it comes to bonding. In my lodge we certainly did get to know each other. But not by sitting around and talking, that would be too normal for a great school like Newtown, instead we bonded by playing a game of black jack. I am ashamed to say that the year sevens absolutely wiped the table with all of the year tens. Despite my pride being a little injured however I became a lot closer to the people in my lodge.

Camp was a great experience for everyone who was on it, both years had a great time and I am very proud to see the amazing group of kids we have coming into our school. I have no doubt that they will continue to bring glory to the school name for the rest of their journey here.
NEWSTOWN MOVIE REVIEW

By Lucy Pavela

The Breakfast Club directed by John Hughes is a comical tale of adolescence and the struggles they encounter. Set in an all day Saturday detention. Each character is introduced as a stereotype which the movie then works towards breaking down these preconceived ideas. These five strangers begin the day with nothing in common each bound to his or her place in the high school clique system. Yet the students bond together to face the villainous principle (Paul Gleason) and they realise that they have more in common then they think, including a content for adult society. This movie was released a decade ago and is still seen as a classic teen flick.

On a personal level I feel that the film is easily relatable to a teenage audience. The plot entails a serious yet comical interpretation of adolescents and was throughly enjoyable. Throughout the duration of the movie as the characters went on their emotional journey I felt as though I was on it with them, as I cried and laughed. I would highly recommend this film to anyone who likes a bit of drama and comic relief put together. I rate this 4/5 stars in a classic film genre.

CHOCOLATE BALLOON BOWLS RECIPE

Ingredients

- 100g PLAISTOWE Classic Milk Cooking Chocolate, melted
- 12 water balloons
- Lollies of your choice
- Fruit of your choice

Method

- Blow up the balloons to approximately the size of a lemon.
- Place a sheet of baking paper on your work surface.
- Place the melted chocolate in a small, deep bowl and when the chocolate is quite cool, hold the tied end of the balloon and dip into the chocolate.
- Use a swirling, dunking technique so that the chocolate comes 2cm up the side of the balloon.
- Keep holding the balloon and place on the baking paper, hold it there for about 30 seconds until the chocolate starts to set and it will stand on its own.
- Arm them with toothpicks and pop the balloons. The bits of balloon are easy to pull away from the chocolate.
- Choose desired fillings.
Two years ago on the first day of year 7, Veronica Von Arnim (left) 14, first met Rhian Mordaunt, 14, during the introduction to their new high school. They’ve been best friends ever since.

**Rhian’s Story**

I remember when Veronica and I first met, I thought she was a very well spoken girl and she seemed to enjoy speaking her mind, a lot. Her skirt was really, really long and she wore a purple lanyard around her neck. She was really friendly to me and I thought she was a nice girl.

I started to really enjoy talking to Veronica, she always made me laugh and even though it was early days we became really good friends. I started to like Veronica, more than a friend, I had developed a bit of a “crush” on her. Only in the first few weeks of high school had I become, obsessed with this wonderful girl.

In about week three I bought her nerd ropes and wrote her a poem to express my love for her and decided that I was going to ask her out. So I asked my friend Marlon to ask Veronica before hand what she’d say if I asked her out and she told him “Sorry, I’m not ready for relationship”.

The week after I sent her Valentines chocolates through the school Valentines Day chocolate fundraiser and then that week I asked her out. She unfortunately said no, but we still remained good friends. We were in the same class that year which was really good and we formed a friendship group with a few others and at recess, lunch etc, we would always sit together.

We’ve sat together ever since and have never lost our friendship.

I love spending time with Veronica, she is one of my best friends and I feel like I can be myself around her. I trust her and I feel like she is always there for me, for someone to tell my issues too or just someone to talk too. She is probably one of the craziest people in my life, we have a really special sisterly–brotherly like relationship. She is like a sister too me. Regularly we go busking together, I play the clarinet and Veronica plays the bongo drums, quite an odd combination.

All in all we have so much fun together and I’m so glad were friends and we will be forever.

**Veronica’s Story**

When I first met Rhian, I thought he was very small and very eager to learn. He kind of sucked up to me because he liked me, which I found really funny. I remember when Marlon ran up to me outside of C block and asked if Rhian asked you out what would you say and I said “sorry im not ready for a relationship”. I felt bad about saying no but I really just wanted to get to know him first. I remember when Rhian gave me two Valentines Day chocolates, five nerd ropes and a poem. I still have the wrappers and the poem somewhere in my room. I felt so happy, it was so sweet of him, that’s when we became really close friends.

We got to know each other very quickly, both of us are interested in the same things and had a lot to talk about. In year 7 I loved being in his class, we would always work together and he always gave me the answers if I couldn’t work it out and vice-versa. We spent most recess and lunch times together, usually spent discussing things, being totally random or taking pictures of ourselves on my ipod touch or Rhian’s phone. I was disappointed that Rhian wasn’t in my class in year nine but it was good because I made more friends and we still sat together at recess and lunch.
Georgia:

We met in year seven I guess, but we didn’t become close friends until year eight when we were in the same class. My first impression of Ella was ‘who is this crazy girl’ but then she was really nice, down to earth and we have a lot in common. Her best qualities would be her ability to make things that seem really sad and hard, very light and easy. She lightens up the mood and she makes lots of jokes. I think she is also an interesting person.

My favourite memory with her would be when I first met her. It was in class and I had no one to sit with so I sat next to her and I found out we had mutual friends in common and we became great friends.

We both like music, sometimes I find her music taste a bit weird, like Justin Bieber, I feel really uncomfortable with her listening to that but I think that we share a genuine connection with music. I think we are both very intellectual.

Yes, sometimes I find having different colour hair (orange) effects our relationship; I don’t think she knows the hardships I go through with my colour hair.

Absolutely I think we will remain friends in the future. I can see us in 90 years as like 94 year olds sitting, knitting together, old and shrivelled up just talking about our great grand children.

Ella:

We met, at the start of year eight because we were in the same class and we just happened to be sitting next to each other and we just started talking about mutual interests and things. We found out that there a people that we both knew from different occasions.

I think Georgia’s best qualities are probably her many aspirations, and she always wants to be really great at everything and that really makes me also want to do well.

I don’t really have one favourite moment with Georgia, but in class last year we just always had so much fun together and in maths class, doing presentations she would always cheer me along and we would give each other moral support.

We both like academic and school work and stuff. We both like cooking and baking and art and craft. We both have little sisters that we have to take care of. We both like keeping our lives busy.

Yes, I love Georgia’s ranga hair; I think it makes her different from everyone else. I think she spends a bit too much time caring about what it looks like though, but I think it’s really cute.

Yes I think we probably will remain close friends in the future, I think we will always stay friends even if we don’t see each other much. It really depends if we keep in touch, which we probably will.

By Isabelle O’Rourke and Aiden Macreadie.
Puzzle Page:

SUDOKU (Medium):

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7 5 4
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RIDDLE:

The more you have of it, the less you see. What is it?

FIND A WORD:

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Pass
Passengers
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School
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Ticket
Timetables
TransdevTSL
Transport
Trip
Wheels
The Newtown Guru

Q: I am astounded at the amount of rubbish that is left in our playground. I am a new student to this school and it is shocking how disgusting our school grounds can get. At my old school all of the students contributed in playground picking up their rubbish when the bell rung, but no one perceives to do this here. I can’t go about my daily school life with this filth surrounding me, I feel overloaded with rubbish and repulsed I can’t help gagging every time I walk to class. Is there anything I can do to help?

A: I see that you are very passionate about the welfare of our school. Therefore I suggest you join the environmental committee as they often are trying to improve the quality of the school community. If after this you still feel as passionate about your cause feel free to talk to a member of the SRC or even attend a meeting to raise these concerns. (meetings are every Wednesday morning at 8:30)

Q: I am a new student here in Year 7. I’m super scared about the whole high school thing and making new friends. I seem to not have been able to make new friends as easily as some of my peers. I’m a really shy person so I’m not very good at mixing with people I don’t know. What should I do?

A: Everyone has been there and has experienced what you are going through right now and yes it is hard to make friends when you don’t have that outgoing personality. My advice to you is that you should talk to your selected peer support leader and I am sure they would be happy to help. Don’t be afraid to approach new people, it may seem daunting at first but once you overcome that adversity the results will be beneficial.

Fun Facts:

If NASA sent birds into space they would soon die; they need gravity to swallow.

Most lipstick contains fish scales.

Bubble wrap was originally designed to be wallpaper.

CHINA TOUR

As a continuation of the Expanding Horizons Program, NHSPA is currently on tour in China!

Recently a number of music students, a drama company and a dance company flew to Beijing.

On the tour they will be visiting sister schools and fostering relationships that have been made between the Chinese educators, students and themselves.

The music group going contains the choir, two percussion ensembles, a Jaz’Az Band and an orchestra. Combined they will be performing a commissioned Australian work.

During the tour they will be traveling to Xian, to visit the Terracotta Warriors, which will surely be a highlight!

By Lois Armstrong
Recently another annual school event took place—the shaving of a number of students heads for the raising of charity funds for the Leukaemia foundation. The world's greatest shave is a national event hosted by the Leukaemia foundation in an effort to raise money to help with sufferers of Leukaemia. NHSPA has been involved in this event since 2010.

This year we broke our previous best, and raised a whopping $12,000!

Shavers involved included; From year 12, Milan, Emily, Phoebe and Zeke, From year 10, Bryn and Thomasina and from year 9, Rueben.

Interview with year 10 student and brave shaver, Bryn Chapman Parish:

Q: What motivated you to participate in the World’s Greatest Shave?

A: Well two of my aunties have had cancer so that definitely motivated me to participate and I thought it was for a good cause.

Q: How was the experience overall?

A: It was a great experience. It made me interact with new people and made me feel apart of the school community.

Q: Were you scared of getting your hair shaved off in front of the whole school?

A: A little bit but I’m used to being in front of crowds as I am a drama student.

Q: Would you recommend it to other students?

A: Yes I definitely would! It is a great way to raise money and lots of fun and it was a great experience.

By Lois, Sophie and Audrey year 10
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