Welcome back to term 4 and a special welcome back to Gemma Thomas and Jacquie Boon who are returning from leave. There have been some further staffing changes this term. Claire Ansoul has been permanently appointed to the HSIE faculty replacing a valued long serving teacher, Christine Cooney who has retired. Louise Martyn joins the English faculty this term relacing David Wright who is on leave. Stephen Gray, our Principal will also be on leave until 28th November and I will be Relieving Principal in his absence. Nicki Wilkinson has the responsibility of Deputy Principal for Years 7, 9 and 11 and Laura Bivona will be Head Teacher Welfare until Stephen returns.

Year 12 began their HSC examinations on 17th October which continues through until 11th November. I would like to extend my best wishes to all students and hope to see Year 12 on Wednesday 16th November at the sign-out BBQ to celebrate the end of the HSC.

The school executive attended a two day conference in October to begin the task of developing the 2012-14 School Plan. The plan is currently in draft following input from attendees at the school forum and the school executive. It will be available for comment and further input from students, staff and parents. The draft plan will be tabled at the next staff meeting for discussion in faculties and at the P&C meeting on 8th November.

Year 11 has started HSC studies and students have received their assessment booklets and calendar for 2011/12. It is extremely important that students read the contents of the booklet and are aware of their assessment commitments and the process to follow in regard to illness/misadventure. Parent support and encouragement is most important and it is recommended that you are aware of the assessment information contained in the package. The acknowledgment of receipt of the assessment documents is to be signed by student and parent and must be returned to Year Adviser, Ms Garnsey within the first weeks of Term 4.

Reports for students in Year 11 were issued on 31st October during a meeting with their Curriculum Advisers. Students by now may be in a position to decide their pattern of study in the HSC year. It is advised not to make a hasty decision if you are unsure and instead, maintain 12 units until later in the term or even next year. Some students have already made decisions to drop a course and/or pick up extension courses. Once the documentation has been completed students will be issued with updated timetables and will be invited into the library to work independently during study periods. Privileges to arrive after period 1, leave early and leave the school grounds at lunch-time will be considered later, subject to parental approval. For this term, at least, all Year 11 students are expected to be at school for the entire school day.

The School Certificate examinations in English Literacy and Science will be held on Monday 7th November with Mathematics then History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship on Tuesday 8th November. The on-line SC Computing Skills examination follows over the next three days from 9th till 11th November. Students will be withdrawn from timetabled classes and have been allotted a time to complete the examination on-line in F7. Classes for Year 10 will continue up until 16th December and students are expected to attend all lessons. In class, they will complete the mandatory “All my own work” modules and follow programs designed to develop skills in preparation for senior schooling. I will send a letter detailing the units of work the students will be studying in their final weeks of Year 10 after the School Certificate examinations are completed.

Preparations for the 2012 timetable are well underway with students currently in Years 7, 8 and 10 finalising their choices for elective courses. If your child is considering changing their pattern of course study, a supporting letter from a parent is necessary.
Rehearsals for the Schools Spectacular and our Showcase season are also well underway. Many of our students are participating in these events and managing assessment tasks and examinations too. It is a credit to those students who display enormous commitment and dedication to their academic studies and creative arts. Congratulations to those students.

The opening night of the Showcase season began on Tuesday 1st November. Ms Romeo and I had the pleasure of attending that night and we were very impressed with the quality of the performances from our young musicians and thespians. The Showcase Hospitality students, under the guidance of Diane Aynsley prepared all day for the evening and served delicious savouries and a variety of cakes at interval. Congratulations to all students and staff for their outstanding contributions in the opening week of the season. The Showcase season continues throughout November and I am looking forward to each week’s shows. Our season culminates with the Dance Showcase and the 21st Birthday Anniversary Concerts which will be held at the Seymour Centre on 29th and 30th November. The 21st will be a wonderful celebration of the efforts and dedication of staff, students and parents both past and present, who have made such a huge contribution towards making our school into the lighthouse school it is today. Tickets are now on sale from the Seymour Centre.

On 29th November, the NSW Teachers Federation is planning a 24 hour strike if negotiations stall with the Department of Education and Communities. I will write to you again closer to that day and provide further information about whether there will be industrial action or not.

In December, Year 7 2012 Orientation Day is to be held on 5th, Year 11 2012 Orientation Day on 6th and Presentation Day on 8th.

If you have any curriculum, welfare or other matters you wish to discuss with me do not hesitate to call. See you at the Showcase evenings.

Peter Shields
Relieving Principal
Welcome back to our final school term for 2011. Our Year 12 students successfully commenced this term with their HSC written examinations. All the students have appeared prepared and have approached each exam in a positive manner. We wish them all the very best of luck over this very important time and we are looking forward to some outstanding results over the coming weeks. I would like to thank the parents of our Year 12 students for the support they have offered their children over this challenging year. I am aware and appreciate that parenting during the HSC year is often a stressful and difficult task. I would also like to reflect on the effort and dedication displayed by every teacher who taught a Year 12 class in 2011. Teachers undertake the HSC every year with their students and I would like to thank our Year 12 teachers for the guidance and support they have provided each of the students in their classes during this HSC year.

This group of Year 12 students had the support of amazing year advisors throughout their schooling journey. I would like to acknowledge the commitment and dedication demonstrated by Nilaufer Rajwar, Ula George and Deborah McGowan to the Year 12 cohort of 2011. We welcome all Year 12 students back to school for their “sign out barbeque” on Wednesday 16th November, a letter will be sent home with details of this event during the coming week.

Showcase Concerts
Term 4 is traditionally very busy for our school particularly because we host our final showcase season for the year. The semester 2 Showcase season commences in Week 4 and continues through to Week 7 at school. The program for this season is outstanding and I would like to recognise the commitment and professionalism of the performing arts staff, who continue to work so tirelessly at this time of year to ensure that our students have such performance opportunities. I would like to also recognise and thank our P&Cs who offer continued support during the showcase season and the technical crew under the leadership of David Ferguson who work behind the scenes each day and night to maintain a very professional production. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our concerts over the coming weeks. The booking sheets for the concerts are accessible via our school website and I encourage you all to secure your tickets early. This semester the school will be trialling a new method for booking showcase tickets online. As this is a trial, tickets can be booked online for week 7 (Tues 22nd November-Thursday 24th November) performances only. This new method will allow you to choose your own seats, pay online and print your own tickets. Tickets can still be purchased for all performances, including week 7, using the usual booking sheet. The details and link to trybooking.com is available on the school website.

The Seymour Centre concerts will be held in Week 8 commencing with the Dance Showcase performance on Tuesday 29th November and will conclude with the special 21st Birthday Celebration Concert on Wednesday 30th November. Both of these nights will be a wonderful conclusion to our performing arts calendar for the year and we would encourage you all to book your tickets early via the Seymour Centre Box Office.

Peer Support Leaders Camp
60 Year 9 students travelled to “The Tops” conference centre at Stanwell Tops to participate in the Peer Support Training on Monday 24th October-Wednesday 26th October. The students were highly engaged and motivated over the three days and their behaviour was impeccable. The trainers and camp personnel both commented on how impressed they were with our students and recognised the leadership potential evident amongst the students. All the teachers who attended the camp also agreed that the quality of peer support leaders this year was outstanding. The final list of peer support leaders for 2012 will be announced soon and I am confident that the transition of our 2012 Year 7 students will certainly be enhanced as a result of the peer support program and the quality of the peer leaders running this program. A very big thank you must go to Nicki Wilkinson and Jeremy Atkinson for their organisation of this initiative and to Laura Bivona and Branimir Lazendic for attending the camp over its duration.
Year 11 transition into HSC Courses
Year 11 students have made the important transition into their HSC courses from the start of this term. All students were issued with the HSC assessment booklet and calendar for 2011/12. I would highly recommend that students and their parents become familiar with the senior assessment policy and examine the assessment schedules and requirements for each of their courses. All students are expected to be at school on time each day and remain at school until the end of the day. Permission will not be granted at this stage for students to arrive late or leave early. It is also expected that Year 11 as the school leaders, wear the appropriate school uniform and embrace the serious work ethic required of senior students. The term ends for Year 11 with an assessment week and it is strongly recommended that the preparation for this important week start from now, with a regular program of revision of the course content covered each lesson.

Year 11 students will be issued with their end of preliminary course reports on Monday 31st October. Students will meet with their curriculum advisors and it will be at this meeting where reports will be distributed and goals for the HSC year will be discussed and set.

Orientation Days
Later this term we will have the opportunity to welcome to the school our entire Year 7 cohort for 2012 on Monday 4th December. Preparations for this day are underway and I would like to congratulate both Diane Aynsley for her appointment as the Year 7 Advisor and Victor Woolley to the Assistant Year 7 Advisor roles for 2012. I am very much looking forward to working with both Diane and Victor over the coming weeks and years, particularly as I will be the Deputy in charge of Year 7 next year.

Our new intake of audition students for Year 11 2012 will have their orientation day on Tuesday 5th December. It is always a pleasure to meet the parents, carers and students who have chosen Newtown High School of the Performing Arts and I would like to officially welcome them all to our vibrant school community.

School Certificate
Year 10 students will soon be sitting their School Certificate exams on Monday 7th November and Tuesday 8th November. Students will also be expected to sit their online Computing Skills Test over Wednesday 9th November to Friday 11th November in small groups. Students and parents will be notified shortly about the arrangements post certificate for our Year 10 students. It is guaranteed that all students will need to complete the compulsory online tutorial modules of “All My Own Work” mandated by the Board of Studies during this period and it is expected that all Year 10 students attend school up until the last day of the school term as mandated by the DEC.

Digital Education Revolution-Laptops for Learning
Our school has made considerable progress in relation to the implementation of the Digital Education Revolution (DER). All Year 11, 10 and 9 students have been issued with their laptop devices and many staff have also embraced this new technology and integrated the use of online lesson delivery. David Rogers continues in his role as a full time Technical Support Officer (TSO) to the school and it appears that the laptop roll out will take place for Year 9 students in 2012. All students and parents were issued with an information pack along with a user charter that outlines the responsibilities of laptop ownership. Can I remind all parents to read this document as it describes some of the obligations necessary, particularly in the case of loss, damage or theft. I am also aware that some students have purchased non-genuine laptop chargers. Can I discourage this practice as the quality of these products are inferior and in some witnessed cases proven dangerous. Students are able to purchase laptop chargers for $24.24 from the school in the case that they require a replacement.

I wish you all a great term and I am looking forward to seeing many parents over the next few weeks as we enter into our busy event and showcase period. As always I welcome the opportunity to discuss any of the events mentioned in this correspondence with you and I am also available to assist our Years 8, 10 and 12 parents with any specific welfare or school matters.

Betty Romeo
Deputy Principal
As part of my role as Deputy Principal Welfare, I will be working with **Year 7 and Year 9 students** until the end of the year. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any concerns and I will endeavour to do my best to support both the academic and welfare needs of your child.

**The Year 9 Peer Support Camp at Stanwell Tops** was a great success and all 60 students in attendance displayed excellent leadership qualities, which made the decision to choose just 40 students very difficult. The three groups of students were challenged with team activities that included a survivor course in the bush, go-karts and the giant swing. Given the weather extremes across the three days, this made the activities even more challenging. Rising Generations presented a full day leadership training course which made the students begin to understand the huge responsibility of helping the 2012 year 7 students with their transition into high school. A big thankyou to Peer Support Coordinator Mr Atkinson and Year Advisers Ms Bivona and Mr Lazendic. There will be a training day for the newly elected leaders later in the month and they will be assisting on the year 7 Orientation Day in December. Congratulations to all the students selected.

**The Prefects Training Day** was held at Sydney University and the program was run by Rising Generations who assisted the students in planning for 2012.

![The 2012 Prefects at the training day at Sydney University focusing on ideas for implementation for next year.](image)

**The Pastoral Care Program** for term 4 will feature some interesting themes including: **Peer Support Program** with year 7; **Connecting Knowledge** with year 8; **Risky Behaviours** with year 9; **Road Safety** with year 10; **Life Options and Creating Balance** with year 11. Guest speakers for years 8 and 11 will consolidate the importance of the respective themes and offer some strategies to the students.

The Welfare Team will be continuing to look into **developing partnerships with the local community** in 2012, with a guest from the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre speaking at the team meeting to discuss future ventures.

**Disability Provisions** applications are now open for students in year 12 in 2012. If you believe that you are eligible to apply (you should have a diagnosed disability with support documentation) or if you are currently receiving provisions in year 11, please see Mr Woolley.

**Ms N Wilkinson**
Next P&C MEETING  Tuesday the 8th November, 6pm Staff Common Room. All welcome. This is the last P&C Meeting for the year.

The draft of the School plan for the next three years will be presented by Mr Stephen Gray.

Please note there will no longer be printed copies of the previous minutes available. The minutes will be available on the website and will be posted on google group.

Performing and Visual Arts Sub Committee  The next meeting will be announced at a later date and advertised on google group.

21st Birthday Concert Wed 30th November Seymour Centre 7:30pm
Tickets are now on sale for the concert via the Seymour Centre Ph: 9351 7940 or online at www.seymourcentre.com.au. This is going to be a wonderful celebration of the school's 21st year as a performing arts high school. Ex students and teachers are collaborating with current students and teachers on performance items. Included in the newsletter is a list of current students participating in the concert performances. If you have any questions please direct to Donna Huggart (donna_huggart@hotmail.com).

21st Birthday Concert – Participating Students

Senior Dance Company
1. Mikaela Carr 12
2. Mitch Christie 11
3. Holly Doyle 12
4. Tanya Grigoriadis 11
5. Baden Hitchcock 11
6. Sophie Holloway 12
7. Demi-Jo Manalo 12
9. Bree Masters 11
10. Jessica Newman 10
11. Emily Seymour 9
12. Hannah Seymour 11
Katie Skelly 12

Company Director: Ms Munns

Dance Company B
1. Kaitlin Bartle 11
2. Claire Bathgate-Peterson 12
3. Georgia Bray 11
4. Monica Caruana 10
5. Kaitlyn Common 11
6. Anita Dimovski 11
7. Brooke Napper 12
8. Kristie Pike 12
9. Tori Sabbagh 10
10. Breanna Timms 10
Laura Ward 12

Company Director: Ms Scanlan
Intermediate Dance Company
1. Sumire Antonioli 9
2. Emily Caws 9
3. Eliza Cooper 8
4. Mischa Hall 9
5. Monique Holmes 9
6. Cassidy McDermott-Smith 9
7. Tara Middleton 9
8. Bronte Raubinger 9
9. Oliver Savariego 9
10. Annie Smits 9
11. Amanda Weekes 9
12. Kazuya Yoshino 9
Belinda Zhang 9

Company Director: Ms Gibb

Junior Dance Company
1. Jessica Black 8
2. Isabella Bonanno 8
3. Alexander Borg 7
4. Kayla Calabrese 7
5. Carolina Clemmett 7
6. Amy Jex 7
7. Lisa-Marie Maglione 7
8. Alex Mencinsky 8
9. Charlie Powell 7
10. Emmy Saheki 8
11. Abbey Wise 8
12. Kim Choi
13. Chelsea – Lee Reid
Lee Zammit

Company Director: Ms Burg

Senior Classical Ballet Company
1. Claire Bathgate-Peterson 12
2. Georgia Bray 11
3. Mikaela Carr 12
4. Mitch Christie 11
5. Daniel Costa 11
6. Holly Doyle 12
7. Jessica Goodfellow 9
8. Baden Hitchcock 11
9. Sophie Holloway 12
10. Demi Jo Manalo 12
12. Bree Masters 11
13. Jessica Newman 10
Katie Skelly 12

Company Director: Ms O’Connell
Junior Classical Ballet Company
1. Jessica Black 8
2. Isabella Bonanno 8
3. Alexander Borg 7
4. Jade Charlton 7
5. Kim Choi 7
6. Carolina Clemmett 7
7. Bianca Fernley 8
8. Sophia Kaloudis 7
9. Lisa-Marie Maglione 7
10. Airu Matsuda 7
11. Chelsea-Lea Reid 7
12. Emmy Saheki 8
13. Abbey Wise 8
Lee Zammit 7

Company Director: Ms O’Connell

Drama Students
Georgina Adamson
Madeleine Chapman
Meghan Clarke
Geneva Gilmour
Sophia Hawkshaw
Fabian MacCallum
Tyrus Shay
Remi Slade-Caffarel
Harriet Wallace-Mead

Music Students
Yr 7 vocal ensemble
Yr 8 vocal ensemble
Extra Junior Choir students
Red Choir
Green Choir
Orchestra.

Showcase Front Of House  Showcase Season began on Tuesday 1st Nov and the P&C needs coordinators and helpers for the refreshment sales counter in the Studio Theatre Foyer. It’s a great opportunity to help out and meet other parents on the night when you are coming to see your child perform. You just need to help half an hour before the show and during interval. Donation of baked goods to sell is also greatly needed and appreciated each night. Please express your interest in being on the roster by emailing Mark, m.rolfe@unsw.edu.au

Voluntary Fundraising Contribution
It is not too late to make your donation to the Voluntary Fundraising Contribution fund. There is still much to be achieved and every ‘tax deductible’ donation helps. Please add it to your school fees payment, send a cheque to school (made out to NHSPA) or phone in with your credit card details. It really will be appreciated!

Don’t forget these links when you are looking for information or wanting to sell or buy uniform and other school related paraphernalia.

Subscribe to Google Groups
Subscribe to our parent email network by sending an email to: nhspa+subscribe@googlegroups.com
There is a google groups fact sheet on the P&C page of the school website. Follow this link to NHSPA Parents Contact Message Board for posting requests and ads for second hand uniform, instruments and equipment etc. http://nhspasecondhand.proboards.com/index.cgi?

Thank you
Science Department

This term has been a busy one for students in Years 7-9 with them completing their Yearly Examinations covering all topics studied this year. It was encouraging that many students accepted teacher’s offers for additional assistance to clarify concepts that they had difficulty with prior to the task.

We wish Year 12 students well as they await their results for the HSC, having completed their examinations. We trust that both the hard work and preparation of the students and their teachers will be rewarded and wish them well in their future endeavours.

Our current Year 11 students have begun the HSC course with energy and enthusiasm and are to be congratulated for the way in which they have approached their courses of Biology, Chemistry and/or Physics. We ask that students seek assistance from their teachers early should they feel like they are experiencing any difficulty with course content. It is imperative for a successful HSC year that advice and feedback is sought to clarify course content or study techniques. Being proactive in their regular revision rather than reactive, revising in response to an assessment task, is our advice to success in their Science courses.

We also wish Year 10 students well on their School Certificate examinations and encourage Year 10 students after school certificate exams to use this time effectively as we further prepare them for the skills required to succeed in Year 11.

The exams just don’t stop for Year 8 with their Yearly exam. They will also be completing the state wide Essential Secondary Science Assessment (ESSA) test on the 22nd of November.

This year is the first time that it will be done completely online allowing for multimedia content to be displayed. As such students are required to bring earphones from iPod or similar devices. Please see the attached letter for more detail about this.

Brett Stone
Head Teacher Science
on behalf of the Science Team

Letter to Year 8 parents about ESSAonline for 2011

Dear Parent or Carer

The Essential Secondary Science Assessment (ESSA) test for Year 8 students will be held on Tuesday 22 November 2011. The test takes approximately 80 minutes. The test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer. It is called ESSAonline.

ESSAonline contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasks that are grouped around real-world issues, including a simulated investigation. This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 4 outcomes and essential content in the NSW Science Years 7–10 Syllabus.

Students will be tested on their:
• knowledge and understanding of science
• understanding and skills in the process of scientific investigation
• ability to evaluate evidence, make judgements and think critically
• ability to access information and communicate scientific ideas.

Students also complete a survey about their opinions, attitudes and values. Since students complete ESSAonline on a computer, they will not need writing materials. However, each student needs to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a school computer. Earbuds for an ipod or portable player are suitable.
If your child has a disability that needs special consideration or has been educated in English for less than one year, please contact your child’s school to discuss special provisions or possible exemption from the test.

Results of the test will be available during Term 1 2012. Information about each student is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that the right to privacy of all students is maintained. A personal report for each student will be sent to parents/carers to describe the science knowledge and skills demonstrated by the student in the test. There will also be information about how your child’s results compare with overall performance of all students in the test. You will be invited to complete a parent survey about the test and science learning. The Head Teacher of Science at your child’s school is able to provide you with more details about the ESSA program if you require additional information.

Yours sincerely

Robert Cordaiy
Manager, Contracts Development and Test Administration
Educational Measurement and School Accountability Directorate

Newtown Prefects 2012

As term three drew to a close twelve new leaders were elected to take the reins of NHSPA’s prefect body. I would like to take the time to introduce the newest members of the 2012 prefect body:

Georgina Adamson
Eddie Bartolo
Danyon Boyd
Rachel Challen
Conal Francis Martin
Baden Hitchcock
Luke Mangraviti
Fabian McCallum
Phoebe Newling
Jennifer Pham
Sam Vallentine
Harriet Wallace-Mead

On the 27th of October the new cohort of leaders attended a leadership conference at The University of Sydney conducted by Rising Generations. The day was extremely productive for our entire body and we developed the skills required to take on the role of school leaders. The first half of the day consisted of multiple tasks that required each member of the body to step out of their comfort zone and put their passions, ambitions and personal stories on the table. This ultimately brought our prefect body closer as a group and increased our capability to work as a team. The second half of the day was dedicated to structuring our ambitions and aims that the prefect body would like to achieve for the New Year. This was unbelievably busy as all of us had various intentions and ideas that we wanted and different ways of contributing to the school community. After much deliberation, by group vote we decided that our main goals for 2012 were to build stronger community ties, not only within our school but to project this out into the local community. We built on the previous leader’s motto “Your town, our town, Newtown!” and constructed three action plans that we would put into place this coming year. These include developing stronger ties amongst the individual year groups and options in expanding our Performing Arts talent to the wider community.

After a busy day and a night to gather all our thoughts we arrived back at school on Friday to finalise our plans for the upcoming year.

The last event was the selection of the captains for 2012. After discussing what we thought were the distinctive qualities portrayed in a captain, the voting process began. We can happily introduce our new captains for Newtown High School of the Performing Arts 2012 as Edward Bartolo and Harriet Wallace-Mead.

As the Prefect body we will be supporting a charity; this was an even harder decision than electing the school captain! After a whole terms deliberation we chose Softa Care. This is an organisation that supports children living in foster care. They run workshops in Queensland and New South Wales encouraging the creative and performing arts as a way of escape and to improve self esteem and confidence in children living in foster and kinship care. As a performing arts school we could not think of a more relevant charity, not only can we support them through fundraisers but we have volunteered for assisting creative workshops in the local area; a way of giving back to the community that has supported us.

The Prefect Body of 2012 is thrilled with the prospect of working with the school community in the upcoming year and look forward to representing the school.
**PDHPE / Sport**

The highly popular ‘Year 7 Swim School’ is rapidly approaching. It will be held in the last week of school from Wednesday 14 December to Friday 16 December. We anticipate another fun and productive year of learning about water safety. We will be holding this year’s ‘Swim School’ at the Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre in Enmore. Could all Year 7 students who have not yet paid their school PDHPE contributions do so as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you there.

Branimir Lazendic  
Relieving Head Teacher PDHPE

**Drama Department**

This season’s Drama Showcase again presents 10 plays that display the wide range of theatrical styles and conventions that we regularly employ in our classrooms and beyond.

The Macedone Company will present puppetry and mask; Commedia dell’arte will be featured in Ms Woodroffe’s Company ‘Love’s the Best Doctor’. Excerpts from Shakespearean plays comprises Judith Hoddinott’s Year 10 Extension Company production, whilst the Dwyer Company presents two plays inspired by the bard’s life and work.

Our two Year 7 Companies this season present a melodrama parody ‘Unhand me, Squire’ and a story about town through the eyes of its inhabitants.

The Year 9 Extension class perform a number of black comedies penned by iconic British playwright, Harold Pinter.

Our two Year 11 Companies present two diverse productions. Andrew Benson’s Company performs Oscar Wilde’s ‘Salome’ whilst the other group perform the premier of ‘ATM’ written by Brendan Cowell.

To complete our season, the 21st Birthday Celebration Concert will be held at the Seymour Centre on November 30. As part of Drama’s contribution to the night is the ‘Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)’ featuring not only current Year 11 students but alumni students who graduated in 2001/2, directed by Jay James-Moody. This concert and all the others this season, I urge you not to miss.

Tim Ailwood  
Head Teacher Drama

**English Department**

1. Year 11 are well into their HSC 2012 preparations and have already submitted their first assessment task for Belonging and all students deserve to be congratulated on their responsible approach to their work. We were very pleased that 125 students have committed to the English Study Day on November 14th in the city and we are sure this will further assist them in their Area of Study preparations.

2. We are delighted that once again HSC poet Peter Skrzynecki will speak to our students about his poetry and his immigrant experiences. This not-to-be missed event will take place in the school library during the timetabled English lesson on Monday 21st November. Further details will be forthcoming but all students are strongly urged to attend this lecture. Six of our eight English classes are currently studying Peter’s poems and the opportunity to hear from the composer must not be missed.

3. We warmly welcome Ms Louise Martyn to the faculty who is covering for Mr Wright while he takes some well deserved leave. This term also sees Ms Jackman stepping yup from two days a week to five. We welcome both teachers and thank them in advance for their valuable contribution to the school.

Michael Fischer  
Head Teacher English
The Principal, Staff, Students and Parents & Citizens wish to invite you
to attend our

21st Birthday Concert
An evening of Dance, Drama and Music
to be held at

SEYMOUR CENTRE

Everest Theatre

Corner of City Rd and Cleveland Street
Chippendale

Wednesday 30th November 2011 at 7:30pm

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