Showcase Season.

We are only a few days away from the opening of our second semester showcase season. For a behind the scenes insight into this semester's performances we have interviewed each performing art faculty and we are giving the students first hand information on the must see's this term.

MUSIC FACULTY:

Week six is near approaching and according to Ms McGowan the Orchestra performing on Tuesday and Wednesday the 13th and 14th of November is a must see. It features the brass section and violin solo within the piece. Thursday the 15th of November also a must see with

Yr 9 peer support Camp

60 year nine students just came back from the annual three day peer support training camp. Upon arrival the group was divided into three and engaged in various challenging activities. Reports say the food was actually edible and the disco was a huge success. The next day was a six hour training session with the people at rising generations. They taught the kids various leadership skills and techniques. The next day, they concluded their last activity and piled back on the bus for the 45 minute trip home. The camp was a great learning and bonding experience and choosing the final forty will be a very hard task. By Patrick Salmon

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Create your own musical and Up and lights (year 9’s showcase electives) performing as well as the soloists. These soloists are selected to show off their musical abilities which definitely shouldn’t be missed.

**Drama Department:**

**“The Adventures of Phillip Marlowe”**
directed by Mr Ailwood

This play is a fascinating story about a private detective on an interesting case. They are performing on the Wednesday 28th November at the Seymour Centre. This play is performed by the year 7’s and so everyone should come and see as it is their first or second showcase at Newtown.

**“Thark (1920)”**
directed by Ms Dywer

This humorous English play performed by the year 9 extension has an interesting structure of chosen scenes. “All exits, entrances, ins, outs, ups, downs you would expect from an English thark” mentions the director, Ms Dywer. This company is performing Wednesday 9th November and Thursday 8th November.

**“Questionable”**
directed by Mr Benson

This comedy performed by our year 8’s and 9’s is a PARODY on the NAPLAN. This play is hilarious and should be seen by all. They are performing on the Thursday 8th November and Friday 9th November so quickly buy your tickets before it is too late.

**“Fair is foul and foul is fair”**
directed by Ms Hoddinott

This Shakespearean play performing on the Tuesday 6th November and Thursday 8th November is a scary comedy. It is a comedy of Shakespeare's however do include scary scenes so don’t bring the toddlers and babies, but they won’t understand anyway. It is performed by the year 10 extension and who are all working towards their goals.

**“The Dining Room”**
directed by Meegan and Bradley

The Dining Room is “a witty and fast pace comedy” mentions Yasmin Bradley and is performed by years 8 and 9 and directed by year 10’s. The play has 7 different scenes showing different scenarios at the dining room through the times. It is a comedy of manners so this makes it right for the whole family and will be a hilarious performance. The performance is showcasing on Tuesday 21 November and Wednesday 22 November.

**“Christ Almighty”**
directed by Green and Balcomb

“The play will change the world of theatre as you know it” comments the year 11 director Tom Green. Christ Almighty will be performed by year 11 and few years 10. The performance is post-modern and satirises the definitive biblical text. The company will be showcasing on 20 November and 22 November. "$20 is a humble price for a spiritual enlightenment”

**Dance Department:**

Our dancers will be performing to us at the Seymour Centre on Tuesday 27th November. It is always a spectacular night and is a must see event. All companies, ballets companies and dance ensembles of all years are performing on the same night. All families are welcome as it is always an exciting performance. As quoted from a dance organiser, the performance is a “Dance Extravaganza”.

Tickets are online from the 31st October from the Seymour centre website www.seymourcentre.com.au.


Year 8
The year is nearly over (sigh) but the prefects are just getting started. The 2013 prefects are bursting with ideas and plans for the next 12 months. The prefect body for 2013 and twelve is an enthusiastic group of young leaders who are extremely grateful for the opportunity to lead this wonderful exciting school.

So who are we?

Well, this year there are twelve prefects and two school captains. Our captains are Alex Cook and Milan Monk, what a height difference. Our enthusiastic prefects, also in height order are; Dan Hodgson, Tom Falkner, Tiarani Dixon, Zack Solomon, Angel Miu, Zachary Karpinellison, Jaime Di Laudo, Jenny Balcomb, Monica Caruana, Rose Johnson, Maddie Reid and last but no least (except in height) Ellen Beattie.

We have big shoes to fill after the fantastic work of last years prefect body, and we plan on continuing a lot of their great work, particularly in regards to our charity Softacare.

2013 will be filled with opportunities for us to get to know each and every one of you and of course, put a bit of a dent in your wallet – but for a more than worthy cause!

Join us in keeping keen for 2013.

By Jennifer Balcomb
Newstown Movie Review

By Kieran Camejo


Written by Jonathan Nolan, Christopher Nolan and David S. Goyer, the story continues eight years after the death of Gotham City’s D.A Harvey Dent. Batman has not been seen since then and has been charged with Dent’s murder whilst Bruce Wayne has gone into hiding.

A new terrorist, Bane, has come to Gotham after being ex-communicated from Ra’s Al Ghul’s League of Shadows.

Bane captures Police Commissioner James Gordon and discovers a speech explaining what really happened the night Dent died... But that is all I will say about the story (spoiler alert).

This movie contains an all-star cast including Christian Bale (Batman/Bruce Wayne), Micheal Caine (Alfred), Gary Oldman (James Gordon), Tom Hardy (Bane), Joseph Gordon-Levitt (John Blake), Anne Hathaway (Catwoman/Selina Kyle), Marion Cotillard (Miranda Tate) and Morgan Freeman (Lucious Fox).

Most of the acting within this movie is okay but Tom Hardy has to get a special mention as he is phenomenal playing Bane. He is lucky enough to get a few great ‘one liners’ in this movie (even if it is a little hard to understand him at times).

THE DARK KNIGHT

The third instalment of the famous Batman Trilogy

MIXED BERRY AND BANANA SMOOTHIE RECIPE

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Method:

1. Place banana, berries, milk, yoghurt and honey in a blender.
Puzzle Page:

SUDOKU:

RIDDLE:
I am the start of war and end of sorrow.
you can't express wisdom without me but I am at the heart of dimwits.
You may find me in waves but never in oceans. What am I?

CROSSWORD:

Across:
1. Twelve (5)
4. Hoard (5)
7. Unaware (9)
8. Gape (4)
10. Wore away (6)
12. Birds of prey (6)
13. Notion (4)
16. Large spider (9)
18. The lowest point of anything (5)
19. Implied (5)

Down:
1. Journal (5)
2. Menagerie (3)
3. World’s longest river (4)
4. Secret or hidden (4)
5. Bustling (7)
6. Abated (5)
9. Placed a bet (7)
11. Thinner (6)
12. Consumed (5)
14. Proficient (5)
15. Female relative (4)
17. Part of a circle (3)
Aunty Newtown

**Q:** Dear Aunty Newtown, Lately I have been fighting a lot with my parents and it really affects my day to day tasks. Every time I get home they are always on my case and I’m just not sure how to deal with it?

**A:** Have you sought advice from other family members, like a brother or a sister? Or perhaps other relatives? It’s time like this you just need to stop and take a deep breath, confide in someone close to your family and friends. Your family loves you no matter what has happened and every family goes through rough patches. If you feel like it isn’t working NHSPA has a great facility to help out with these tricky situations. Your teachers, year advisors and the school Counselor Ms England are all very good people to talk too.

**Q:** Dear Aunty Newtown, My best friend and I aren’t getting along at the moment. She snapped at me and right now I need support because of other things that I have going on. She is usually a great person. Should I try and work it out?

**A:** First of all, it’s easy for us to immediately assume and blame our friends when fighting, because we never stop to think that maybe we are wrong. Your best friend sounds very important to you, and obviously is a friendship worth fighting for. You need to step back and think that maybe your friend has a lot going on in her life as well, and that you both need each other more than you thought. She knows you best, and this fight is not worth losing your best friend over. The only way to sort it out is if you talk to them. They miss you as much as you miss them.

**Fun Facts:**

- The opening shot in Bond films was actually filmed through the barrel of a gun
- Suppressing a sneeze can rupture your blood vessels and can cause serious neck injuries
- Playing with puppies and kittens has been proven to relieve stress and help students perform better on tests.

**Paralympics**

The Paralympics have finished! And Australia was dominant with the medals. Australia had 253 athletes this year with 21 sports to compete in against other countries. The Paralympics is just like the Olympics but for people who have a mental or physical disability.

Australia had won 85 gold medals: 32 gold, 23 silver, and 30 bronze and we are ranked 5th in the medal tally. The sports that Australia has achieved gold medals in are:

- 5 Medals in Athletics
- 6 Medals in Cycling
- 1 Medal in Equestrian
- 1 Medal in Sailing
- 18 Medals in Swimming
- 1 Medal in Rugby

By Luke Schofield
WATER REFILL STATION
After months of planning, organising, fundraising, and with help from the P&C, the SRC has finally installed the Water Refill Station. We’re hoping that it’s instillation will path the way for more initiatives, including the issuing of reusable metal water bottles with every year 7 pack. The station was successfully installed in July, just in time for the warmer weather, and so far, it was been a great success!

MS BEANIE DAY
Also in July, the SRC held a MS beanie day, raising funds for MS Australia. Red beanies and lipstick were worn along with donating a gold coin. Over $440 was raised for the non-profit organisation.

GREATEST SHAVE
In March this year, eight brave students took part in what is now a much-loved NHSPA tradition – the World’s Greatest Shave! They all had their heads shaved at lunch in the quadrangle. The SRC actively took part in organising and fundraising for this event, with our graduating Captain, Eddy even shaving! In total, $7700 was raised for the Leukaemia Foundation, beating the SRC’s goal of $5000 by $2700, a fantastic outcome, which will help the lives of those affected by leukaemia immensely!

BIKE RACKS (RACK CITY)
The SRC recognised that the over-crowding of the school’s bike racks was an issue, so we spoke to the City of Sydney Council, and upon a request, we received a donation of three bike racks! The additional bike racks will encourage more students to ride their bikes to school, by providing the security they need to leave their bikes during school hours.

JEANS FOR GENES
Coinciding with national Jeans for Genes Day, the SRC spent the morning of August the 3rd selling merchandise for the Jeans for Genes Foundation, at various points on King St.

If you have have any suggestions for the SRC, please put your thoughts in the suggestion box, or talk to your year’s SRC members. The SRC represents all students, so feel free to get your ideas heard!
Sudoku Solution:

Riddle Answer: The letter W

If you have any submissions please place them in the NEWSTOWN box inside the front office.

If you would like to be apart of the NEWSTOWN committee please come to F4 at Thursday lunchtimes.