



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL DR SUSAN GREEN

The Whole School Assembly on Thursday last week was a very fitting Newtown farewell to our Deputy Principal, Peter Shields. After 34 years as a Science Teacher, Head Teacher and Deputy Principal at NHSPA, Peter Shields' expertise and passionate, lifetime commitment to the school and the teaching profession will be much missed. Students spoke from their hearts about the difference he has made in their lives. We had dancing and singing, flowers and pink feather boas! We wish Peter all the very best as he commences his well-earned retirement. Thank you to the teachers and students who worked in secret to make it such a joyous and memorable assembly.

The Music Faculty's Animato and Con Brio Concerts on Tuesday and Thursday in St George's Hall last week were stunning displays of our students' musical talents. Thank you to the P&C and the TAS Faculty and the Year 9 Students for catering for our community with delicious and abundant food.

Thank you to the Year 7 Year Advisors, Hans Mayerhofer and Lisa Coveny, for the excellent Year 7 Learning Day last Friday. The entire day was carefully structured around the importance of positive relationships. Students participated in workshops including cyberbullying and anti-othing to promote respect, kindness and empathy.

I met with the First Nations group last week in the TAS kitchens as they cooked delicious lemon myrtle and lemonade scones. There was a lot of concentration as they created these culinary treats. Thank you to Student Support Officer, Dean Adams, and Relieving Head Teacher TAS, Olivia Saravanos, for this fun, cultural initiative.

On Monday this week Legal Studies teacher, Matilda Roberts, led Year 11 Mock Trial Students on an excursion to the Downing Street Centre where they spoke with magistrates and learnt about the complex functions of these courts. An excellent and enriching experience for our students.

From our NHSPA Archives (1994)

A space for building dreams

Story: Barry Doyle
Picture: Ross Willis

THE Newtown High School of Performing Arts draws its students from all over Sydney and from as far away as the Blue Mountains.

It is a nurturing place for our future performing artists and within its rambling grounds that snake along King Street lies historic St Georges Hall which, until the completion of the Sydney Town Hall in 1888, was the largest Victorian Hall in Sydney.

Now the push is on to restore the old building to its former grandeur for use by not only the school's budding artists, but also as additional valuable theatre space for Sydney.

More than \$2 million of State Government money has already been spent on a basic refurbishing of the newly-opened hall. Another \$3 million will be needed to complete the project.

It is now the centre for the school's dance department and two dance studios and a stage with sprung floors have been completed.

This week Annita Keating joined patrons of St Georges Hall, dancer Paul Mercurio and actor Colin Friels, in an inspection tour of the building and the School of Performing Arts.

Private and corporate sponsors are now being sought to bring the hall up to its potential as both a centrepiece for the school and a theatre venue of world standard.



Annita Keating and Paul Mercurio inside the main theatre space of St Georges Hall.



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The P&C Meeting ran their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 21st. I would like to congratulate the parents and carers who have been elected to the following positions:

President	Marina P.
Vice-Presidents:	Paul B., Cameron J.
Treasurer:	Belinda D.
Secretary:	Meg Q.
Committee Members:	
	Susan H., David W., Marian B., Virginia T. Jodie R., Anna S., Simone T. and Alex K.

In the regular P&C meeting following the AGM I raised the idea of working bees or grounds days for next year so that together we can help maintain the extensive NHSPA property. On behalf of Rhianna Blake, Head Teacher Art, I tabled a proposal for a P&C Exhibition next year in our King Street Gallery: "We see this as a wonderful way to connect the parents and community with the school and give the chance for any parent or community artists out there to collectively exhibit their work" (Art Faculty).

I would like to thank all parents and carers for supporting the government mandated mobile phone ban. It is having a positive effect with more physical activity at recess and lunch times and more engagement and focus in class.

We still have a way to go, as we expected when we are introducing behavioural change across over 1100 students. Research is clear that phones adversely affect concentration, eyesight, body posture and mood. Working together we better support our students' learning and wellbeing.

We have 74 talented students performing this year in the NSW Schools Spectacular in various capacities: Symphony Orchestra; Stage Band; Featured Instrumentalist; Featured Artists; Backing Vocalists; Core Choir; Featured Dance; Combined Dance; Drama Ensemble and Student Production Team. 60 Year 8s were lucky to attend the first performance today with their Assistant Year Advisor Callum Eckersley, Head Teacher Administration Jane Gray and Deputy Principal, Nilaufer Rajwar.



The Schools Spectacular is an incredible creative collaboration. It has been running for 40 years this year and is an immensely memorable experience for all involved. Lifetime memories are formed. I am very excited to be in the audience tonight!

Best wishes,
Susan Green



DANCE PROJECT YILAAATHE NGURRUGU



Aurielle Smith (year 10) recently created this incredible dance video. If you would like you can watch it and vote for it to win the people's choice award by following this link:

<https://www.form.org.au/sharp-short-dance/yilaathu-ngurrugu-by-aurielle-smith/>

[Yilaathu Ngurrugu by Aurielle Smith - FORM Dance Projects](#)

Choreographer/Filmmaker: Aurielle Smith Title of work: Yilaathu Ngurrugu Music: From Little Things Big Things Grow. Written by Kev Carmody and Paul Kelley. Performed, arranged and produced by Electric Fields. Additional...www.form.org.au

A statement from Aurielle about her video

"This film was shown at the sharing culture night. The intention behind this film was to highlight through movement, the incredible land rights work that Vincent Lingari progressed in the NT in the 60's & 70's, and to remind viewers that different people, from different backgrounds can come together. When we are one - we are stronger. Always was always will be Aboriginal land".

YEAR 8 FRENCH POETRY ABOUT ANIMALS

Year 8 French have been busy learning about animals, expressing their opinions about them, and how to describe them using adjectives. Here are some outstanding examples of the animal poems they have written.



Mon cheval blanc et noir
Il saute partout
Et quand il est fatigué
Il dort comme un bébé
Il est fantastique !
Leon Schreiner



J'adore mon gros phoque
Mon phoque peut rouler
et mon phoque sait nager
J'adore mon phoque !
Leon Schreiner

J'adore les ours !
Les ours sont gros et bruns.
Ils vivent dans des endroits
froids.

Ils sont géniaux !
Will McVeigh



Un dauphin rose et violet
C'est beau et étrange !
Un koala jaune et vert
C'est inhabituel, je crois
C'est extraordinaire !

Mila Smith



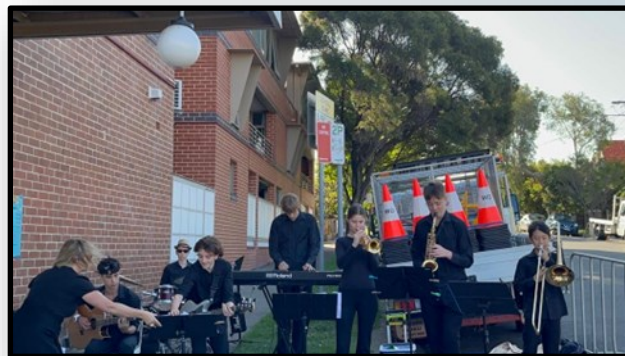
MUSIC CONCERTS



Congratulations to the Co-Curricular Music Ensembles for a very successful Showcase Season of Animato and Con Brio concerts on Tuesday 14, and Thu 16/11. These highly professional performances reflect the ethos of sophisticated musicality and ensemble that the program embodies. Thank you to ensemble directors for a successful year of quality music and musical education.

We are preparing for the upcoming Gala Concert at the Seymour Centre on Fri 1/12, and are excited to present Tarimi Nulay by Deborah Cheetham-Frillon AO, Yorta Yorta woman, and excerpts from Requiem by WA Mozart. The combined Choirs and Symphony Orchestra.

Special thanks to Ben Turner and tech company, Year 9 Hospitality and especially Mitch Rudman Year 10 for the beautiful photography



Thank you to Louise Horwood and the Junior Jazz Ensemble for their recent performance at the Stanmore Music Festival.



Bulletin Week 7, Term 4, Friday 24 November 2023



Members of this year's Mock Trial team went on an excursion to the Downing Centre on Monday. The team was accompanied by Nicholas Stewart, Criminal Lawyer and Partner at Dowson Turco Lawyers. Nicholas organised a talk from Magistrate Barko for the students to start the day which was brilliant.

The team learnt about court operations and procedures and then had the opportunity to ask questions. Following this they were able to walk in and observe several cases across both local and district courts. From driving offences, animal cruelty, bail applications to large scale drug cultivation, the year 12 legal studies students were able to experience all the drama and excitement of the courtroom. A big thank you to Tyrone Rigby, Mock Trial Coordinator and the organiser of this fantastic opportunity for our students

Matilda Roberts



Dance Showcase

Wednesday 29 November 2023

7.00pm

Everest Theatre, Seymour Centre

Bookings through the Seymour Centre website:

<https://www.seymourcentre.com/event/nhspa-dance-showcase-2023/>

We hope to see you there!



NHSPA CALENDER OF EVENTS FOR TERM 4 2023

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
WEEK 7 Tue 21/11 Wed 22/11 Thu 23/11	Schools Spectacular, all week Film Festival and VA Spring Show 8/11 Presentation Assembly	Quodos Arena St Georges Hall
WEEK 8 Tue 28/11 Wed 29/11 Fri 1/12	Year 7 Orientation Day Dance Showcase Evening Performance 7:00pm Gala evening performance 7:00pm (Showcasing performances from all our Performing Arts Faculties Dance/Drama/Music)	St Georges Hall Seymour Centre Seymour Centre
WEEK 9 Fri 8/12	Presentation Day, 12.00noon	NIDA Parade Theatre 215 Anzac Parade Kensington
WEEK 10 Tue 12/12 Fri 14/12 Fri 15/12	Music HSC Elysium Concert Year 12 BBQ Last day of Term 4 2023 for all students	St Georges Hall
2024 TERM 1 Thur 1/02 Fri 2/02	First day for Students in Years 7, 11 and 12 First day back for students in Years 8, 9 and 10	