



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL DR SUSAN GREEN

It is hard to believe we are halfway through Term 4. The HSC examinations for 2023 are over!

All Year 12 students officially signed out on Wednesday this week, returning textbooks and equipment. Thank you to the students who kindly donated their school uniforms to the P&C. This is a reflective time for our Year 12s, and we wish them all the best as they enjoy their liberty. We look forward to seeing them again on the 15 December for the celebratory Year 12 BBQ.

Five weeks into my new role as Principal of NHSPA and I see so much pride in our school: proud students, teachers, parents, and carers. I see a strong community that works together recognising that we all want the absolute best education for the students because we know that education empowers. I see active, engaged students. I see dedicated, passionate teachers. I see a culture of collaboration which is essential for a high achieving school. Last night as I was leaving the school a grandparent of one of our students said to me: "we are lucky aren't we".

Today is School Psychologist & School Counsellor Recognition Day. Our two School Counsellors, Jess Cashman and Regan Pullen, share this fulltime position at NHSPA. Their roles, in partnership with our Student Support Officer, Dean Adams, are vital. Thank you for the excellent, caring support you give to our students every day.

On Monday last week I attended the weekly Prefects' Meeting. I was impressed with their solid agenda and their efficient leadership. In this edition of our Fortnightly Bulletin, you will see the inaugural Prefects' section. In each future Bulletin the Prefects will be sharing their news with our community. We aim to privilege the voice of our student leaders.

Thursday last week was a busy day with a Year 10 Drama production led by Amy Hardingham. *Hooked* is a short play scripted and produced by students. It was followed by an expert panel from external health organisations, which included our school counsellor, Jess Cashman, and our Student Support Officer, Dean Adams. *Hooked* is an outstanding, original, student play.



The panel forum afterwards responded to the student audience questions. This was an innovative, engaging and authentic approach to student wellbeing. The production provoked intelligent student dialogue about addiction and dependency caused by phones and vapes. Thank you to Deputy Principal Nilaufer Rajwar whose initiative from earlier in the year resulted in this excellent collaboration.

Year 11 students each had a scheduled meeting on Monday this week to discuss their Year 11 Yearly Report, reflect on their progress and effort, and create new learning goals for their final HSC year. Students met with either myself, Deputy Principal Nilaufer Rajwar, Careers Advisor Ula George, Relieving Head Teacher Dance Belinda Scanlan, or Year 11 Year Advisor Amanda Di Camillo. This excellent approach to individual learning serves as an important academic wellbeing support and nurtures our culture of high expectations for learning.

The SEED (Social, Emotional, Environmental Development) Team, led by Hannah Hindmarsh, met this week and I joined their meeting as they talked about various initiatives they have planned for the rest of the year. Our SEED Team is a student leadership group which fosters socio-emotional talents and I encourage more students to consider applying next year.



The Semester 2 Drama Showcase performed two outstanding shows this week to a full house. The Years 7, 8, 9 and Senior Drama Companies highlight the versatility and dramatic talents of our students. Congratulations to our talented students and their dedicated, talented teachers.

This week we have included a DOE document which succinctly explains the importance of student attendance, and how important it is for successful learning.

Best wishes
Susan Green



NHSPA P R E F E C T S

THE PREFECT TEAM'S VISION STATEMENT FOR THIS YEAR IS:

"The Prefect Body is committed to uniting a school community of thriving individuals. Through exciting and purposeful experiences, we will foster a passion for creativity."

AMY FORCHERT

Captain, Communications/ Community Engagement

Amy loves English and is so excited to be one of your captains!

JOSEPHINE BRADFIELD

Captain, Social Issues

Josie is passionate about everything that she does. She always stays informed on what's going on in the world and has a deep love for learning.

JACOB DREW

Wellbeing

Jacob loves playing soccer and drama. He's passionate about making sure everyone feels accepted.

FREYA FERMOR

Wellbeing

Freya enjoys choir and visual arts. She's passionate about creating a positive and inclusive school environment for everyone.

MARIANNE HANNA

Wellbeing

Marianne is your 2023 Science Week Joke of the Day Winner! She is an enthusiastic and warm student who's approachable and keen to meet everyone.

BAILEY MATTHEWS

Performing Arts

Bailey is a drama kid with a love for textiles and design. She is passionate about the arts and ensuring inclusion across all platforms.

LARA UEKI

Performing Arts

Lara has a love for music and spending time at the beach with her friends. She often finds herself full of smiles and aspires to share this happiness with all.



MERI TINKLER-SMITH

Communications/ Community Engagement

Meri is passionate about the Arts - especially dance and literature. She is dedicated to connecting the community and ensuring students feel supported in their aspirations.

JAIDE ALMEIDA

Environment

Jaide enjoys contemporary dance and working creatively. She is passionate about the environment and textiles/fashion.

FREDDIE LAWRENCE

Environment

Freddie enjoys learning about mathematics and the natural world. She is passionate about creating a sustainable and safe school environment.

SEBASTIAN BROOK-WASHINGTON

Sport

Bas really loves sports and is a Bondi junction enthusiast. He aims to create fun and excitement for the school. He also aims to get everyone engaged and moving in many projects that the prefect team will put together.

TOBIAS MOSSMAN

Sport

Tobias loves anything sport and is dedicated to uplifting those around him with humour and insight.

TALAHN PAKI

Sport

Talahn is a determined force to be reckoned with. She is passionate about every sport under the sun and spices it up with her love for the arts.



YEARS 9 AND 11 FRENCH EXCURSION TO THE ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE AND THE LITTLE SNAIL RESTAURANT

Week 10 last Term the Years 9 and 11 French classes enjoyed a visit to the Alliance Française to participate in 2-hour language workshops in Pronunciation and Preparation for HSC Writing Skills. This was followed by a three-course lunch at the Little Snail Restaurant in Pyrmont, where students had the opportunity to savour French classics like Escargots à la bourguignonne, Soupe à l'oignon, Coq au vin, Crème caramel and Mousse au chocolat.



Everyone had a marvellous time and thanks to Mrs Whitfield and Mr Anthony for organising the day.

CELEBRATING 'SHARING STORIES CULTURES AND HISTORIES'

Message received summing up last Friday's Sharing Stories Event

"I just wanted to send a note of thanks for the most amazing evening on Friday night.

There was so much to admire about the night it's hard to know what to say exactly. I loved the immersion of eating AMAZING FOOD with performances, the use of the space was dynamic and exciting. We left with the most beautiful piece of pottery, a shortbread biscuit, and a visual delight!

We connected with new parents and there were people at our table who were not parents but came for the food and a look inside the school. We loved connecting with them also.

Congratulations to all involved in the night - the attention to detail was incredible!"

Sarah Oquist
NHSPA Parent



NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS

Excellence, Creativity and Equity

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Bulletin Week 5 Term 4 Friday 10 November 2023

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SHARING STORIES EVENING





VISUAL ARTS

Congratulations!



We are pleased to inform you all that there have been 4 Art Express nominations this year in Visual Arts.

Emily Harris
Emma Lang
Freya McGrath
Arden Skinner



The students have completed Bodies of Work to the highest standard in the mediums of painting, graphic design and time based forms. The students have all been high achievers across other performing art subjects in their HSC. This is also a testament to all of the Visual Arts teachers here at NHSPA over the years, their dedication and high expectations of Visual Arts at our school.

We are so very proud!



MUSIC CONCERTS

Animato and Con Brio Showcase Concerts

Animato 14 Nov sold out, few tickets left for Con Brio 16 Nov

Via our website or click here:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CMVVO>

We look forward to your company in joining us to celebrate and enjoy music performed by our music students.



Animato Music Showcase Concert

Tuesday 14 November, 6-8pm

St Georges Hall

Symphony Orchestra
Corelli String Ensemble
Senior String Ensemble
Junior Choir
Intermediate Choir
7/8 Extension Choir
9/10 Extension Choir
Junior Littlefield Guitar Ensemble
Senior Littlefield Guitar Ensemble
Wallis Percussion Ensemble

Con Brio Music Showcase Concert

Thursday 16 November, 6-8pm

St Georges Hall

Concert Band
Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Junior Jazz Ensemble
Jazz Orchestra
Senior Choir
Senior Extension Choir
Tango Ensemble
Zangari Guitar Ensemble
WOMP (Weapons Of Mass Percussion)



NHSPA CALENDER OF EVENTS FOR TERM 4 2023

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
WEEK 6 Mon 13/11 Tue 14/11 Wed 15/11 Thu 16/11	Tech Day 1, Animato Music Showcase Tech Day 2, Animato, then performance 6pm Tech Day 1, Con Brio Tech Day 2, Con Brio, then performance 6pm Very few tickets left for Con Brio only Via our website or link below https://www.trybooking.com/CMVVO	St Georges Hall
WEEK 7 Tue 21/11 Wed 22/11 Thu 23/11	P&C Meeting 6.00pm—all welcome Schools Spectacular, all week Film Festival and VA Spring Show 8/11 Presentation Assembly	NHSPA (Common Room) Quodos Arena St Georges Hall
WEEK 8 Mon 27/11 Tue 28/11 Wed 29/11 Thu 30/11 Fri 1/12	Dance and Gala Bump In, Seymour Everest Year 7 Orientation Day Tech Day 1, Dance Showcase Tech Day 2, Dance Showcase, performance 7:00pm Tech Day 1, Gala Performance (Dance/Drama/Music) Tech Day 2, then Gala evening performance 7:00pm	Seymour Centre
WEEK 9 Fri 8/12	Presentation Day	NIDA
WEEK 10	Music HSCS Elysium Concert Last day of Term 4 2023 for all students	tbc
WEEK 11 Fri 15/12	Year 12 2023 BBQ Last day of School all students	
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	

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills



Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per **fortnight**
 = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

1 day per **week**
 = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed