



MT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL SVAPA NEWSLETTER TERM 2 TWENTYNINETEEN

Hello and welcome to a ridiculously crazy busy Term 2 – I can already hear my hyperventilation attack in approximately week 6 whilst Nat Diggins yells affirmations that don't help through the bathroom door.

This is an exciting Term. Auditions, camps, concerts, exhibitions and performances galore! I hope you can attend and support as much as you can.

I also want to mention a big thanks to the parents I see out at Arts events bringing their children along. Some I'm sure is on your own volition but sometimes because they want to see something that excites them.

I saw five students with their parents last night at the Astor for Katya's performance and it warms the cockles of my heart that there are parents out there who support their kids, as well as the LGBTQI community.

Thanks super parents!



90's Club

SVAPA Alumni update

Congratulations to our wonderful SVAPA students who made it into the 90's Club. The 90's club is for students who achieve a 90 and above WACE score. Well done to Isabel, Nel A, Mary, Lauren and Ava. Massive congratulations to our dazzling Lauren McDonald (2018 Alumni) for her brilliant solo performance at the Art Gallery of Western Australia for the Year 12 Perspectives which showcases the best WACE performances in the State.

Current SVAPA student update

Faith from Year 8 SVAPA has currently been in rehearsals for a production of Hairspray Jr which opens next week. The poster is attached which has ticketing information.

Ava from Year 11, did an outstanding job as the opening night MC for the Year 12 Perspectives! At 16 already killing it on the mic! Ava shows such humour and positivity as well as commitment to the Arts.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, Perth Festival's Our Town starred our very own Charles and Grace with a clever

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Ava Hart

and heartfelt rendition by Black Swan State Theatre Company. Well done to both of them!!

During this outstanding year for Mt Lawley at the Year 12 Perspectives, at AGWA, our students with their band Quintefunk gave a fantastic performance. Year 10 and 11 SVAPA students Gabriel and Kate, along with Joshua, Callum and Blake filled the building with much funky mood and atmosphere. Their professionalism throughout the night and well-polished performance was a great representation of our school in the community. Thanks to the powerhouses Michelle DeRozario and

Shahna Gallagher for giving up their time and energy to get these projects off the ground.

The following students: Aliya, Austin, Ashleigh, Ashley, and Loukia, from Year 8 SVAPA, participated in a global project to make a mosaic of Mendeleev, at the University of Waterloo, to celebrate 2019 the Year of the Periodic Table. You can see some of their submissions in the attached page from the Chem13 Journal. Thanks to their Science teacher Ms Fitter for making this artistic intervention happen.

Last Term

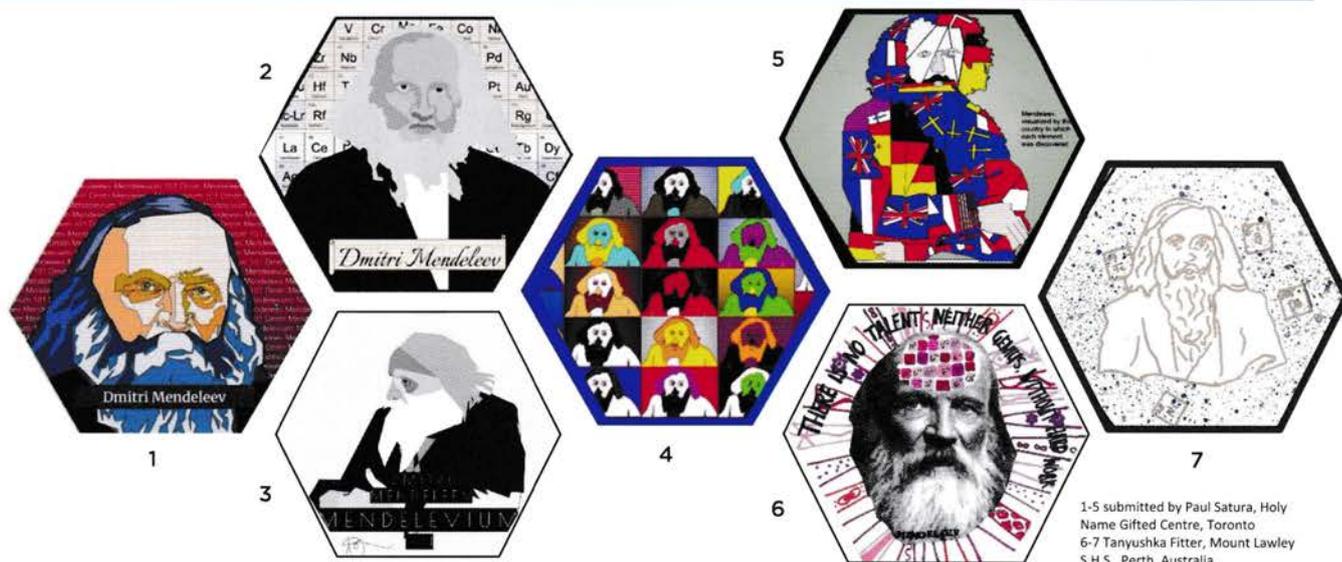
Perth Festival Excursions

Another bumper year – Lang Toi, Ghost in my Suitcase, Kwongkan, Gatz, Sunset and Our Town. Six excursions in three weeks are organised for our SVAPA and Drama students. Thanks to all the parents for their coordination – especially the carpooling to Freo - and to the teachers for supervision duties. This is a brilliant way to start off the academic year. Students love getting together, dressing up, watching new work and having big and bold discussions afterwards.



Our Town

Selection of early submissions to Mendeleev Mosaic



1-5 submitted by Paul Satura, Holy Name Gifted Centre, Toronto
6-7 Tanyushka Fitter, Mount Lawley S.H.S., Perth, Australia

Submission deadline is March 1, 2019



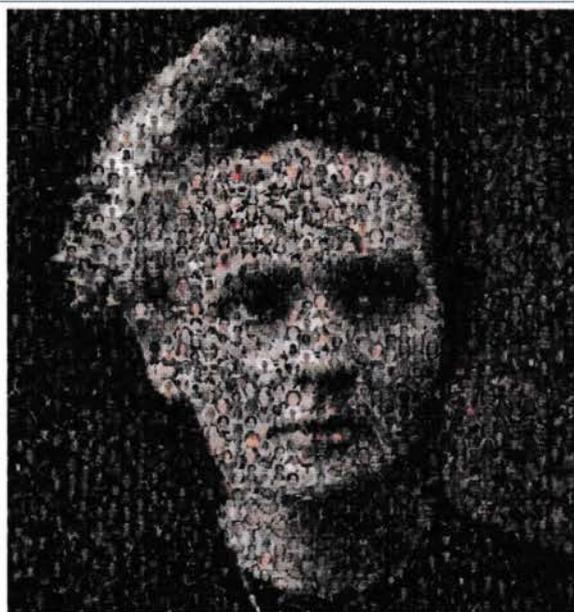
Marie mosaic

As inspiration for our mosaic here is another collaborative chemistry mosaic we found that appeared on the front cover of the 2011 September issue of *Nature Chemistry* (Volume 3, Issue 9). This cover was a celebration of the International Year of Chemistry and the 100th anniversary of the awarding of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry to Marie Curie. In this issue, Michelle Francl considers how the representation of women in science has changed since Curie's day. Michelle suggested the concept of having the Marie Mosaic created with images of female scientists. More information about the cover and this collaborative project can be found in *The Sceptical Chymist* blog from *Nature Chemistry*.

blogs.nature.com/thescepticalchymist/2011/08/marie_mosaic.html.

If you look closely, the images are hexagons — like our planned Mendeleev Mosaic. Our project will have student artwork collected together to depict the Father of the Periodic Table.

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A portrait of Marie Curie's face created from the photographs of around 200 women scientists.

ORIGINAL IMAGE OF MARIE CURIE © PHOTOS.COM/THINKSTOCK



SVAPA Camp

Early Morning Classes

Improvisation, Shakespeare and Collage were the offerings during Term 1. Thanks to the teachers and students who attended the early morning classes. These classes extend their skill and knowledge base, as well as providing an opportunity to work with some of the finest artists working in Perth. I would like to include a post by Naomi Corteen, who worked with the Year 9s this term as well as some of their completed work.

“Couldn’t be more proud of my year 9s at Mount Lawley Senior High School, what an absolute privilege to work with these kids. This group was absolutely brimming with creativity, and it was so inspiring to see that a lot of them already have thriving art practices. I’m looking forward to seeing what these guys contribute to the Perth Arts Community in coming years, I have every faith and expectation they will become forces for positive change thanks to the world class Arts program at MLSHS and the Specialist Visual and Performing Arts program in particular”.

Arts/Languages Festival Day

The fun, action packed and entertaining Arts/Languages Festival Day finished off the end of Term 1. Petting Zoos, Improvisation battles, Circus, bands, Junkadelic, games, films, silent disco and food from every corner of the earth. Is there anything we don’t offer on this day? This is a whole school activity and is a day full of buzz and community.



Fremantle Carpooling Success!

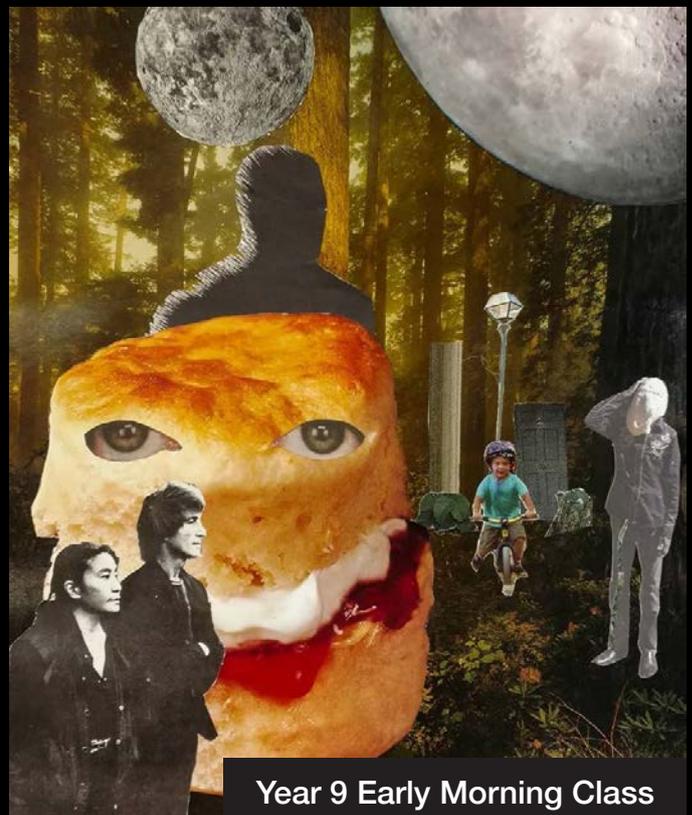
Thanks to the Heads of Art and Languages, Lynda Kuntjy and Sonia Hatzis ,along with every teacher and lots of Certificate students in the school for putting it all together.

Big thanks to the SVAPA Support Group for the fairy floss stall again. The sugar coated parent volunteers have become annual icons and we duly praise them.

SVAPA Camp

It was an action packed camp at Point Walter – including movement, filming, performance, art and music making. We had two guest artists grace our presence – Chloe Flockart and Marnie Orr. Thanks to all the staff who made this a great experience for each other and the students; and thanks to the wonderful year 12's who came down to run theatre games with the kids.

As you can see in the picture the costumes were next level this year!



Year 9 Early Morning Class

used to be the boy's gym – so say hello to the trials and tribulations of a sports class! Scott McArdle is coming on board as assistant director. Scott is a director and designer who has created work at the Blue Room as well as being a regular guest director with Murdoch University's performance students.



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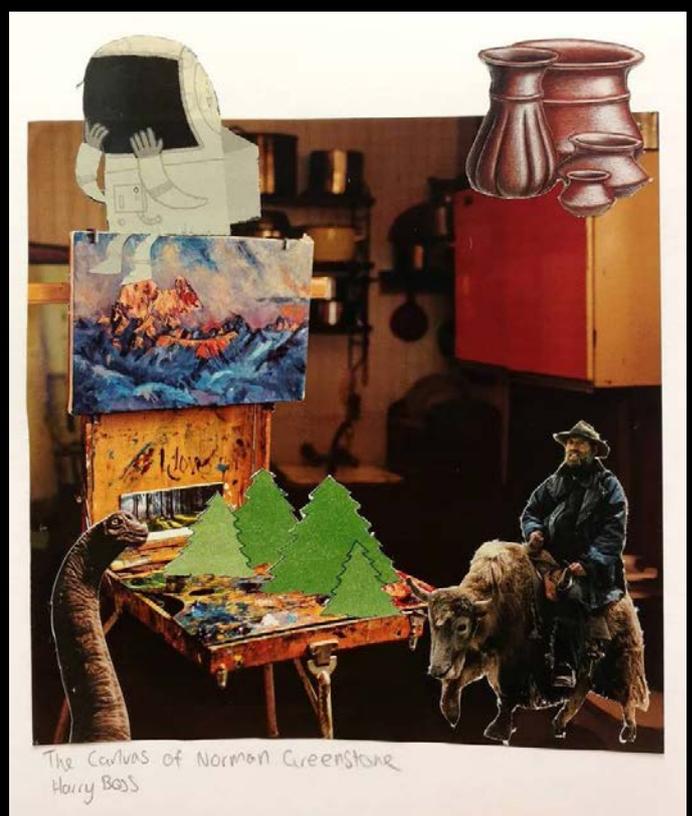
This Term

Early Morning Classes

Kinetica are coming in to run circus with the Year 7s. Scott McArdle, assistant director for Midsummer's, will be with the Year 8's. These classes are on at the same time, place and day as last Term. We have had an artist pull out of the Year 9 classes due to a tour clash. I will make contact with the Year 9s once I have confirmed a teacher and let them know the day and place.

Midsummer Night's Dream

Our concept this year is Gymnasium. For those who don't know, the Tricycle Theatre



The Carthus of Norman Greenstone
Harry Boos

Year 9 Early Morning Class

The show will run from Monday 1st to Wednesday 3rd of July, beginning at 7pm. The running time is roughly 80 min including the interval. Please check the school website closer to the time for ticketing information

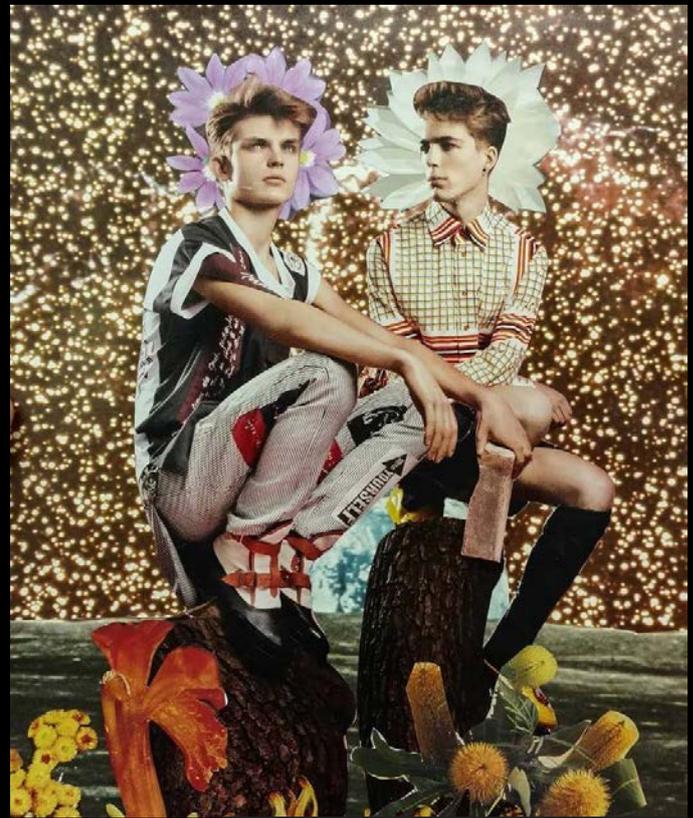
Arts Auction

The event is a joint venture between the Music and the Specialist Visual and Performing Arts parent committees.

The auction is the major fundraising event for the Arts learning area. All monies raised will ensure that our students receive amazing Arts related opportunities and, as such, we will continue to be a flagship school within the Arts.

The wonderful Arts education your children receive is made possible by this one fundraiser. There is no job too small.

You can also help by attending the function. It's a great evening, with food and wine, that connects us as a community in Mount Lawley. The event is on the 15th of June. Please check the school website for further information.



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Auditions

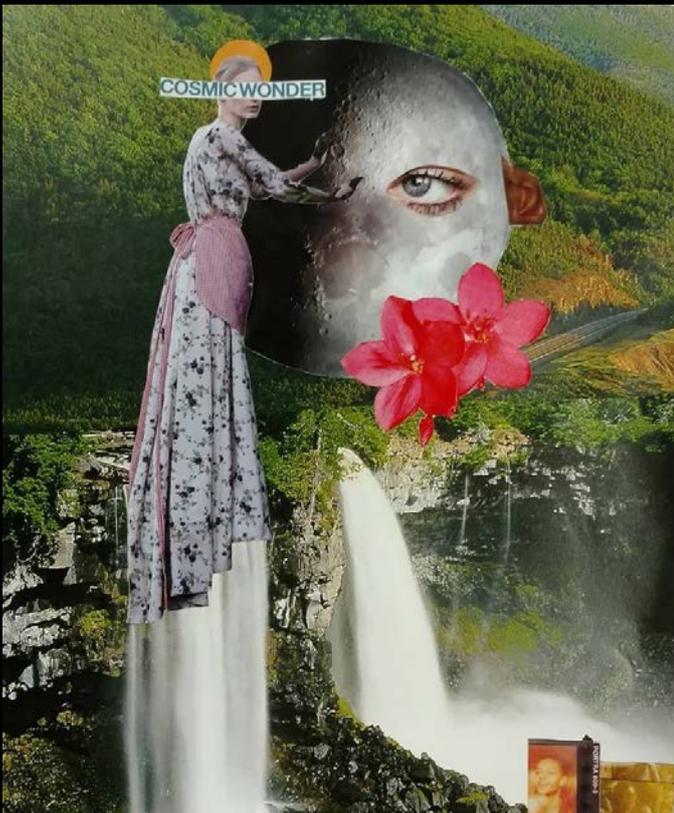
Expressions of interest are closed and annual auditions are coming up! For those with friends who are auditioning the dates are 30th and 31st of May.

Music Camp

Music Camp will be held from 5-7th of June at Advent Park in Maida Vale, for students who are members of Senior Strings, Senior Concert Band and Senior Contemporary Band. - a couple of nights away to practice, bond and perform together.

Music Concert

This year's Music Concert is split into two Middle School concerts back to back, then a Senior School concert. It will be held in the Music Auditorium at WAAPA on the 25th of June. A preemptive thanks to the music staff for this mammoth undertaking.



Year 9 Early Morning Class

SVAPA PSG Meetings

Please take note that the only gate open will be the service entry gate on the WAAPA side of the school:

7 pm 15th May in the Green Room of the Tricycle Theatre

7 pm 12th June in the Green Room of the Tricycle Theatre

A quick note

I will be away presenting a workshop at the National Drama Symposium during Dark Mofo Festival in Hobart during week 7. If you have any queries about the Drama aspects please speak to Natalie Diggins or Tomas Mawer. Otherwise please contact the Head of Department Lynda Kuntj.

Thanks again for a great start!

Moya Thomas
SVAPA Coordinator



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