

# MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

An Independent Public School



## SPECIALIST VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Term 2 2021 Newsletter



Department of  
Education



Specialist  
Programs



Dear Parents, Guardians and Big Kids,

The start of year was a little shaky with the sudden lockdown and despite the cancellation of a few Perth Festival shows, we have had a great term. This term, we had our SVAPA AGM with the new appointment of our Convener. Congratulations Jane Forward and many many thanks to our outgoing Convener, Iain Bradley. His positivity and support have been wonderful to work alongside.

We went on a Perth Festival excursion to see House with the Year 7s at the Heath Ledger Theatre.

The Year 8 and 9 students attended the annual SVAPA camp to Point Walter and the school embraced a brilliant Languages and Arts Festival Day.

A big thanks to our Term 1 early class visual artist, SVAPA alumni Jessie Appleyard (2009). Jessie is currently working as an artist and make up artist, and is training to become a teacher! Photos from Jessie's artwork class below. I would also like to leave you with a group photo of the SVAPA students at the Year 12 ball. All grown up and looking STUNNING!

**Moya Thomas** SVAPA Program Coordinator



# LAWLEY ART AUCTION

This year's Lawley Art Auction is on 19<sup>th</sup> of June, 5pm with the auction beginning at 6.45pm. This is the school's major fundraising event for the SVAPA and Music Programs. Funds are used by the SVAPA and Music Parent Support Groups to keep these programs engaging, contemporary, challenging and rewarding for our highly talented students. Held annually, the auction represents a tremendous commitment and partnership between artists, parents, businesses, community and school. I sincerely thank all the people who contribute in so many ways to the success of this fundraising event. It's a fantastic night – bringing everyone together. It's an absolute must on the calendar.

**LAWLEY ART AUCTION MEETINGS** Keen to help support the program, school and event? Come along on 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of May to the Conference room in the Main Administration building, or contact the Convener, Andy Druyan, at [andydruyan@gmail.com](mailto:andydruyan@gmail.com)



# WHAT'S ON

## EARLY MORNING CLASSES

Early morning classes are weekly lessons with a professional artist before school. There are no classes in the first week of term.

### YEAR 7

When: Tuesdays, 7.30am  
Where: Tricycle Theatre  
Artist: Esther Longhurst

### YEAR 8

When: Wednesdays, 7.30am  
Where: Tricycle Theatre  
Artist: Mitch Whelan

### YEAR 9

When: Fridays, 7.30am  
Where: Tricycle Theatre  
Artist: Storm Helmore

## SATURDAY WORKSHOP

An email with confirmed details will be sent out closer to the date.

When & Where: TBA

## SVAPA T-SHIRTS

Parents can purchase SVAPA t-shirts online at [mlshspandc.square.site](http://mlshspandc.square.site)

## SVAPA PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

5<sup>th</sup> May & 2<sup>nd</sup> of June, 7pm  
Green Room, Tricycle Theatre

The meetings go for roughly an hour, depending on how much fun we are having.

Entry is at the rear of the high school from the north side of Learoyd street via the service entry for Mt Lawley Senior High School.

# THIS TERM

## MEET THE EARLY MORNING CLASS ARTISTS



**Esther Longhurst** is an improviser, actor, artist and all round fabulous human being. She will be continuing with the Year 7 students, making them feel cared for, included and supported, as she teaches them ensemble improvising skills.



**Mitch Whelan** is a WAAPA graduate, theatre director and casual academic. He has worked with us previously, focusing on the SVAPA project class. He will now be coming on board as an assistant director for this year's Midsummer Night's Dream. He will be conducting early classes in support of the production.



**Storm Helmore** is continuing with us this term; however, she will be turning her gaze towards the Year 9s. As studies become more more academic and theoretical, dance is critical for Year 9s. Having the opportunity to focus on movement and creativity has great outcomes for health, happiness and wellbeing.

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

**Scout** in Year 9 has started her own business making and selling bespoke earrings. She's already got some Perthonalities like Famous Sharon making regular orders. Scout has set up her own stall at the local markets, selling these fun and fabulous earrings.





# WHAT'S ON

## 2022 SVAPA INTAKE AUDITIONS

11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> May, 3.30pm

## LAWLEY ART AUCTION MEETINGS

4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm  
Main Administration building

## MUSIC CAMP

16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June

Students from senior strings, senior classical guitar ensemble, senior concert band, senior contemporary ensemble and Big band 1 are all invited to Music camp which is held at Advent Park in Maida Vale. A consent2go will be forwarded to students closer to the date.

## LAWLEY ART AUCTION

19<sup>th</sup> June

## MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm  
Tricycle Theatre

Calling all you cool cats, hip chicks and daddy-O's, this year's big bonanza production takes place in The Dream Diner - a 50s meeting place, perfect for love triangles, mistaken identities, revenge, jealousy, rebels and of course magic. It will be a Cry-Baby meets Grease extravaganza!

Tickets on sale a fortnight before the show opens.

# SVAPA ALUMNI



## SMOL FISH

- Featured Artists on Triple J Unearthed - Smol fish was originally the solo project and musical journal of singer songwriter **Clancy Davidson** (2018). In late 2018 the project enhanced into a full band setup. Their songs are cute and upbeat, expressing themes of love, loneliness, naivety, friendship and the mundane struggles of everyday life. **Hannah Coakley** (2018) is on Bass. You can hear their music at [www.triplejuneearthed.com/artist/smol-fish](http://www.triplejuneearthed.com/artist/smol-fish)



## 90S CLUB

For a cohort of 32, SVAPA is over represented in the 90s club nearly every year. A big congratulations to these hardworking, caring and kind students who have been an absolute pleasure to teach and guide – **Indira Clifford, Matthew Graham, Olivia Berti, Chloe Littler, Zari Calligan, Madison Greenwood, Sarah Brook** and **Gabriel Luca-Morrison**.

*The true purpose of arts education is not necessarily to create more professional dancers or artist. It's to create more complete human beings who are critical thinkers, who have curious minds, who can lead productive lives.*

- Kelly Pollock



# LAST TERM

## YEAR 8 AND 9 CAMP

I think we can all sum up 2020 in one word, horrible. Especially for Year 7 and 8 SVAPAs as they were not allowed to go to SVAPA camp. But due to the amazing work of the teachers, we were able to have another wonderful camp this year. We started the camp by organising our dorms which was chaos for both the students and teachers. Soon after was dinner and before we could sit down and enjoy ourselves, Miss Thomas decided to treat us to a table manners lesson. After dinner, we had a chaotic quiz night that consisted of - 1. Screaming answers at our teammates and 2. Scrunching up our answer sheets. After that mess, we had some Year 12 SVAPA visitors come to play some fun games with us. The next day, we woke up bright and early and went

down to have breakfast. Right after we got into our group activities. The activities included; body weather, art, music, drama, media and swimming. In our music session, we had Katy Steele come down and help us out with making a song. Katy Steele is a singer, guitarist and songwriter for the rock-band 'Little Birdy'. We were incredibly lucky to have her. That night we had the SVAPA ball. It was lots of fun and we all had a good time parading our costumes and dancing. The next day was the last day and our groups had to come up with a performance and then present it to the other groups. Each group did a great job showcasing their skills and use of the space around them. Later on, we packed up and left the campsite, keeping with us all the good memories

- **Isabella** and **Tia**





# LAST TERM

## LANGUAGES AND ARTS FESTIVAL DAY

The Language and Arts Festival is an afternoon of creative fun, entertainment and excitement showcasing the Languages and Arts Learning Areas. It is a festival that encourages students, teachers and the wider school community to come together to celebrate international cultures, languages and the contribution of arts in society.

The variety of activities for students range from: Stilt Walking, junakadelic, Magicians, balloon sculpting, circus, silent disco, the big hoo haa, cherry blossom painting, candle making, K-Pop dance, history dress up selfies, poetry, speakers' corner, gaming.

The food is incredible for the day as well – gelato, pizza, sushi, crepes, Mauritian pastries, bubble tea, and many more

The SVAPA students were heavily involved in events throughout the day, notably Junakadilic, improv teams in the Big Hoo Haa and the many band throughout the day.

Thank you to the parents for help funding the Big Hoo and Junkadelic and for the school to celebrate its rich arts and humanities culture in the school.





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## LANGUAGES AND ARTS FESTIVAL DAY



## YEAR 7 EXCURSION TO HOUSE

On the Saturday the 27th of March, we went to the Heath Ledger theatre to see *House* by Barking Gecko Theatre

It was exciting as some of us had not been to this theatre before. We immediately noticed the wonderful staging of the play. Centre stage was an amazing movable house that served as both the central focus and also a main character in the play.

The acting was wonderful and the play made us all laugh and cry and the story was really inspiring.

- **Oscar, Conrad and Francis**



About the show:

*Cathelijn is completely and undeniably alone. All by herself in the centre of a dark forest, that's when she sees it – the house. A higgledy-piggledy mess of a place as tall as the trees. Inside, she finds Piotr, a small boy who never stops talking, and Elka, a grey-haired explorer who insists they keep the curtains closed tight. When they suddenly launch into the air, Cathelijn learns that this is no ordinary house: it's a Rescue House, and it rescues the Loneliest Child in the world. So begins an extraordinary adventure that takes Cathelijn across the world and deep inside herself, on a journey of self-realisation and self-determination.*



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