

MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

An Independent Public School



SPECIALIST VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Term 3 2021 Newsletter



Department of
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Dear Parents, Guardians and Big Kids,

It has been a looong Term 2, have a read of everything the SVAPA crew got up to! I hope you enjoyed your holidays and are ready for an action-packed Term 3!

Moya Thomas
SVAPA Program Coordinator



2022 SVAPA BAGS

Congratulations to Zia Thyer on their great design! Artwork for the 2022 bag is chosen by the SVAPA Parent Support Group Committee.

Every year, the Year 7 students are invited to submit a design for a bag. The bag is then printed for collection for the following year 7 students. They should be ready for this current year 7's by term 3. Bags are a gift from the SVAPA PSG Committee to the students.

SVAPA T-SHIRTS HAVE ARRIVED

Here are our Year 7 students displaying their brand new SVAPA shirts! These are worn for events like the Lawley Art Auction and SVAPA camp.





WHAT'S ON

There is a lot on in Term 3 - make sure you take note and mark the dates in your calendar!

EARLY MORNING CLASSES

These are weekly lessons with a professional artist held before school. Classes begin in Week 2.

YEAR 7

When: Tuesdays, 7.30am
Where: Art 2
Artist: Stephanie De Baisi

YEAR 8

When: Thursdays, 7.30am
Where: Art 1
Artist: Ariel Katzir

YEAR 9

When: Fridays, 7.30am
Where: Tricycle Theatre
Artist: Janet Carter

Events and important dates continue on the next page.

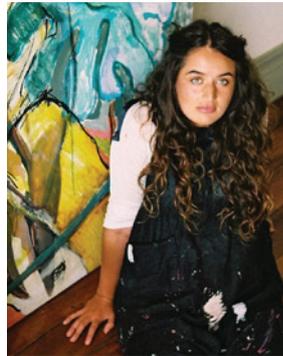
THIS TERM

MEET THE EARLY MORNING CLASS ARTISTS



Stephanie De Baisi has worked with us in the past and we be guiding the students to an exhibition at the end of term 4. The exhibition of student work will be held during the Music Sundowner.

De Baisi is a WA multidisciplinary artist. In 2018 she graduated with a Bachelor of Contemporary Art at Edith Cowan University. Her practice reflexively considers the consumerist society and the structural determinants that concern humanity and the environment. De Baisi's working methodology explores aspects of the everyday through sculptural assemblages and painting.



Visual Artist **Ariel Katzir** (SVAPA Alumni 2009) will be working with our Year 8 students for a term. In her work, Katzir examines the illusion of beauty. Graduating with a diploma of fashion and textiles has evidently influenced Katzir's work where she explores the facets of beauty and challenges the view that the lines on one's face do not fit traditional ideals of the construct, instead she maintains they are under appreciated.

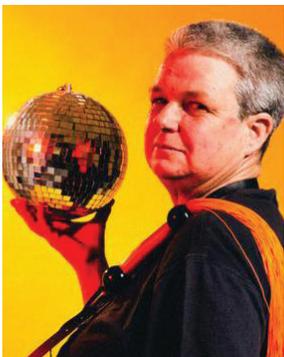


image: Nicolee Fox

Janet Carter has worked with us for many years assisting the implementation of our renowned Tiny Works production. She will use her time with the students to support the drama curriculum. She will address the concepts of agency and small-scale performances.

"If I could, I would invite all other schools offering Year 9 Drama to experience what I did last night. It is the best way of teaching the mandated multi-formed devised drama as part of the Year 9 syllabus"

– Max Leech, Principal Consultant at the Department of Curriculum.

Carter is a lifelong queer activist. After completing a Bachelor of Visual Arts at Edith Cowan University in 2008, Carter finished Honours in Contemporary Arts in 2010 and is currently a Fine Arts PhD candidate at the University of Western Australia. Her practice embraces sculpture, installation, performance and new media works.



WHAT'S ON

SVAPA PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

4th August, 5pm
(due to Dream Diner Production)
1st September, 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.

DREAM DINER

2nd, 3rd & 4th August, 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!

Please e-mail the SVAPA coordinator for ticketing information.

SATURDAY MASTERCLASS WORKSHOP

When: Saturday, 18th Sept.
Where: TBA
Artist/s: TBA

Students will need to dress comfortably and wear their SVAPA shirts. The masterclass workshop will go for 3 hours, with a 30 minute break.

CURRENT STUDENTS

Isobel Lippiatt (right) from Year 9 won the Grey Company Medieval Re-enactment Group Junior dagger fighting tourney, show fighter of the year and junior fighter of the year awards.



Mischa Luxton from Year 8 has been asked to perform a vocal solo for the WA Government Schools Music Society (WAGSMS) Schools Make Music concert series at Crown Theatre in August.

Oscar, Conrad and Francis Cvitan from Year 7 were invited to participate in West Australian Youth Jazz Orchestra club, which is an opportunity for young musicians to work with WAAPA staff and students from around Perth.

SVAPA ALUMNI

Congratulations to these graduating WAAPA students who graduated our school in 2018! They were such incredible students and often come back to help out with our shows, or just to stop by and tell us how they are going. We love this relationship with our alumni and hope these kinds of associations continue.



Georgia Sealey
Bachelor of Arts Stage Management



Millie Lee
Bachelor of Arts Props and Scenery



Riley Billyeald
Bachelor of Arts Stage Management



Shannon O'Neill
Bachelor of Arts Lighting



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DREAM DINER

Calling all you cool cats and jive turkeys, there is a jukebox jamboree at the brand new Dream Diner. Serving curly fries, hot dogs, and thick shakes with a side of love, magic, jealousy and mischievousness.

The Year 8 students will present a re-interpretation of William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. It's *Bewitched* meets *Grease* meets *Cry-Baby*, a 1950's fever dream. So come on down in your best 50's outfits and shake, rattle, and roll!

New dates are 2nd - 4th August. All tickets have been transferred to these new dates automatically. Please contact SVAPA coordinator if there's any issues.



MUSIC CONCERTS

Although we have already had a lot of concerts this year, Term 3 leads to even more excitement!

In a couple of weeks, on 6th - 7th August, the WA School's Senior Band Festival will be held, in which our top two concert bands will be performing. The WA School's Senior Orchestra Festival will be the day after on the 8th August. The WA School's Jazz festival will be held a week later on the 15th August, with the WA Classical Guitar Ensemble Festival a week after that on 21st - 22nd of August.

The WA Public Secondary School's Contemporary Music Ensemble Festival will be held on the 28th - 29th of August, the WA

School's Junior Concert Festival Band Festival will be held on the 11th of September and the WA School's Junior Orchestra Festival 11th - 12th September.

All of these Festivals are a great opportunity for our music students to see what other schools are doing, as well as for our school to showcase the exceptional talent of all of the students in our ensembles. Invitations for this festival will be sent on consent2go.

The next school concert coming up is the Semester 2 concert, which will be held on the 5th September. This will bring another opportunity for the music students to demonstrate the skills they've developed over the year, and to say goodbye to our Year 12 music students.



LAST TERM

MUSIC CONCERTS

The concerts the music department runs are biannual events, one for each school semester, where all of the ensembles can showcase the hard work they did that semester.

The music staff in partnership with the Music Parent support committee took time out of their weekend to organise these events for the music students, and we held two

middle school concerts and one senior school concert on the Sunday the 16th of May.

The middle school concert was a hectic and exciting event, and was only the first or second performance for a lot of the students, while the senior school concert was full of the more experienced musicians who were ready for another fun school concert. These performances were held in the Richard Gill auditorium at WAAPA, and you could feel the

nervous energy in the air as the younger students got ready for their performance. While the performing ensemble was on the stage, the holding rooms upstairs were full of fun tunes & last minute fixes to the uniform or the sheet music.

The music teachers were able to make all the concerts run smoothly, and all of the student had a great time and performed brilliantly. You can view these concerts via the school Vimeo platform.

LAWLEY ART AUCTION

We did it! COVID managed to keep at bay and the night was a big success. Thanks to all those who helped, supported, attended or bought a work. Every little bit helps. It was so lovely to see the student's mingling with the teachers, artists, guests, local members

of parliament and the music, languages, SVAPA parents.

Thanks to Jane and Charles for hanging the SVAPA art works, so the audience could see our student's artwork alongside the main gallery. Thanks to Michelle, Shahna and Dijon for organising the SVAPA music students to perform.



image: Amanda Humphrey

YEAR 7 SCHOOL EXCURSION

The Year 7 community attended an excursion to the Perth Hills Discovery Centre to learn more about Noongar Culture. I went along to get to see the SVAPA students in action. They learnt first nations skills and knowledge - Hand and twine making, fishing with pre-made traps, hunting and gathering techniques. Thanks to Queenie Wan for organising such a delightful and informative day. The SVAPA students were beautifully behaved.





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MUSIC CAMP

Our annual music camp from June 16th to June 18th was hosted by Advent Park, in Maida Vale. The groups that participated this year were - Senior Classical Guitar Ensemble, Contemporary Band 1, Big Band 1, Concert Band 1, and Senior Sting Ensemble.

As usual, the Music Camp included two extra events; The

first night there was a games night, which tested the general and musical knowledge of the students, while incorporating fun aspects such as dance-offs and stand-up comedy games.

On the second night, there was a movie night that showed a viewing of Soul, which was compulsory for years 7-10 but not compulsory for years 11 and 12, who were able to go to their dorms and hang out with

friends and importantly jam sessions.

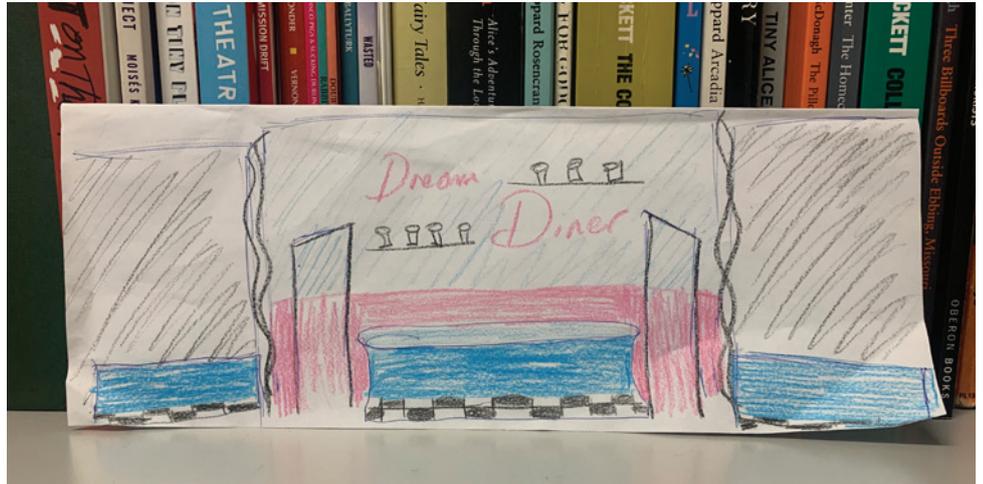
This year we had a special guest Matt Klohs, the conductor of the Royal Australian Navy Band, who assisted Concert Band 1 and their conductor Mr. Stanley with pieces that are to be played during this year's ABODA Festival at Churchlands.

- Eloise





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DRESS REHEARSALS FOR DREAM DINER

The Year 8 production was put on hold until this term due to COVID. Nevertheless, the show must go on, and we will be back bigger and better. You can see the journey of our set from my rough drawing in Term 1, to the many meetings with the builder, to the delivery, bump in and painting by the Cert II students. Many of whom were SVAPA students and have already worked on another



interpretation of this text when they were in Year 8. Having this wonderful ecology within the school provides our students with many perspectives and chances to grow and adapt.

Below is lovely email from the Teacher in Charge of Music – Michelle DeRozario.

"I had the pleasure of attending the dress rehearsal for the Year 8 production of *Midsummer Night's Dream* last night. Despite it being a very small audience, the students came alive with action, dance and a brilliant characterful interpretation of the story. The students did a wonderful job with the language and the choreographed scenes were excellent. Please take a moment today to congratulate these kids for the excellent job. Also - an important mention is the excellent set design, lighting, sound design and costuming. If you haven't seen the Trike theatre yet, check it out, it is AMAZING. A huge congrats to Moya and Nat, their brilliant Cert students, the volunteers and SVAPA parents – Bravo to you all!"

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YEAR 9 ART EXHIBITION VISIT

The Year 9 students attended an excursion to The State Art Gallery to see the Year 12 Perspectives Exhibition and Perth Institute of Contemporary Theatre for the Hatched Exhibition. Hatched showcases the work of 24 recent visual arts graduates from every State and Territory. The students had opportunities to comment and interpret on all the different art works. Two students have written their perspectives on their favourite art works. We also managed to have a few hours at the amazing new WA Museum Boorla Beardip.



On the excursion to the Art Gallery of WA, the artwork that caught my eye the most was Culture in the Freezer Aisle. This artwork includes realistic jiaozi, Chinese dumplings, ready to be steamed. The artist's idea behind this work was to show that many Chinese families no longer make dishes by hand, but rather go to buy them from restaurants or stores, essentially losing the authenticity of the food-making process. This artwork hit close to home for me, as my family rarely makes our Asian food by hand these days. We usually get takeaway, and though it tastes wonderful, it just doesn't have the love that handmade food has.

- Avani



Between Mother and Moving is a Mountain Range describes the feeling of grief from the angle of both a daughter and an artist. The use of flowers displays the way that nothing stays the same and that you need to move on, from things as small as seasons to things as big as the loss of a loved one. This delicate artwork really shows how things change. Because of the way that this art was made of flowers -unlike with stone- it will wither away. The artwork will die overtime, this, to me is the most charming part of the artwork.

- Jamie



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