



MT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

SVAPA NEWSLETTER

TERM 4

TWENTYNINETEEN

Hello lovely parents and guardians,

Welcome to the last term (the year has flown by!). It's an exciting time, we have a year group leaving us, one finishing its first year in the program and we are about to welcome a whole load of fresh young faces.

Thanks

Alumni and Current SVAPA Update

Two students recently presented work at the same venue, PICA and PVI Collective's Kiss Club - Jacinta Larcombe and Scarlet Davis (Class of 2012). It was lovely to catch up them and see how their work has progressed and how as performers they have developed to become fierce voices on the Perth arts scene. The night was made more of a delightful reunion, as it was also attended by

Dale Irving (who created the SVAPA program) and Jane Packham.

Davis Burke (Class of 2018) is running as a candidate in the local elections at the City of Belmont. Burke was a PIAF Young Creative in 2017 and we wish him good luck in the upcoming elections.

Our bubbly and creative Year 7 student Alyssa played Annie in "Annie the Musical" in August at the Stage Door School of Performing Arts in Subiaco. Ian Westrip and Jay Walsh directed the production.

LAST TERM **aka The Music Term**

Hats off to the Music Department, Michelle DeRozario, Shahna Gallagher, Jen Barrie and all the SIM staff for an absolutely epic term of music concerts: WA Schools' Senior Concert Band Festival, WA Schools' Senior Orchestra Festival, WA Classical Guitar Ensemble Festival, WA Public Secondary Schools' Choral Festival, WA Schools' Jazz Festival, Classical Guitar Ensemble Festival, WA Public Schools' Contemporary Music Ensemble Festival, WA Public Schools' Contemporary Music Ensemble Festival, WA Schools' Junior Orchestra Festival and WA Schools' Junior Concert Band Festival.

Early Morning Class Teachers

Rhian Todhunter, working with Year 7, produced curated podcasts. They got a deeper understanding of radio, oral communication and content selection.



Moya, Scarlet Davis & Jacinta Larcombe

Stephanie de Baisi has worked with the Year 8s with clay and found materials exploring ideas around recycling and re-purposing found and throw away objects.

Jen Jamieson has worked with the Year 9s on the concept of agency and authenticity in performance work. This has laid the groundwork for more individual feedback work next term.

Year 7 SVAPA Puppetry Workshop

Students were taught all about puppets from Spare Parts' Daniel Doesk. They went on to make Bunraku puppets out of butcher's paper and tape. 3 students then brought them to life, articulating the head, arms and legs. (PHOTO INCLUDED)

SVAPA Planning Meeting

A big thank you to the SVAPA Support Committee in providing a lovely lunch for the hard working teachers of the program. It was a productive and collaborative meeting with a good chance for us to communicate and re-energise our commitments to the program.



SVAPA Planning Away

Thanks to Josie Baljic and the Home Ec department for supplying the feast!

THIS TERM

Early Morning Class Teachers

Stephanie de Baisi on Friday in Art 2 with the year 7's – Steph will be workshopping the same themes and skills that she did with the year 8's in the previous term. We are aiming to have an exhibition of the Yr 8 and 7s work at ECU. Please see the next section for further information.

Fiona Hull on a Wednesday in the Trike Theatre with the year 8's – WAAPA trained classical dancer. Pair dancing and creating basic choreography to use in theatre. Please make sure students are wearing suitable clothing.

Jen Jamieson on Friday in the Trike Theatre with the year 9's – Continuation of Term 3, but looking more closely at their "Tiny Works" production.

SVAPA year 7 & 8 ECU Exhibition

Jane Packham, working with Edith Cowan and Early morning class teacher Stephanie de Baisi, has organised a small exhibition. It will be a range of sculptural works by Yrs 7 and 8 SVAPA exploring clay modelling and re-purposing found materials to make a comment on our material culture. It will be held in the Gallery in the Art Education Building on the 6th December.



Puppetry Workshop



Awesome Festival

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Our annual pilgrimage to the cultural centre took place in the first week back to school. Students were treated to a beautiful sunny day out visiting museums, galleries and theatres. We made flip books, viewed works about disabilities and inclusivity, created puppets, watched Alvin Sputnik and participated in a Q&A with the performer, Sam Longley.

Midsummer Dreaming

This year, I was given a chance to revisit the SVAPA 2017 production, “Midsummer Dreaming” with the ECU’s fourth year drama education students.

Year 9 and 10 SVAPA students have come on board with the production, filling the roles of the spirits (fairies). It’s been a wonderful journey for both the SVAPA and the pre-service drama teachers.

The production is more low-key affair than our 1 ton of sand we imported into the Theatre! But it still holds the same sentiment and spirit of the original.

“Edith Cowan’s School of Education graduates and The Specialist Visual and Performing Arts students at Mt Lawley SHS present William Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream in a Noongar context. Co-created by Ian Wilkes, the story delves into the land itself and re-creates a spirit kingdom that has continued from the beginning of time, a world that when we enter, we will not leave the same way, on Saturday 26 October 2019 at 7:00pm at the Tricycle Theatre. Tickets through <https://www.trybooking.com/BGFRK>”

Alvin Sputnik

Year 9 SVAPA students are attending an evening performance on the 24th of October of Alvin Sputnik at the Blue Room with the original deviser and performer of this outstanding show, Tim Watts.

Tiny Works

Tiny Works is one of a kind – no other high school to my knowledge does a course that embarks on sophisticated and independent performance making. Tiny works are 15 small performances, crafted by two students each for an audience of one.

Students have submitted their grants and are about to paired up with their mentor and cert students to begin rehearsals. The project involves 15 test audience members, 5 mentors, 18 Cert students and 30 students. The performance dates are Monday the 10th to Wednesday the 12th of December.

SVAPA Bags

The beautiful SVAPA bags will be given out to year 7 students in form class next week. They are designed by Aalyiah Henwood in year 8. It is tradition that a year 7’s design is chosen for the following year groups SVAPA bag.

Lawley Art Auction Committee

Please see the flyer below. It is a fantastic event, that draws the large arts, government and education community together. It’s also a great chance to feel a part of the school as High school can be tricky to navigate for

parents who's children have become the dreaded monosyllabic grunting teenager who doesn't share anything about their lives, because you are and I quote – "ruining their lives". So this is great way to help out (in any way you can) the program and ensure it's longevity but also for your own families and community.

Thank you,
Moya Thomas



Awesome Festival

1ST MEETING
TUES 11 FEB
2020 7PM
UPSTAIRS,
MAIN ADMIN

Lawley Art Auction:
1 night of selling
premium WA art to
fund Arts student
programs at
MLSHS

The 2020 Lawley Art Auction needs you!

Team player, a great communicator? Love art? Have skills or experience in computing, selling, organising, charming sponsors, wielding a hammer or punching out a persuasive email? Maybe you're just a helpful person or want to be involved at your child's school?

LAA funds state of the art equipment, workshops, excursions for Music and SVAPA.

Volunteer positions are now vacant on the committee so come join us and ensure we can continue to go that extra mile in your child's education and provide stellar entertainment such as you've had the pleasure of enjoying from Music and SVAPA! Check out lawley art auction on Facebook, Instagram or www.lawleyevents.com
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Email us now on chair@lawleyevents.com

