

SMC Arts Newsletter 2017 Term 1

Haere mai to our new St Margaret's College whanau and welcome back to returning families! Each term we will update you in this space with achievements, news, and an events calendar for our Arts at school.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Sammy McDonnell, Abida Denny, Sujean In and Amy Chung on being selected for this year's New Zealand Secondary Schools' Symphony Orchestra, also Alice Taylor joining the 2017 Court Youth Company and Tigerlily Perry performing with last year's company in *Robin Hood* at Riccarton House.

Student Arts Leaders

Our student Arts Council led by double trouble dream team, Nina Hogg and Sammy McDonnell, are well under way scheming up plans for Arts Week, to be celebrated the last week of this term. They will be drawing on this year's theme to *Capture the Moments* in the classroom and around the campus. This year's council comprises Year 13 girls, Mandy Manson (Head of Dance), Faza Azharashid (Deputy Head of Dance), Alice Taylor (Head of Drama), Nina Hogg (Deputy Head of Drama), Vivien Emile (Head of Debating), Lilian Fata (Head of Choral Music), Juliet Samandari (Deputy Head of Choral Music), Abida Denny (Head of Instrumental Music), Sammy McDonnell (Deputy Head of Instrumental Music), Vanessa Martin (Head of Technical), Sophie Early (Deputy Head of Technical), Olivia Pinckney (Head of Visual Art), Sophia Neill (Deputy Head of Visual Art), Nenah Milne (Head of Design/Photography) and Year 12 members Poppy Cox, Nadia Edmond, Sophie Ferguson, Alexandra Lay, Sophie McClean and Emily Stewart.

Consolidation in the Arts

It's always great to welcome new faces but also nice to enjoy continuity; this year we will be rocking with the same terrific staff team in the Arts from 2016.

Co-Curricular Arts

Arts Co-curricular Sign-up Day went off with a bang the first week of term, with hundreds of girls and many family members filling our Old Girls' Atrium. New initiatives this year include Musical Theatre, Wire Choir (guitar ensemble), Philosophy & Tea, Creative Writing, Photography and Art Extension. With over 40 different groups on offer in Music, Dance, Drama, Visual Art, *Wordsmiths*, Innovation & Technology - we hope there is something for everybody. A rehearsal schedule/timetable will be posted on the Arts Noticeboard (outside the Ngaio Marsh Theatre / WN207) as well as Student Notices just as soon as it is finalised. Applications for private Music classes and private/group Speech and Drama classes should go to Amanda Woods (Music) and Roz Spiers (Speech & Drama) as soon as possible please! Specialist teachers will contact students and parents with times, which we endeavour to rotate.

Treats for 2017

Plans for this year include the creation of a Middle School Student Arts Committee to promote and support the Arts in Years 7-10, regular evening 'Cushion Cabarets' in our Ngaio Marsh Theatre with participation from all age groups, and the senior Christ's College / St Margaret's College school musical, *Singing in the Rain*, to be directed by our own Elayne Buckler.

Events Calendar

- 17 February: NZ Playhouse, *Puss in Boots; Pet Detective*, Charles Luney Auditorium, 2.05pm, Y1-6
- 20-21 February: Summer Quad Debating
- 4-5 March: Canterbury Regional Debating Championships
- 13 March: NZ Opera *Donizetti's Don Pasquale*, Charles Luney Auditorium, 11.00am, Y3-8
- 15 March: Kath Bee performance, Charles Luney Auditorium, 9.00am, Y1-4
- 20 March: *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night*, Y12 and 13 Drama and Theatre Arts students, Court Theatre, 6.30pm
- 22 March: Orchestral Extravaganza, Christ's College, 7.30pm
- 27 March: Inaugural SMC *Cushion Cabaret*, Ngaio Marsh Theatre, 6.00pm
- 31 March: Encore, a Concert with Will Martin, Transitional Cathedral, 7.30pm
- 1 April: Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival Ki Te Raki, SMC Heat, Papanui High School
- 3-7 April: Arts Week
- 5 April: Twilight Concert, Charles Luney Auditorium, 6.00pm
- 6 April: *Chook Chook*, Y12 IB Theatre Arts performance, Ngaio Marsh Theatre, 1.00pm