

News

Welcome to the first edition of Music Matters for 2013! Term One is almost near completion and we are all eagerly awaiting a well deserved break after a busy 11-week term.

We commenced the year by welcoming a new teacher, Mr. Mark McLeod. Mr. McLeod has kept himself busy team-teaching the Year 8 music class and preparing the concert bands and Swing Band for their many performances throughout the year.

One of the major events in the Music Department calendar is the upcoming Music Tour to Melbourne. 37 students along with 5 staff will embark on a cultural overload that is Melbourne. As a result, we have been very proactive in raising funds to cover the full expense of the tour. We commenced with a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on 17th February. We had many student and parent helpers on the day and the Swing Band

greeted the customers as they walked through the entry. Many were happy to stay and watch them perform. We managed to raise over \$800 and I would like to make a special mention to the Cann family and Jo Goodie for their efforts on the day.

Students were extremely proactive and enthusiastic with the Cadbury Fundraiser Drive that was held in March. Chocolates practically flew out of the Arts Office and we were able to raise over \$1,000.

The Music Brunch was held on Sunday 14th April which raised over \$1,300. There was an excellent turnout on the day and raffle prizes included an electric guitar (donated by Mega Music), ukeleles and a range of other instruments (donated by Crescendo Music), as well as scratchies and a 3kg Toblerone block. Congratulations to all winners!

Our Music Captain Jonathan Gee and Swing Band Captain

Rhianna Brims organised a Cake Sale on 17th April. Most music students brought home-baked goodies and they managed to raise over \$650.

Thanks to one of our MSG parents, Murdoch University, School of Law, has agreed to sponsor the tour by agreeing to donate a sum to pay for the tour jackets.

Thanks to the efforts of many students, staff, MSG and families, our fundraising is going well, but it is not cheap to travel interstate. If you are able to sponsor the Music Department or make a donation, please contact us.

Music auditions for current Year 7 students were held on 15th and 16th April. Melville SHS will be once again awarding scholarships for the Music in Focus Program in 2014. If you have missed out on auditioning, please contact the Music Department for further information.

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PS Performances

Under the direction of Mark McLeod, the Swing Band had visited a number of primary schools to perform at their assemblies and events.

These include:
Kardinya PS (14 March)
Bicton PS (22 Mar)
Coogee PS (26 Mar)



Swing Band at Bicton PS

Commendations

Students are mentioned for positive contributions towards the Music Program. This may be demonstrated through their work in class, during SIM lessons, at performances or in ensemble rehearsals.

Congratulations to:

Cian Butler - Yr 8
Natasha Cocken - Yr 9
Callum Howman - Yr 10
Xiaowen Pan - Yr 11
Isabella Olivera - Yr 12

Music Matters

Teacher Bio

Mark McLeod graduated from Eastern Hills Senior High School in 2000 and went directly into UWA to study music. After thoroughly enjoying himself in the performance degree, he turned to education and discovered that teaching was, of course, much more fun.

After attaining his teaching degree, Mr. McLeod has taught instrumental lessons at a variety of different schools, including a years worth of keyboard lessons and (so far) ten years of clarinet and saxophone lessons. In 2008, he tried his hand at teaching classroom music, working for three years as the sole music teacher at a K-12 school, teaching senior school music theory in one lesson and moving straight into the Dinosaur Song for a Year 2 class in the next.

Mr. McLeod has been at Melville Senior High School since the beginning of this year. In between classes, he plays piano when he thinks nobody is listening.



Attendances

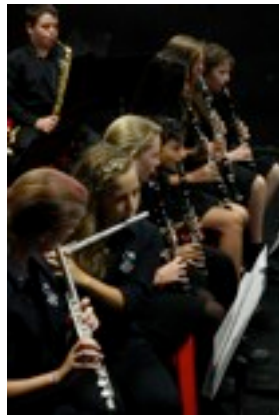
Students and all Melville SHS teachers have been provided with all instrumental timetables.

Please note that lessons are scheduled to rotate each week so students don't miss the same class each week. Students need to check their lesson times **each**

week. Students are also responsible for reminding their classroom teachers of classes they will miss to ensure that they don't miss out on assessments or other important information.

Music Brunch

Traditionally, the Music Brunch is an event that is held outside in the Melville SHS grounds, but for the first time this year due to the wet weather, it was held in the Carly Smith Studio. It was a mad rush setting up all the sound gear, instruments and seating, but with an 'all hands on deck' approach, we were set up and ready to begin within a half hour. All of the ensembles performed on the day, as well as selected dance students. The event was MC'd by Drama Captain, Bobby Cooper and Dance Captain, Katelyn Gossage and the audience were treated to classical and jazz standards and contemporary hits. Many soloists and small groups took to the stage and for many of the Year 8 students, this was the first time performing in front of such a large audience. All of the students performed brilliantly and the MSG parents once again did an amazing job setting up food and drinks and packing up at the conclusion of the event. Thank you to everyone who came and made the Brunch as successful as it was.



More photos are available for viewing by visiting [Melville SHS Performing Arts Facebook page](#).

Upcoming Events in 2013

- **Students commence Term 2** - 7th May
- **WACE Performance Rehearsal Day** - 26th May
- **MSG Meeting** - 18th June
- **Performing Arts Variety Show** - 24th, 25th and 26th June
- **Music Tour** - 22nd-26th July

Ensemble Rehearsal Times

Ensemble rehearsals are now well under way. Students are reminded to be punctual to every rehearsal, ready to play.

Ensemble Rehearsal times are as follows:

Swing Band - Monday 3:15-4:15pm

Intermediate Concert Band - Tuesday 3:15-4:15pm

Senior Concert Band - Wednesday 3:15-4:30pm

Classical Guitar Ensemble - Thursday 3-4pm

Vocal Ensemble - Friday 7:50-8:30am