

News

As we bid farewell to another busy year, we take a look back at the numerous events our students participated in throughout 2014: primary school performances, Music Brunch, Bicton Primary School Fete, WACE Rehearsal Performance Day, Performing Arts Variety Show, WA Schools' Jazz Festival, WA Schools' Band Festival, WA Classical Guitar Festival, WA Schools' Choral Festival, Soloist Night, Year 12 Farewell Assembly, Valedictory Evening, Year 6 and 7 Transition Days, Music By Night Concert, numerous in class solo and group performances and numerous performances at assemblies.

The first event in which music students participated this term was the Valedictory Evening on 27th October. Sophia Sunthang and Elissa Grubelich performed an acoustic version of the song *Free* by Rudimental and Emeli Sande on the night. They did a great job representing the Music in Focus Program.

The last event for the year was the Music By Night Concert, which was held on 1st December in the Carly Smith Studio. We wanted to change up the format of the event to give it a more authentic feel, as if punters were attending a gig at a music

venue and not at a high school. Half of the room was seated and half was left clear for people to stand. The audience members were free to walk in and out and buy a sausage sizzle that was running outside. The talent must have been excellent, as most chose to stay and listen to all performances.



Paris Opie and Joshua Hall getting the barbecue ready for the concert

The event predominantly featured students enrolled in the Music in Focus Program in Years 8-10. A big thank you to the Year 11 students who came back to perform with various bands and ensembles and who supported the younger students on the night. The Year 9 class was tasked to compose original songs this term and some groups were brave enough to perform them in public. It was also fantastic to see students pick up and perform on different instruments.

The evening's MC was Mr. Lachlin Brooks-Crew who did a great job talking about the program and introducing acts on stage. The two raffle prizes that were won on the night were an Apple TV box and a handmade gigantic gingerbread house. Based on SurveyMonkey results, it would seem that a few parents were thrown off by the slightly informal format of the event. Thank you to everyone that gave us feedback via the survey.



Jack Curran, Ashley Hurley and Matthew Murphy getting the barbecue ready

Congratulations to Matthew Murphy (Year 9 Music in Focus student) and his band *Figurehead* for winning the Rock Scholars Song of The Year award for 2014. They performed their song *Blue Tongues* at the Rock Scholars Festivus 2014 on 7th December at the Fly By Night Musicians Club in Fremantle. Their prize is a day of studio and mixing time so they can continue to create their indie-pop awesomeness.

Thank you to all the classroom teachers, SIM teachers and private tutors who taught our students this year. They were:
Percussion -Chris Booth and Rachael Flynn
Flute - Annette Daniels and Rebecca MacGregor
Clarinet and Saxophone - Wayne G'Froerer and Jesse Deane
Classical Guitar - Paul Hines and Priscilla Powell
Electric Guitar and Bass Guitar - Simon Jeans
Brass - John Davis and Paul de Cinque
Voice - Stephanie Ryan
Classroom and bands director - Lachlin Brooks-Crew
Teacher in Charge of Music – Ana Milas

A very big thank you to our Music Support Group parents for their hard work throughout the year. If you would like to be a part of the group and provide staff with support in a range of areas, please come along to our next meeting which will take place in Term 1 in 2015. Thank you to family, friends and staff for supporting your young musicians.

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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:

Charmaine Bishop - Yr 8
Sophia Sunthang - Yr 9
Natasha Cocken - Yr 10
Sean Hayes - Yr 11

Friends of Melville Music

Our parents would have noticed an increased communication via email, which is in response to Melville trying to be more "green". We ask parents to please make sure to check their emails regularly and to notify the school as your email or contact information details change.

If you or someone you know would like to be on our Friends of Melville Music database and receive newsletters and information on upcoming events, please let us know and we will include your email in our database.

Music Matters

Teacher Bio

Simon Jeans commenced teaching electric guitar and electric bass guitar at Melville SHS in 2012. Simon is a guitarist and composer who is comfortable in a variety of genres and settings, particularly jazz and modern fusions of contemporary styles such as blues, funk, Latin and rock. He studied the trombone during his middle school years through to the first few years of university. Being self taught on guitar during high school, he was accepted on both instruments into the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) at Edith Cowan University (ECU), graduating with a Bachelor of Music in Jazz Performance. In WA, Simon Jeans is considered one of the premier practitioners on his instrument. Simon has extensive experience as a sideman, freelance musician and band leader. He teaches at a range of public schools in WA as well as lecturing aspiring musicians at WAAPA.



Music By Night Concert



To view photos from music performances/events please visit: [Melville SHS Performing Arts Facebook Page](#)

Upcoming Events in 2015

- Students Commence - 2 February
- MSG meeting - 17 March
- Music Information Evening - 10 February

Instruments

Thank you to all students who regularly attended band/ensemble rehearsals and instrumental lessons throughout the term.

Students, please make sure to take your instruments home over the holidays.

Make sure to service them and most importantly, play them!

All classroom teachers will be emailed instrumental timetables in the first couple of weeks of 2015.

Ensemble Rehearsal Times

Swing Band - Monday 3-4pm in G20

Intermediate Concert Band - Tuesday 3:15-4:15pm in G20

Melville Vox Vocal Ensemble - Wednesday 7:40-8:40am TBA

Senior Concert Band - Wednesday 3:15-4:30pm in G20

Junior Vocal Ensemble - Thursday 7:40-8:40am TBA

Classical Guitar Ensemble - Thursday 3-4pm in G20