

## News

The major event on the Music Calendar in Term 2 was the annual Variety Show, which was held over three nights in the Carly Smith Studio. Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June saw a repeat show featuring drama, dance and small group music performances and Wednesday night featured music only, including bands and ensembles, class songs and selected groups. Tickets for all three nights were sold out and it was fantastic to see so many family, friends and Melville SHS staff attend the show in support of our very talented students.

For many middle school students as well as the primary school students who performed with the Intermediate Concert Band, this event was the first time they experienced performing in front of an audience. As well as boosting their confidence, self-esteem, communication and teamwork skills, events like this are a fantastic opportunity for students to experience what happens behind the scenes of such an event. Performing in front of a live audience in an authentic setting where strangers scrutinize every move is quite different to performing in a class setting, and students learn a lot and benefit greatly as a result.

Besides performing, which can be quite daunting for some, students are afforded the opportunity to take on a range of other roles that are not a part of the music curriculum (unless

undertaking a certificate course in senior school). Students volunteer to take on roles such as ushering, sound operation, lighting, stage management and other backstage roles, greenroom management, MC-ing, setting up seating/staging and PA and then packing everything up afterwards. Some of these roles require specific contextual knowledge, which is usually learned when students are placed in such a situation and this cannot be replicated in a classroom authentically.

Things don't always go according to plan and sometimes equipment doesn't work the way it was supposed to, but students always rise to the occasion and put of a great show. Each and every one of them should be really proud of the quality of performances that were put on over the three nights and the way they conducted themselves on and off stage. They did a fantastic job!

These events run as smoothly as they do thanks to the many staff and parents that volunteer their time. Thank you to Performing Arts teachers Elizabeth Houwen, Lachlin Brooks-Crew and Ana Milas, instrumental teachers Chris Booth, Priscilla Powell and Stephanie Ryan, Beth Glasson, Emily Dawson, Lloyd Greenland and Simon Thompson. Mr. Thompson is largely responsible for taking amazing photos of all of the Performing Arts students at their events. We would also like to thank all of the parents in Music Support Group (MSG) who purchased and set up refreshments, in particular Kalie Gladwin, Debbie Murphy, Ezrina

Fewings and Birgit Butler. Ms. Butler prepared the lollie bags and flowers and always endeavours to make the refreshments tables look fantastic. We would like to acknowledge former student Trevor Torelli who volunteered to operate sound for all three nights. Trevor completed Year 10 at Melville in 2013 and is now studying sound engineering at the SAE Institute in Perth. It's always great to see former students back at Melville who are doing well. Wednesday night's door prize was also donated by an ex-Melville student Barbara Yerkov. All proceeds from the show will go towards purchasing new equipment for the Carly Smith Studio, which will benefit all Performing Arts students.

Next term will see a few changes to staff in the Music Department. We will welcome Rachael Flynn who will be taking over from Chris Booth (percussion teacher). Mr. Booth is off to teach in England for a year and we wish him the best of luck. Two other staff will be returning from long service leave. Firstly, thank you to Paul de Cinque who was filling in for John Davies (brass teacher) and also to Priscilla Powell who was filling in for Paul Hines (classical guitar teacher). Please note that classical guitar lessons will revert back to their long-standing day and ensemble time slot (i.e. Thursday).

Music students also have the SIM festivals to look forward to in Term 3. These will be held on the weekends over a three-week period and are always fantastic to watch. We hope to see you there!

*By Ana Milas*

## 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.



## Novelty Items 4 sale

The Music Support Group has recently purchased some novelty items that are currently still in stock. These include guitar picks (two different thicknesses) with the Music logo on them and black stylus pens. The guitar picks are \$1.50ea and the pens are \$3. Next term there will also be wrist bands available to purchase. All proceeds for these items will go into the Music Support Group account, who fund a range of items and services for the music students.



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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:

Rachel Lawson - Yr 8  
Matthew Murphy - Yr 9  
Bradley Cann - Yr 10  
Oliver Toole - Yr 11  
Xiaowen Pan - Yr 12

# Music Matters

## Teacher Bio

Stephanie Ryan regularly works as a vocalist at various events across the Perth metropolitan area. She has performed at numerous wedding ceremonies as the feature vocalist, sung at city events and performed as the lead vocalist in various rock cover bands. Stephanie will complete her studies in Contemporary Music at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) in 2014.

Stephanie's studies and experiences have enabled her to expand her vocal ability, learn various performance techniques as well as make many valuable connections with other well-known performers in the Perth and Australian entertainment industry.

Stephanie is passionate about teaching students of all ages skills that will enable them to be the best vocalist they can be. Stephanie is a teacher who encourages all her students to develop the necessary skills in breathing and posture, and uses specific exercises to improve a singer's vocal range and technique. Students are able to implement those skills into the music style of their choice. Ensuring that enthusiasm, positivity and enjoyment are key components of every lesson, Stephanie imparts her own love of all things music to every student.

Stephanie currently teaches at Melville SHS and La Salle College, as well as privately from her studio. Stephanie also leads the vocal ensemble at Melville SHS.



## Attendance

It is great to see most students attending band/ensemble rehearsals and instrumental lessons on a regular basis. It is essential that students attend all rehearsals in order to improve their skills and achieve an acceptable performance standard. Classroom teachers have been emailed instrumental timetables and students are asked to remind their classroom teachers of their lesson times. Likewise, students must advise their instrumental teacher if they will be missing lessons and band/ensemble rehearsals ahead of time.

## Variety Show 2014

This year's Variety Show was one of my favourite to participate in. Each and every single act/performance was extremely exciting and filled with talent. I loved being able to perform along side my other peers in both dance and music groups. I was really pleased with how my classmates and I performed and I am very excited to see what next year's Variety Show will have to offer.

*By Molly Snowden, Vocal Ensemble Captain*



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

## Upcoming Events in Term 3

- **Term 3 commences** - 22 July
- **WA Schools' Jazz Festival** - 10 August, 2pm (John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School)
- **WA Schools' Concert Band Festival** - 16 August, 10:30am and 12:15pm (Churchlands Senior High School)
- **WA Classical Guitar Ensemble Festival** - 23 August, 10am (Carine Senior High School)
- **MSG meeting** - 2 September, 4pm (Melville Senior High School, Room G19)
- **Soloist Night** - 8 September, 6pm (Carly Smith Studio)

## Ensemble Rehearsal Times

**Swing Band** - Monday 3-4pm

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

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

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

**Classical Guitar Ensemble** - Thursday 3-4pm