



**Dance, Drama, Media, Music and Visual Arts** are charging into the term and there are some exciting things happening about Springs. The **Arts Leaders** have recently selected their **Arts Committee** to assist with Departmental duties and the planning of events. There was an overwhelming response to their call for applications and the Committee has been selected for their leadership qualities. They are excellent contributors - selected for their passion, participation and dedication to the Arts. Sophie and Phodiso are working with these students to organise and promote events such as **Stage Challenge** and the **National SGCNZ University of Otago Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival**. They have a busy schedule for the year. Congratulations to the following:

### ARTS COMMITTEE 2013

<b>Dance</b>	Brylee Mills	Y13	<b>Sophie McIntosh</b> <b>Stage Challenge</b>	Y13
<b>Drama</b>	<b>Phodiso Dintwe</b> <b>SGCNZ UOSWSF 2013</b>	Y13	Murdoch Keane MC	Y10
<b>Media</b>	Lucy Cacciopoli	Y12	Rowen Trusewich Media/Vis Arts	Y12
<b>Music</b>	Ben Shivas	Y13		
<b>Visual Arts</b>	Alena Kavka	Y13		
<b>PAT</b>	Ella Stewart	Y13		
<b>Photographers</b>	Laura Hangartner	Y13	Isobel Shore	Y12

A very special thank you to **Pete Coxon's 13 Art Design class** who are the designers of the **Arts Headings** for the Newsletter. Their work will appear on rotation in each publication for the Arts. We congratulate you all for your outstanding work. This issue displays the work of **Rihana Te Nana – 13OR – Art Design and Art Painting**.

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## ARTS LEADERS

It has certainly been a busy start for Arts at Springs this year!

The Stage Challenge team and dancers are already straight into planning and rehearsals for the heavily anticipated event at the Aotea Centre in early July! Our first fundraiser made close to \$600 thanks to the support of all the students at Athletics Day and we are hoping to continue in this fashion throughout the next few months. Thank you to Pearl Kennedy for documenting our team.



It was great to see seventy Dance students participating in a 'flash mob' at half time on Athletics Day – thanks to all involved - you had the Houses grooving.

Another event that had the school buzzing was a crazy freestyle 'flash-mob of sorts' known as a 'Harlem Shake' which took place in the school canteen on Wednesday 20th February <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJLWuFtWod4>. Thanks to Taylor Wallace and Andrew Baxendale for organising the 'Shake'. The idea for the fun event stemmed from a Youtube video that went viral in early February and we even had some of the teachers involved – Thanks Mr.Clayton!!



Please get in touch to support Arts at [arts@wsc.school.nz](mailto:arts@wsc.school.nz)

Arts Leader - Sophie McIntosh

## DANCE

On Athletics Day the 10, 11, 12 and 13 Dance classes created their own event when they performed a 'flash mob' in the middle of the track. They spent the first few weeks of term working hard to learn the intense four minute choreography and they performed well on the day. It was an entertaining and amusing performance filled with Beyonce, Michael Jackson and of course 'Gangnam style' and even some teachers got involved. It was great fun and all the dance students loved being involved! **Dance Leader – Brylee Mills**

## DRAMA

Welcome to Western Springs College for 2013!

Drama is offered at Springs from Year 9 – 13 and is also offered at scholarship level. The department runs from TAPAC, a state of the art performance facility.

The key events for your diary this year are, Shakespeare's *'Romeo and Juliet'*, from the 6-11 May, which will be performed by the Year 11 Drama class. The Year 12's will be performing *'Alice In Cyber Space'*, which will run from the 26- 31 of August. Finally the Year 13 Drama classes will be performing the *'Laramie Project'* from the 12-17 of August. All tickets are available on the TAPAC website. For more info, please visit the school's Facebook page entitled, 'Drama at Springs'. You can find it at this link [www.facebook.com/Dramaatsprings/](http://www.facebook.com/Dramaatsprings/). Through the page we will update you with upcoming events as well as pictures and reviews from recent performances so don't forget to click like!

Also, TAPAC is now running the Performing Arts Program after school and on the weekends. These excellent classes range from acting to singing to dance to circus training and are for all ages. As a special offer to Springs parents, TAPAC are offering a discount to 'VoiceWorks' a class run by Margaet-Mary Hollins. For more details, please see the TAPAC website. [www.tapac.org.nz](http://www.tapac.org.nz)

HOD DRAMA – Barnaby James

## MEDIA

Media Studies News – For Media Students (and FYI Parents!)

Interested in film competitions or other media opportunities? Head straight to the media department website : <http://goo.gl/wWbpp>

The media noticeboard page is the place to find more information. As long as you are logged into your school google account you can click on the *Media Noticeboard Page*, choose *subscribe to page changes* (under 'more' at the top of the site) and it will send you an email every time we update the page. Some great competitions are open already, and I'm adding things all the time so go and take a look!

We will be putting together a school 48hrs team, and are also happy to sign up and support other teams who prefer to go it alone! – In the last few years we've had two for one deals, which considerably reduce the cost of the entry fee.

Media students are welcome to come and work in the edit room at lunchtime and interval. If there's some burning project you're working on (including competition entries) come and see us. We also take an active interest in students' media involvement outside the classroom. If you've got a YouTube channel or are doing something media related you'd like others to know about, then promote it on the department facebook group (you'll need to join first – and you can do that on the department website) or promote it on the website or even on our noticeboard. Media is all about catching an audience..... (you already know this of course, because you've been listening in class!).

Just one last thing, we're feeling very proud of our 4 successful scholarship candidates from 2012 and would like to publically congratulate them here, Leroy Beckett, Jack Beesley, Eden Roberts and Caleb Wells – You rock!

HOD MEDIA STUDIES - Deb Thompson

# MUSIC

## Music Lessons

There are places available for immediate start in the following instruments:

**Trumpet/Trombone**  
**Violin/Viola**  
**Flute**  
**Double Bass**  
**Cello**

Please contact Margaret Robertson [robertsonr@wsc.school.nz](mailto:robertsonr@wsc.school.nz) in the Music Department for more information.

HOD MUSIC – Margaret Robertson

# VISUAL ARTS



## Extended Greetings

At the time of writing it is week five on the calendar and the Art rooms are a buzz of activity as students are settling into their practical and theory based work. To date, the juniors are half way through the terms work and the year 11 students had a field trip to the Museum and produced some quality studies that will feature prominently in their Drawing standard.

The department would like to acknowledge the fantastic results from the 2012 scholarship candidates. Our students garnered two for Art History (Cait Johnson and Justine Treadwell), three in Art Design (Hugo Christian-Slane, Louis Allison, Kate Morrison) and two in Art Photography (Cait Johnson and Frankie Gair). Special mention to Amos Turner and Hugo Christian Slane who also received the highly coveted outstanding scholarship grade for Design and Photography.

Outside of school, current and past students are also making a name for themselves in a variety of mediums. In particular, former student Joseph Herscher (a renown kinetic artist) was recently involved in workshops at the Tate Modern and Pompidou centre. Last month ex-springs student Henry Christian-Slane featured in a painting exhibition, and current Y13 student, Sebastian Martley has work in a group exhibition at Art Station.

Finally, a fee reminder to parents and guardians about the payment of Art and Art History fees for Y10-13. Our ability to provide the appropriate technical and specialised resources for the year is dependent on your continued support. Thanks in advance.

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HOD ART - Lily Laita