



Welcome back to the beginning of Term Two!

Term One wrapped up with the successful **Dance** and **Drama** events **SDNZ** and the **University of Otago Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival**. SDNZ had a successful costume fundraiser in the Hall and the Arts Leaders and Committee worked tirelessly as a team with Sheilah Winn at TAPAC. Thanks again to all involved for the preparation and running of the Festival.

Coming up in Term Two is **Stage Challenge 2013!** Since the beginning of Term One the Stage Challenge Leaders have met weekly to plan and prepare for a dance/theatre production of epic proportions! They are busy dreaming up dance routines, teaming up performers, practicing regularly, devising musical mixes, conquering admin duties, designing with set and costume, make-up, fundraising and preparing for the day. It is wonderful to see such fantastic leadership skills being shared and passed on to all students involved. Thanks also to the staff supporting them with their decision-making and planning.

Media is busy working towards the 48Hour Film Challenge... Incredible talent with **Music** will be showcased in the Library over the next three weeks, every Thursday lunchtime, with performances for NZ Music Month. Finally, the **Visual Arts** are getting ready to exhibit a fantastic range of work at Pasadena in June.

Thanks to Liam Mitchell – 13Art Design – for his Design with the Arts News Heading.

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ARTS LEADERS

SGCNZ - University of Otago - Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival



The drama that is *Shakespeare at Springs!* – A few of the WSC excerpts in action at the Shakespeare Globe Centre NZ - University of Otago Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival – Auckland Central 2013 – TAPAC Theatre. Special thanks to Arts Photographers Chervelle Sutcliffe, Laura Hangartner and Isobel Shore.

Western Springs College and TAPAC had the honour of hosting the SGCNZ - University of Otago – Auckland Central - Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival at the end of last term on the 19th and 20th of April. A large number of entries were put in from schools all across the Auckland region, some of which were from Western Springs College. The organisation of the Festival was headed by Kirsty Britton, along with the Arts Leaders and Committee. A huge thank you goes out to Melanie Webber, Barnaby James, Rita Stone, Lucy Lever,

Chervelle Sutcliffe, Savannah Murphy and Caitlin Wallis for helping out with the running of the event. We recognised the efforts of junior students Caitlin Wallis and Savannah Murphy at Assembly as their contribution to the Festival was outstanding. They joined the Arts Committee for the two days and were responsible for assisting the three Festival Assessors. Front and Back of House roles were shared between the Springs P.A.T team and the Arts Committee and these students were fantastic leaders over the two days. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm, the great student interest and care that was taken to run such a large event. We also had the pleasure of having the Honourable Nikki Kaye, Associate Minister of Education and Youth Affairs there to present the awards alongside Raymond Hawthorne, Sylvia Rands and Lara Fischel-Chisholm who were the assessors for this year. **Western Springs College** performed well and came away **with two sponsored awards - The Silo Theatre Award for Best Connection with the Audience** which went to King Lear. The piece was directed by Vida Gibson and Annie Lennihan, Grace Pooley and Vida Gibson performed. The other award was the **Western Springs College Award - Stage Manager's Choice for Most Professional Group** and this went to Much Ado About Nothing. This piece was directed by Sophie MacIntosh and she featured alongside Sean Janssen.



Arts Leaders Phodiso Dintwe and Sophie MacIntosh present effort awards to Moana students Savannah Murphy and Caitlin Wallis at Junior Assembly.

Arts Leader - Phodiso Dintwe

Stage Challenge 2013



Western Springs College - Stage Challenge 2013 - is well underway now with only 8 weeks left until the event at the Aotea Centre! A group of around 70 dancers and many more behind the scenes teams have thrown themselves into construction and rehearsal in preparation for our big night on Thursday July 4th! The Stage Challenge Leaders are preparing set, costumes, dance, music and make-up and the dancers have been preparing since the beginning of Term One. Over the holidays we planned and rehearsed over two days and heading into Term 2 practices are now every Tuesday and Thursday afterschool in the Hall. Ticket information will be sent out soon so friends and family can come along to the Aotea Centre and watch our school give it our all.

To make it as successful as possible we need as much help as we can get... If you can sponsor our 2013 team in any way we would love to hear from you!

Make sure you check these newsletters to keep up to date with our progress and see pictures of the students at work.

Arts Leader – Sophie MacIntosh



DANCE

Huge congratulations to Louis Ramsay from 9DVK who competed in ACDA and AAD ballet competitions during the April holidays and placed 1st in four categories with marks of 98 and 99 out of 100.



The 2013 SDNZ hip hop team performed against 14 other secondary schools from throughout New Zealand and were told by judges they were placed in the top five. Team choreographers Shakaiah Perez and Ezra dyer were impressed with the performance of all 21 dancers from years 9-13. Team members in the western springs street dance New Zealand squad for 2013 were Ngatau Leaf, Jaysika Patel, Anahera Brown, Trea Taviliniu, Tangaroa Jackson, Angelique Mendez, Katarina Fale, Whitney-Celine Walters, Lyric Donaldson, Rain Mahina, China Mahina, Eddie Liu, Ricky-Lee Waipuka-Russell, Shakiah Perez, Ezra dyer, Isla Pickles, Dione Tay, Tyler Gribble, Orama Asher.

HOD DANCE – Amber Weeks

MUSIC

NZ Music Month Performances

The Library Music performances are underway. They are happening every Lunchtime on Thursday in May. Check out the Library and listen to the notices for the different line up each week. In next month's Newsletter you can see how the performances went.

Music Leader – Benjamin Shivas

VISUAL ARTS



Artwork by Matthew Woodall, 11Art - 2013

The Art Department would like to congratulate Matthew Woodall for being selected as a **Finalist** in the **Auckland Secondary Schools Art Competition**. He submitted his piece of his 11Art work from Term One and recently received great news of its success – pictured. It is an outstanding achievement to be selected out of forty finalists to represent our school and others in the Auckland region. We wish him best of luck with the Awards Evening on 16 May 2013. The work will be on display at the Original Art Sale Gala, Vodafone Events Centre, Manakau – 17-19 May. Well done Matt!

Art Department – Kirsty Britton