



Welcome back to all students, parents and staff at *Western Springs College*.

Congratulations to newly appointed **Arts Leaders Elsie Bollinger** and **Isobel Shore**. Both girls are immersed in all things Arts at Western Springs and without a doubt will contribute to the on-going success of the Arts this year. They have a number of things planned this year but firstly will work with teachers to elect a Committee to assist with the running of Arts at school. All students with a passion to develop leadership skills will be asked to put their names forward to represent Dance, Drama, Media, Music and Visual Arts 2014. The group meets regularly and this year will support the School Production *Spamalot* and assist with planning and preparation for the SGCNZ Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival, NZ Music Month Performances and Arts – Dance, Music and Media shows.

SPAMALOT is the WSC School Production for 2014 and Auditions/Rehearsal will get underway shortly. "**Monty Python's Spamalot** is a musical comedy "lovingly ripped off from" the 1975 film *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*.

The annual **SGCNZ Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival** is held at the end of Term 1 at Auckland Grammar School. This year the focus is outstanding drama and the Arts Leaders will mentor any junior/senior students wanting to get involved – we know that there is going to be quality in performance put forward to compete. WSC has a history of producing and directing superb excerpts of Shakespearean comedy and tragedy across all years. We also achieve great results in the competition and have been lucky enough to have had students and teachers get to Wellington and The Globe Theatre, London to partake internationally in Shakespearean productions.

There are trips being planned to enthuse and excite with Art at Y11 - off to the Museum, and at Y10 – a visit to the Wallace Trust Art Gallery - Pah Homestead.

It is going to be a wonderful year! More to come...

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Kirsty Britton – Arts Coordinator

ARTS LEADERS



Hiya! We are Elsie and Izzy and we are your Arts Leaders for 2014. This year we will help organise events such as the SGCNZ University of Otago Sheliah Winn Shakespeare Festival, NZ Music Month and the Talent Quest. We will also promote events such as the school production which this year is going to be *Spamalot*.

We are very excited for this year and we're keen to celebrate the arts in as many ways as possible. We want to try to set up new arts events this year, creating even more opportunities for people to get involved.

One event which is coming up soon, which we are particularly looking forward to is the annual Sheliah Winn Shakespeare Festival which takes place at the end of week eleven this term. We have both performed in the Festival since year nine and know how much fun it is. Western Springs has always done well, not only in the festival but also in organising the event for the schools in central Auckland. We encourage students to get involved! Several students from Springs in the past have gone to go to the Globe Theatre in London through the festival, a fantastic opportunity for those interested in Shakespeare or Drama! However, the festival is not just for those people, but also students who are passionate about English, Art Design and Fashion as there are many parts to the competition.

Another exciting part of the Arts which is happening very soon is forming the Arts Committee out of students who are also enthusiastic about the arts and want to be involved in helping organise the events. More information about that will be released soon!

We're part of a fantastic group of student leaders this year and look forward to inducing a positive change in the school.

Elsie Bollinger and Isabel Shore – Arts Leaders 2014

DRAMA

The **Year 11 Drama** production of 'The Tempest' will be presented in the TAPAC Theatre on April 15th and 16th. The shows will be at 4.30 pm and 7 pm

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The **Year 12 Drama** production 'Fugee' by Abi Morgan will be presented in the TAPAC Theatre at 7 pm from Tuesday the 13th of May to Friday the 16th of May. There will be rehearsals in the hall from 9 am to 3 pm in the first week of the holidays from Tuesday the 22nd of April to Friday the 25th of April. Any problems or queries please email Beth Kayes on kayesb@wsc.school.nz

Beth Kayes – Drama Department

