

# the Arts



- **Catholic Schools Week Mass - Sunday 5th of March**

A massive thank you to the students who came along to be part of a combined singing group with boys from Stannies. You all did an amazing job leading the music and singing for the Mass. Particular mention must go to Lily Bennett who sang the Responsorial Psalm with confidence and grace. She was accompanied by classmates Erin Cobcroft and Madi Hodder on guitar. Other students involved were Bronte Cooke, Sarah Gibson, Niamh Sinclair, Louise Hill, Monique Grima and Sarah Walls who accompanied the vocal work with her excellent violin playing. Ms Lynar also gave up her Sunday morning to come along and add some vocal support.

The students were approached by a number of people after Mass inviting the group back to be part of the Mass every week. It is wonderful to get that feedback and for the students to be directly involved in invigorating the mass with their marvellous talents. Once again thank you ladies and gentlemen for taking the time to be involved.

- **St. Stanislaus' College and MacKillop College Present**

"Footloose" - Performances March 22nd - 25th, 2017

The cast and production team are working extremely hard in rehearsals for this upcoming production. They returned early from holidays for an intensive three day rehearsal which allowed all involved to get a firm grasp on the songs and choreography. The show promises well known songs, spectacular dance routines and a little bit of romance mixed with some teen humour. Included is a 13 piece live band, so you have the perfect blend of live theatre. Performances will take place at the PAC at Stannies with tickets now on sale from the Stannies business office. Ticketing information is available on the poster included in this newsletter.



- **Music Lessons**

New and continuing students are reminded about the opportunities to learn a musical instrument at MacKillop. We offer lessons through both the Mitchell Conservatorium and the Bathurst Academy of Music on a variety of instruments. Please speak to Ms Lynar or Mr Hughes for further information regarding enrolment.

- **College Music Groups**

New students who play an instrument or sing are encouraged to join one of the College's music ensembles.

Concert Band - Tuesdays 8am, directed by Ms Lynar

Choir - Wednesdays 8.15am, directed by Abby Smith and Sophie Jones

Orchestra - Thursdays 8am, directed by Mr Hughes

Please see Ms Lynar or Mr Hughes for more details.

- **College Choir - Performance Monday 13th of March** (further detail to come)

The choir has commenced working with Smith and Jones with two rehearsals being completed. The girls are making swift progress and churning out some great repertoire already. On Monday 13th of March the choir led by Smith and Jones will perform for Year 6 students from local schools and also work with these young ladies on a fun singing activity to get the girls super enthused about coming to High School at MacKillop College. I would also like to congratulate Abby and Sophie on their album launch, held last Friday, 3rd of March. Both ladies are amazing role models for our students and bring with them significant and impressive skills as songwriters, vocalists and performers on keyboards and guitar.

Check out their website [www.smithandjones.net](http://www.smithandjones.net) for access to their facebook page and to find details on where you can grab a copy of the album. It comes highly recommended.