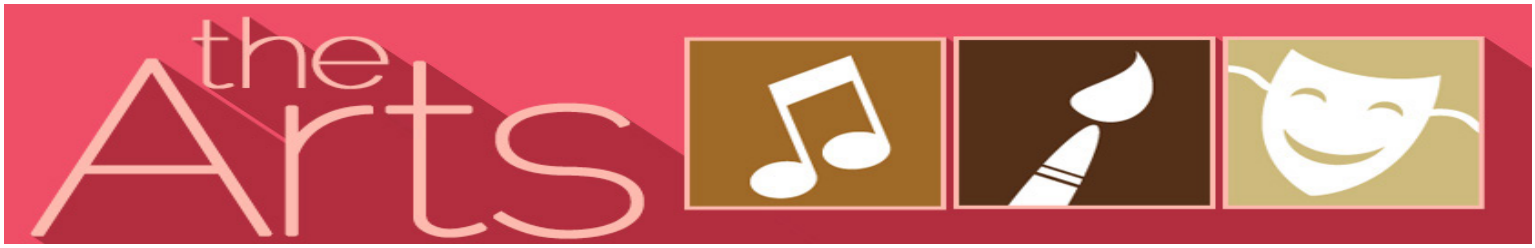


- Diocesan Music Day - Wednesday 11th October, 2017

This year the Diocesan Music Day was held at James Sheahan Catholic High School in Orange. This day brings together musicians from across the Diocese to spend the day making music with new friends, but more importantly new conductors and directors. Over the last two years with the support of the CEO we have been able to invite top class conductors to direct our students during the day. In 2017 our guest artists were Brian Buggy (SYO, SSO and MSO), Jacki Cooper (Jazz Vocalist and passionate Music Educator) and returning for the second year John Morrison (Jazz Drummer and passionate Music Educator).

Our attending musicians enjoyed the hospitality of the staff and students at Sheahan and we would like to thank Music Director, Ms Jacki Shields for all of the work she put into running the day.

The day concluded with a brief concert from all of the groups, Choir, Orchestra and Stage Band. It was wonderful to see approximately 200 students involve themselves actively in the rehearsal process and the concert presentation. Well done to all involved.

- MacKillop College and St. Stanislaus' College present - "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder

An Amateur Production By Arrangement with ORiGiNTM Theatrical, on behalf of RIGHTS HOLDER.

Directed by Mrs Deborah Champion (MacKillop College Drama Teacher)

The cast and crew have been working extremely hard on this upcoming production. There were a number of well attended rehearsals during the holiday break to get ahead of the HSC with the use of the MacKillop College Hall. With such a production there is much to consider and Mrs Champion has put an enormous amount of time and energy into the production that boasts a large cast.

Lighting and costumes have all been considered and we thank Becky Russell and Carole Eastment (CTS) for their help in these important areas. We are also looking at some creative ways to convert the MacKillop Hall into a more realistic theatre experience in terms of seating.

The cast, crew and director now need your support. The promotional material will be out and about next week with ticket information. We would love to see you attend one or more of the performances to support this extremely talented group of students and their director.

The play will take to the stage during Week 7 of this term with performances starting on Wednesday 22nd of November and running each evening through until Saturday 25th of November.

All the best to Mrs Champion and the cast and crew as they head into their final weeks of preparation.

- Guitar Group

We are keen to offer our guitarists an ensemble experience at MacKillop. Mickey Pye from the Bathurst Academy of Music is also keen to run such a group which would be open to all guitarists currently learning, and those who would like to take up guitar. Group lessons would be held at lunchtime on a day TBC.

Cost would be approx $40 for the year which means each group lesson would cost $1per student. Super Value! Please see Mr Hughes if you are interested.