Art Section

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15th of June's Concert

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On Wednesday the 15th of June, parents, students and friends gathered in the school theatre as students from different year levels went up on stage to showcase their talent and hard work done over the course of Term 2.

The variety of individual and group performances kicked off with the Year 8 concert band, impressing the audience with their formal wear of a white shirt and black pants, looking extremely uniform and professional whilst delivering the traditional ‘Lean on Me’, generating a bluesy atmosphere with ‘Hard Rock Blues’, expertly blasting out ‘Majestic March’ and ending with some foot-stomping and audience clapping to the beat of ‘Power Rock’. Music teachers contributed to the performance with Ms BG and Ms Butcher taking it in turns to direct the band while Ms Angelico occasionally kept the beat on the drums.

The next performance was a vocal solo by Nick Seers singing the melody and Rahil Mangal taking the harmony of ‘Better be Home Soon’ by Crowded House. Their voices effectively blended together to create a sombre piece that riveted the audience and didn’t fail on the high notes.

Ms BG’s many talents were displayed tonight when she went from playing a loud and brassy ‘Victor’s March’ and a nice swing feel ‘12 Bar Blues’ with the saxophone quartet to grabbing a clarinet and harmonising ‘Ode to Joy’ with the clarinet ensemble.

Caleb, Rahil, Andy and Eliza then took the stage with their guitars and voices, presenting us with a cute ‘All About You’ where Rahil sang the melody, really getting into the piece by clicking his fingers, with Caleb playing guitar and singing the harmony, completing the piece.

It was time for the sweet flutes to come up and show us ‘Lazing’ and ‘Kalinka’, a Russian Folk song that was very bouncy. The girls and Ms Provan valiantly sucked their stomachs in to reach the high notes and they maintained a good beat, even when the music got really fast.

We were graced by two performances of obvious vocal strength and ability with Christine performing ‘The Sound of White’. With her controlled voice, she was able to reach those amazing high notes as well as delivering a powerful bridge that made the overall piece riveting. Next was Caleb on the guitar singing a combination of ‘Price Tag’ and ‘Count on Me’, sporting cute lyrics with a great voice and a very natural and comfortable relationship with the guitar, leaving the audience smiling and clapping at the end.

After the guitar ensemble with teacher Adam and his students playing ‘And I Love Her’, the singing group directed by Ms Provan crept onstage to sing ‘At the Beginning’. With the girls singing their bit and the guys joining in occasionally with their deep voices, it generated a lovely, flowing and hopeful piece, demonstrating their skills attained from lots of practise. After forgetting they had a second song to sing, they immediately readjusted themselves and expertly presented ‘All that Jazz’, carrying on even when the music abruptly stopped, due to a technical fault.

Well done to all the students who worked up the courage to perform that night and for putting in so much hard work. Thanks to all the music teachers involved as well, who not only performed, but organised the whole event, enabling the night to run smoothly and giving the students a chance to show what they can do and giving the Music Program at Maribyrnong a good reputation.

-Teresa Tran and Thy Duong
Be Afraid.....

Maribyrnong’s annual production is currently being rehearsed this year, and it’s better than ever! You can expect a change from our past productions of Snow White: A Twist in the Tale (2008), With a Little Help From My Friends (2009) and Little Shop of Horrors (2010).

As the title suggests, ‘Fear’ presents the theme of horror and re-enacts scenes of past popular culture, e.g. King Kong. With an inspiring mix of fellow students and teachers, this year’s production will be met with great anticipation indeed.
Roxy ‘Roxy’ Havik, the only year 11 student involved in this year’s performance is an exchange student from the Netherlands, and as an ambitious student and tourist, was put up to the task by Ms Angelico and supported by Ms Damnics. The ‘horror’ of the production intrigued Roxy, with the purpose of scaring the audience by putting together different scenes and character situations. She plays a hostess in a scene from ‘Who Dunnit’ – a brief act about a murder and the central character of a detective. When asked what she appreciated about the production, Roxy says “it’s good because a lot of people get to interact with each other and discover their talent.” You’d think they would be - with more segments providing more role opportunities, and students giving up quite a bit of their free time at lunch and after school!

Another student that has been actively involved in the productions is Meg Scott. Ever since she was in year 7, she’s been part of the school’s annual production every year. Her role in each production varies as she can sing, dance and act. She says that the school’s production is great because it gives people something to be involved in, and also boosts your confidence as it gets you out of your comfort zone. This year, we have hired a dance teacher to come in to teach cast members from every year level. Meg feels particularly good about this year’s production, as it’s in several different segments, saying that, “It’ll be different, but it’ll be good.”

Nick Seers, year 10, is one of the few who have been nominated by Ms Angelico to join the production. He has been chosen to star in ‘Who Dunnit?’ and ‘King Kong’. He says rehearsals take up 2 nights a week of his time, one night for singing, and one for acting, plus some lunchtimes for group rehearsals. As previous years’ productions have been just one big show, Nick says that this year’s will be “a welcome change, though there are a lot of lines to remember.” But with many lines, come many roles; major or minor for all types of people.

With students from across each year level and the overall talent as diverse as ever, this emerging assembly promises to entertain, impress and surprise audiences! You’ve heard it from the insiders, and the outsiders alike! Let’s support the Arts of Maribyrnong College and enjoy a night out in seeing this spectacular performance! Be afraid!

-Demiz Ektem + Thy Duong
SPORTS SECTION

-Illustration by Bryson Ng
An unlikely clear and sunny start to Melbourne’s frosty winter brought with it good moods and a perfect day to spend amongst friends in a school environment completely dominated by sporting activities and social gatherings. Yes, Thursday 2nd June was the day of Maribyrnong College’s annual Athletics Carnival, held at Aberfeldie Park, Essendon.

It is not often that years 7 – 12 of the college come together, with few assemblies and events on the calendar. So it was already a day in which anticipation and a sense of school spirit was present. Once the initial shock and examination of everyone in casual clothes was diminished, it was a sight to appreciate at Aberfeldie; the park swept in the four colours of our school houses – Gold (Banksia), Blue (Kurrajong), Green (Manuka) and Red (Waratah) – combined with our school logo, representing the balance between sport and academics.

However, it was not only the students who hung up their uniform. Ms BG was in her usual comical Gold attire, Ms Dervish made everyone laugh at her brave Blue snorkelling outfit and it seemed Mr Moloney had hung up his suit for the first time! Ms Field, always seen in black, extended herself in wearing not only black, but a bright Yellow cardigan and feather boa scarf - providing an adequate eye sore to those she walked past while Mr Fleming’s full-body Green outfit was blinding!

The usual variety of track and field events were covered throughout the day; with students in all ages and both genders taking up the various challenges of high jump, long jump, triple jump, shot-put, discus, sprints and long-distance runs. Team work and support was in the air, with students not participating assisting teachers in running the events smoothly and, the large yellow Banksia banner glittering in a way in which no one could miss! Even our bit for the environment was fulfilled, with teachers walking around with garbage bags and constantly reminding us to pick up our rubbish!

It seemed on this day, it could be one house that would win bragging rights from the very start, with Banksia leading by well over a hundred points about midway through. Manuka, current leaders, took up the chase, but it was all in vain. Waratah and Kurrajong were nowhere to be seen on a lovely, sunny day, and hopefully we will see more of them next year. So we await the end of the year, where the overall title is still up for grabs, and could still go to anyone.

-Deniz Ektem
Overall House Standings:
Gold (980), Green (838), Red (701), Blue (668)

Individual year level champions were:

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-Photography by Adrian Vu and Deniz Ektem
“Approach the game with no preset agendas and you’ll probably come away surprised at your overall efforts.”

-Phil Jackson
Maribyrnong College’s Second Annual Soccer Tournament is now well and truly underway. This year the SRC was overwhelmed with team applications, with an astounding 35 teams applying to play. The tournament has already past twice the intended time period for it to run after mid way through just the second round. A fun time is being held by all and we hope the soccer tournament stays on the annual school calendar for years to come.

-by Nick Seers