

## High School Concert

Our High School Concert on Thursday June 25th was a little overshadowed by the Medieval night just two days later. Coming after the Music camp with its intensive work over two days, and another day of rehearsals, it deserves more mention. All the students in Classes 8, 9 and 10, plus Elective Music students in Years 11 and 12 spent two days at the Elanora Heights Conference Centre working on their instrumental and choral performances. In addition, this year all students were part of a Composition workshop: the results were performed in the evening and were extremely impressive.

So too was the concert itself on Thursday evening. All students took part: there were String and Band groups from Class 8 and Class 9, Choral pieces from Classes 9 and 10 (including a preview from what might be that class's next musical outing, **Titanic: The Musical**), a marimba piece from Class 9, a flute ensemble from Class 10, the Senior Band playing some outstanding jazz, individual performances from Year 12 students, a Barbershop Quartet (the surprise of the night), and an impressive final with all students on stage singing the famous Hebrew Slaves Chorus from Verdi's Nabucco. The range of music was broad and the quality was very high. It was an inspiring evening for all, both performers and parents.

The most impressive quality was that all students up to Year 10 were performing, and performing well. Glenaeon takes very seriously the holistic nature of the Steiner curriculum: music needs to be part of every student's education for as long as possible. We don't just leave it to the highly talented performers: every student needs their music. There is so much evidence now that music enhances so many other learning faculties: just listen for example to the recent and excellent Graham Abbott programs The Keys to Music on Music Education, downloadable as a podcast from ABC Classic FM's website. But just as important is the sheer humanising power of the beauty of fine melody and harmony in keeping us whole and sane in a fragmenting world.

It was also time to reflect on how Glenaeon has got to the point of such fine music-making, and for it to be so wide spread through the school. To have all of Year 9 and all of Year 10 singing at such a high choral standard is a remarkable achievement for any school. Anyone joining the school in the last few years might take these things for granted. It is exactly 9 years since we imported Christian Lillicrap from the South Devon Steiner School, and since Manu Prasad moved from teaching violin to classroom teaching. It has been the dedication, inspiring leadership and sheer hard work of these two fine musicians that has built the school's musical culture up to this position. To Christian and Manu we pass on the thanks of the school community for their dedicated work that is now manifesting in such a thriving musical community.

There are of course many other music teachers who played a role with the High School Music Camp and Concert: Manu and Christian would like to thank all the staff including the itinerant music teachers who helped them before and during the music camp. Thanks to Elizabeth Lillicrap, Lucas Critchley, Cathy Tabrett, Alex Bezbradica, Kerri Patterson, Yura Totsuka, Elizabeth Chan and Stephen Hill. Without their support it would not have been possible.

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## Medieval Magic Night – “Thank You” to sponsors

Our thanks to below sponsors for their contributions, helping to make this a highly successful night...

<b>Baker's Delight, Northbridge</b> Donated over 40 loaves of bread for our feast	<b>O'Sullivan Health Foods, Northbridge</b> Donated \$25 gift certificate
<b>Coles Express, Northbridge</b> Donated \$40 gift certificate	<b>The Persian Carpet Gallery, Northbridge</b> Donated 7 beautiful rugs to decorate the hall
<b>Castlecrag Cellars</b> Donated a magnum of Tyrrell's wine for the silent auction	

Term 2 has been long and busy. We thank all parents for their support through the term and wish you and all the children a restful and refreshing holiday. Classes resume on Wednesday July 29th.

*Andrew Hill  
Collegiate Chair*

## School Calendar

Important dates to remember

29 <sup>th</sup> July	Start of Term 3
30 <sup>th</sup> July	Class 2 Parent Teacher Meeting, Castlecrag – 7.30pm
3-7 <sup>th</sup> August	Class 10 Camp
5 <sup>th</sup> August	P&F Class Parent Reps Meeting, Castlecrag, 7.30pm
6 <sup>th</sup> August	Major Projects – Oral Presentations
6 <sup>th</sup> August	'Meet the Music' Opera House, 6.30pm
10-24 <sup>th</sup> August	Class 12 Trials
10 <sup>th</sup> August	Castlecrag Forum

## Campus News



### INTRODUCING NINJA MEYER

Ninja will be coming to Australia this August to spend her Social Practical Year at Glенаeon Rudolf Steiner School. She will spend her time in the preschool working with the staff, children and families in a voluntary role. We are very lucky to have Ninja come and spend time with us ~

it is an enriching experience for all involved to learn about another individual's culture and in return to share our unique Australian ways!

In preparing for Ninja's arrival we are seeking families who may have the space in their home to welcome Ninja as a guest. There is a small reimbursement for costs related to hosting Ninja and you can choose to host for a term or longer depending on what is best for you. If you are interested in helping in this gesture of hospitality or just wish to know more of what is involved please call to talk with myself, Annette Brian or Sarah Sandburg.

Thank you  
Jessica Horne-Kennedy, Preschool Director

### Experience the Mystery Dramas by Steiner

Would you like to be a part of it? Wish to know more about this group?

**WHERE?** Northern Beaches area  
**TIME?** The most convenient  
**FREQUENCY?** Weekly

If you would like more information please call Regina Hoffmann on 9999 4885.

### NANNY/MOTHERS HELPER NEEDED

We are looking for a Nanny/Mothers Helper. This person must have a strong understanding of the Steiner Education philosophies. We have a three year old boy and a one year old girl. The position is part-time and hours are flexible for the right person. Location: Inner West Annandale, close to public transport. You must have references and some experience looking after children. Please contact Anne Harris 0433 162 847.