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IN THE LOOP

Updates for the Secondary parents of BMIS



OVERVIEW

This week in our BMIS community

Four weeks to go! Four weeks?! I can't believe that we're nearing December already, and that Term 1 is almost done. What I'm really looking forward to over the coming four weeks though, are our host of Arts events. We have Year 7 and 10 music performances, our Talent Show, a Poetry Night (organised by an amazing group of Year 13 students), and our STUCO assembly, which will also highlight our students' creative skills and talent. I had the pleasure of seeing students perform at Art in the Park last weekend, and also seeing students' drama performances at school this week.

It made me reflect that we have an incredible student, teacher, and parent body at BMIS who value the Arts and appreciate its importance in our lives. They take risks by engaging whole heartedly, and offer us such a priceless gift in return. Why are the Arts so important? I love the quotes below to help us reflect on this...

"The arts matter because I learn something about people and places I would have never known otherwise. The arts make my brain and my heart stretch to make room for newness. Sometimes, parts of me are displaced and replaced by wiser stuff. And that's a fine thing." – Victoria Hutter

"The arts matter because they give us a mutual space where we can talk to one another about the most important things to us. It can turn strangers into old friends with lots in common." – Maryrose Flanigan

I'm hoping to see you at our upcoming Arts events, to help stretch our brains and hearts. But until then, I'm excited to share this week's updates with you, so please grab a "cuppa", settle down, and stay "In the Loop!"

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HOW ARE THE ARTS IMPORTANT TO OUR SOCIETY?

"Art transforms lives. It enriches, excites and encourages people together. The arts enables people of diverse backgrounds to meet, interact, exchange ideas, agree and disagree. The arts help build society."

Mimi Galligan, Milford



The Arts Department is on fire!

Jo McClenahan, our High School Art teacher (amongst other roles), told me yesterday morning that the Secondary Arts Department WhatsApp group was lighting up in response to the news that students are able to be inside, under the same roof, with masks and physical distancing. They are so excited about more opportunities to bring our **community** together through the Arts, and we can't wait to hear what they have in store! But in the mean time, there have been so many wonderful learning opportunities during the school day and there are also upcoming performances in the evenings that I'd like to share with you!

Year 11 Melodrama

I had a proper giggle watching the Year 11 students' melodrama performances yesterday. They created the scripts themselves, and worked collaboratively to manage the whole rehearsal process, down to performance day. Their teacher, Grace Woods, shared how proud she was of their work, and I couldn't agree more! Well done Year 11! And thank you Ms Woods for all that you do!



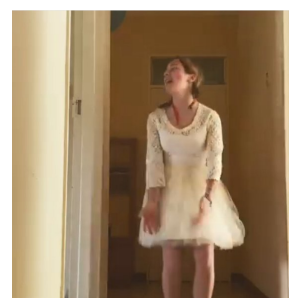
More Year 11 performances

Year 11 student, Sophie Van Oosterhout's Personal Project shared her passion for theatre and performance. Grace Woods, Sophie's theatre teacher, shares:

Sophie has been busy filming 8 extracts of monologues for her Personal Project. She has created an Instagram page to make theatre more accessible to her peers and has used monologues that are appropriate for her peer level.

The Instagram handle is [60.seconds_of_fame](#)

Make sure you check out and follow Sophie's work!



Upcoming performances...

YEAR 10 MUSIC CONCERT

Dave Montreuil, our Music teacher, shares:

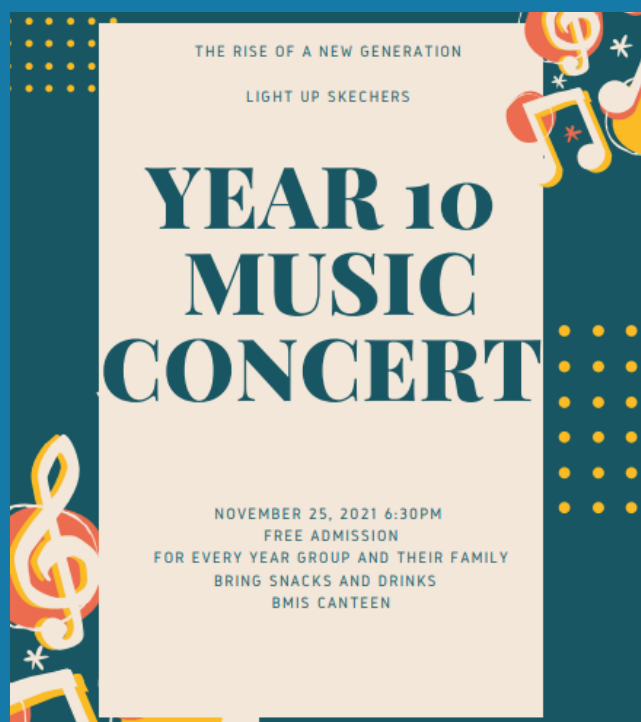
Welcome to the return of Student Music Evenings at BMIS - hopefully the first of many! The Year 10 students have chosen an exciting and varied program, and have worked extremely hard putting it all together! With songs from Maneskin, Outkast, Train, Linkin Park, Jimi Hendrix and others... there is sure to be something for everyone!

This is a special event, as we will be saying goodbye to a very talented young guitarist, who is off to Canada! We will miss you, Trevor!

Some key details...

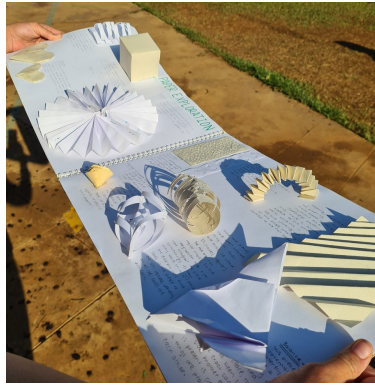
WHEN: Thursday, November 25th, 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

WHERE: Canteen area (please bring a picnic blanket if it's not raining
Masks can be removed when seated and physically distanced. Please feel free to bring along your own snacks and drinks.



More from the Arts Department

Year 11 Visual Art students have started their exploration of paper for their unit "The Art in the Hat". I enjoyed seeing our students first thing in the morning at the portal with their work. I was able to take a couple of pics to share with you - this work is from Vicky and Bodine.



I loved watching the Year 7 band playing the White Stripes' "Seven Nation Army" during their ECP yesterday. They were rehearsing for their upcoming performance on Wednesday 15th December.



From keyboards to drums, acoustic guitars to electric, vocals and bass, there's a role for everyone to make it a special performance! We can't wait to share it with you!

Talent Show! Talent Show!

We really hope that you've saved the date for our upcoming Secondary Talent Show. Auditions were held last week, and the performers have now been revealed. Check out the promo poster below for more details. See you there!

BMIS TALENT SHOW 2021

THE ACTS

- Leo, Nisam & Ashvik- Band
- Hisham & Shingai- Singing
- Darwyn & Dave Montreuil - violin & Piano
- Freyja & Dhanya - singing
- Ezmeeke Leaper- Dancing
- Mark Wambura - singing
- Blaka Afrima - piano composition
- Lydia De Borde- Dance
- Lorenzo Parisotto- Guitar
- Yr 11 boys - singing
- Anna Parisotto - singing & Guitar
- Guest appearance: Staff
- Chimwemwe Diston
- Dave Montreuil
- Grace Woods

8th Dec 2021
6-8pm
(venue weather dependent @ BMIS)

Hosts: Mauro, Mercy & Langelihle (Yr 12)
Judges: Mr Moody, Mrs Leaper & Mr Black

Prizes and House points Up for grabs!

Poetry and performance night

Year 13 students Ada, Hana, Razan, and Rose are so excited to organise a poetry and performance evening, which will be hosted at BMIS next Friday 26th November. Check out the poster below for more details. We hope to see you at this [community](#) event!

Y13 STUDENTS PRESENT...

POETRY NIGHT

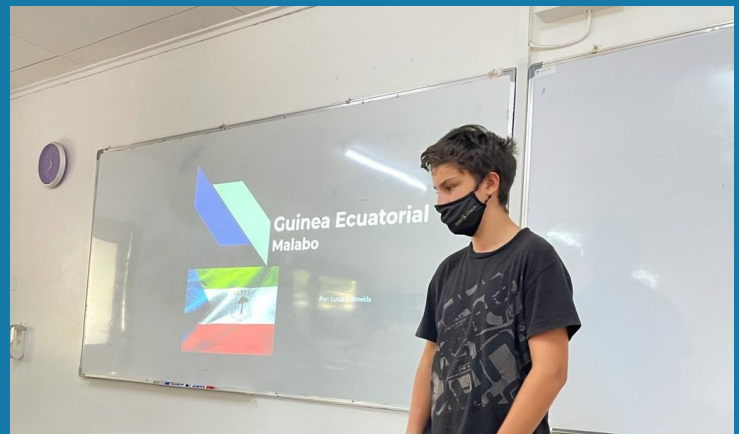
INCLUDING DRINKS & BAKESALE

Bring a picnic blanket!

26 November 2021
Starts at 6:30 PM till 8:30 PM
Located at the Upper Field (Primary Hall)

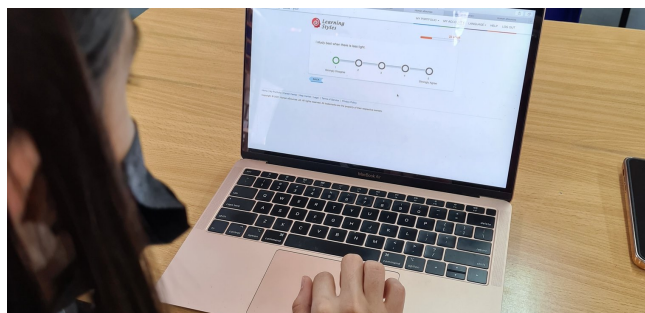
Spanish class

This week Ms Climent's Year 9 Spanish class were delivering their presentations on Spanish speaking countries! While I didn't have a chance to pop in to see these presentation, Ms Climent was very proud of their work! I hope I can make it next time!



Tutor programme

Every Thursday afternoon during Lesson 6 our students engage in our Tutor programme. I loved walking around to the different year levels this week, seeing what they were up to! Years 7 and 11 were having conversations around the types of PSPE (personal, social, and physical education) topics they would like to explore this academic year. While we have a PSPE programme, it's so important that students have voice and agency when it comes to PSPE learning. Below you can see a pic of Year 11 having a group discussion and settling on the topics that they all agree are incredibly important to them right now. Our Year 10 students were having so much fun team building, with the focus on respect. They enjoyed playing a version of "Codenames" with each other, which helped to build their connection to one another. Our Years 8 and 9 students were together in the lower hall being introduced to digital citizenship, and our Year 12 students were completing personality quizzes through our university and careers guidance programme "Bridge U". Next week we have our very first house competition, which will be football! I can't wait to report back on this exciting event.



STUCO door decorating competition

I'm loving the extra doors that have been decorate this week! It's so much fun to see the students take ownership of their spaces, making them feel more warm, welcoming, and friendly, while also representing who they are! Another reflection of the Arts in our school. What a great initiative STUCO!

The winners will be announced next week - stay tuned.



Introducing our new swim coach!

And swimming is back! Whoo hoo! I'd love to introduce you to our new swim coach. He shares:

My name is Carlos Macuacua, known in my home town (Tofo, Mozambique) as Big Brother...I am a scuba diving instructor, swimming coach, marine conservationist, and underwater videographer. My passion is scuba diving with sharks and manta rays! I love coaching swimming and in my spare time, football, playing guitar, listening to the BBC, completing sudokus and spending time with my family and friends.

Thanks so much Carlos, and welcome to our **community!**



Join the PTA! (parent and teacher association)

It's been such a busy start to the year, and we're so excited to see more and more BMIS **community** events coming up. But we need your help! Are you interested in joining the PTA? If you are passionate about building our BMIS **community** through whole school events and initiatives, please come along to our coffee morning, which is being held at **Land and Lake safaris from 7.30am on Monday 6th December**. Join us for a cuppa and some cake (or cookies) to chat about the role and the way forward for the PTA this academic year. The more the merrier and we honestly can't do this without your support, so even if you are able to give short bursts of commitment, please do come along to discuss how you can be a part of our PTA. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Join the PTA!



A message from our school nurse, Prisca Palasa

Dear BMIS Community,

There is an outbreak of chickenpox within the City. There is one case reported so far from our school in Year 2, and the student is getting treatment at home. Chickenpox is a viral disease caused by Varicella zoster virus. It is contagious.

Anyone can get this infection, even those that had a vaccine against it earlier, although their symptoms are usually milder. The chickenpox symptoms are an itchy rash, small fluid filled blisters that usually appear in waves for two to four days, then more rash appear all over the body including the mouth, eyelids and even genital areas. The rash turns into scabs. It usually takes a week for all blisters to become scabs.

Two days before the eruption of the rash, one may present with fevers, tiredness, loss of appetite and headache. This is the tricky and most contagious period. Students with the suspected signs should stay home until after 3 days, to rule it out. Those with chicken pox should remain isolated until they have scabs, which is usually after 1 week. During this time, they can be taking their treatment at home accordingly.

Let's all be alert and keep updating each other for the safety of our community.
Prisca Palasa - School Nurse



Put it in your calendar:

Monday 22nd November

"No School" - enjoy the long weekend together!

Thursday 25th November

"Year 10 Music Performance" @ 6.30 - 7.00pm in the BMIS canteen

Friday 26th November

"Poetry Night" @BMIS: save the date and more details to come soon!

Thursday 2nd December

"DP Theatre Night": save the date and more details to come soon!

Saturday 4th December

"Year 11 Netball Competition" @Kamuzu Academy

Monday 6th December

"Digital Citizenship Parent Workshop" @6.00 - 7.00pm in the BMIS canteen. All Secondary parents are invited.

Wednesday 8th December

"Secondary Talent Show" @6.00 7.30pm in the BMIS canteen (or rugby field weather permitting)

Wednesday 15th December

"Year 7 Music Performance" @6.30 - 7.00pm in the BMIS canteen

Friday 17th December

"End of Term" 11.00am finish