



Penzance UK Trip

After two years of intensive planning and fundraising, the UK Penzance Strings and Choir tour finally went on their highly anticipated trip of a lifetime. 30 students from BSE and surrounding schools were joined by Mr Briggs, Ms Matthews, Mr Kelynack, and Miss Bonazza, as well as parents Sylvia, Justine, and Tracey. Students participated in music workshops and performances in Penzance and London, as well as some sightseeing. Some highlights were the Westminster Abbey Evensong service, touring King Henry VIII's Hampton Court Palace, seeing Shakespeare's 'Patience' at the Minack Theatre on the edge of a cliff in Cornwall, and going to the musical 'Wicked' in London's West End. We would have been unable to go without the fundraising program that was led and devised by Tracey McMaster. A huge thank to Ms Thompson (who was unable to attend) for all of her work on the tour, contacts, links, and even help from her relatives in the UK.



Music Count Us In

The annual Music Count Us In event on November 2 was a fun and celebratory day. Several BSE bands and groups played including Stage Band, the Penzance Choir, and the Intermediate and Senior Concert bands. All performances led up to a combined piece that was played all across Australia at the same time- 'Shine Together',

Musician of the Year

A massive congratulations to all of the performers and award-winners from the Musician of the Year and Art Acquisition awards. The night began with the art exhibition judged by Catherine Reed. Both the Art Acquisition and Musician of the Year were open to year 9 and 10 students. Our shortlisted musicians then took to the stage and performed their solo piece. We then awarded our ensemble awards, Future Finalists and Audience Choice for arts and music, and finally the winners of the night- Mason Ellis for his artwork, and Liv Brereton for her vocal performance of 'Listen' by Beyonce. Well done to all performers, and thank you to our music judges, Dr Michael Lichnovsky and Penny Larkins, and to all staff and students involved in making the night a success.

co-written by a handful of lucky students across the country who worked with industry professionals to write the song. Bendigo students also did a combined piece with all schools, 'Where is the Love?' by the Black Eyed Peas.





BRASS GROUP

The Brass group has been working hard all year to expand their repertoire to be ready to perform at private and community events. The group has had a big start to term four, traveling to Melbourne to perform at St. Joseph's mews to an audience of 40-50 residence for an hour.

On the same weekend, the group showed their commitment to each other by performing along the course of the Bendigo Cycling Classic in Strathfieldsaye. Over 500 cyclists were entertained by the band performing as they returned to Bendigo. It was great to see their faces turn from fatigue to joy as they listened to the band encourage them to the finish line.

Any other brass players who would like to join in the fun next year, feel free to talk to Kaid Normington, we would love to have you part of the group.



Ghana Music



Workshop

All music students participated in a workshop this week about African drumming. Jonas, the workshop leader, taught students how to play different African percussion instruments and taught their importance through stories. By the end, all students were up and dancing and clapping along.

BLUES AND ROOTS FESTIVAL

A big thank you and congratulations to the Stage Band and Mannix Harrington for performing in the annual Bendigo Blues and Roots Festival. It's great to see our college represented so well in the wider community.



SRC Event

Well done to the Music and Radio Captains for hosting a whole school music concert last Wednesday. They added a great atmosphere to the SRC fundraiser event, and managed to raise \$300 in a barbecue. The performers all did a wonderful job.





College Production

Congratulations to the cast and team of the College production, *The Wizard of Oz*. After a long semester of rehearsals, the team performed two matinees and two evening shows. Audiences were blown away by the talent and professionalism of everyone involved. A big thank you to the orchestra, Mr Briggs, Mrs Lierse, and Ms Waayers, Ms Gladigau, and Mr Trew. A special shoutout to Mr Murray, the director. Without you, the show would not have been possible.



Junior Choir

Well done to the Junior Choir, led by Ms Louise Matthews, for their participation in many community events this term. Events include the inter-school primary Choral day, and gigs at Bethlehem Aged Care Facility (joined by the Junior Strings) and the Bendigo Base Hospital. The group received many compliments from staff and visitors.



Leadership Handover

Our 2017 leaders have handed over their leadership titles after a long year of hard work. The Music leaders have achieved many things this year and should be proud of how they've represented the college. Next year, we welcome Seth Bish and Kaitlyn Egan as Music Captains, joined by Genna Guy, Lachlan Careedy, Luka Cordedda, and Oliver Hosking. We look forward to seeing what they accomplish as a team!



Awards Night

Congratulations to all award winners at the annual awards ceremony. It was a fantastic night full of surprises and pride. A massive thank you to the performers on the night, including the BSE Orchestra (conducted by Kaid Normington), ACA Dancers, ACA Girls Group, Nay Ye They Aung, Rupert Maxwell, Olivia Brereton, Tara Muscatello, and Mr Gavan Moncrieff. Thank you to all staff who volunteered their time, and who helped plan the evening. It's great to see musicians and performers achieve academic excellence - 5 out of the 8 Dux winners were Performing Arts students!



Student Profile- Tara Muscatello

Tara Muscatello is an extremely talented year 9 student at BSE. She has been enrolled in the Music Program as a choir student, as well as ACA Vocals. Tara has always been involved in music, coming from a family who really appreciates it. However, it was only when she moved to Bendigo that she started looking for opportunities to express her passion. As well as singing, Tara has also been taking guitar lessons- "having that extra skill [of guitar] has helped me to become a better musician and have the chance to perform at more events." Tara has taken up many opportunities during the year, including performing at the Music Count Us In event, BSE Musician of the Year, Bendigo Business Awards, singing a duo at the End of Year ACA Showcase and a solo at the BSE Awards Ceremony, and has been lucky enough to land a lead role in BSE's production of *The Wizard of Oz*. Tara says, "I am not generally a musical theatre performer, but I have learnt lots through being apart of the production. I am hoping to continue building on my skills and hopefully next year I can land another lead role." Tara has set many goals for herself in the future, including "to step out of my shell and experiment with new things and seek more opportunities," and "to continue performing as it is something that brings me so much joy." Apart from being a fantastic

performer and musician, Tara is always a smiling face around the school and always volunteers to help in any way she can. She has done an excellent job this year, and we look forward to seeing her grow in the future.



Farewell and Thank You

As 2017 draws to a close, we would like to thank everyone who has helped, sponsored, volunteered, and worked tirelessly to make this program thrive. Everyone should be proud of their efforts. Thank you to parents and carers- without your support, this program would not be what it is. A huge thank you to all music teachers and staff, who work so hard all year to bring the best out in our students. Please check your emails regularly for any events coming up early in 2018. We wish everyone a safe and happy holidays. See you all next year!