



Wellesley
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WELLESLEY ARTS

TERM ONE 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to another year in the Arts at Wellesley. 2018 will undoubtedly be another exceptional year for our boys in the creative arts. As always, there are a lot of exciting things to look forward to, so I thought I'd provide a brief overview below.

Carolyn Currington

Firstly, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to our newest member of the Arts team - Mrs Carolyn Currington. Carolyn has extensive knowledge in the performing arts, and moves into this role with a clear vision to grow our music programme. The music and dance rooms have had a makeover, and she has transformed the Performing Arts suite into a wonderful creative space for our boys to express themselves in.

Wellesley Choir

Aside from Carolyn's role in teaching the performing Arts curriculum, she also leads the school choir. It is an auditioned choir consisting of boys from year 6 to 8. If your son is new to Wellesley and would like to be a part of the choir, he can let Carolyn know so that she can arrange an audition time. The choir sings at several school events and we have annual exchanges with Queen Margaret and Chilton Saint James – these are always a highlight of the choir calendar.

If you have any queries about the choir please contact Carolyn: carolyn@wellesley.school.nz

Music Lessons

Private music lessons with our Itinerant music teachers have now begun. Instrumental tuition is available at Wellesley on piano, violin, woodwind (recorder, clarinet, saxophone), trumpet, drums and guitar. Specialist vocal tuition is also available. Lessons on violin and piano are available for years Y1-8. Lessons on all other instruments, including vocal tuition, are available for years 5-8 students. These lessons take place during school time including breaks and also before and after school, depending on arrangements with individual tutors and in conjunction with class teachers.

Profiles of music teachers can be found on the school website. To enrol for lessons, please visit the Arts tab on the school website and fill in the music lesson enrolment form. Following completion of this form, parents will be contacted directly by the teacher concerned regarding lesson times and availability. Teachers will also advise on the hiring of instruments where necessary.

Any questions please contact Mary-Anne Morgan: mary-anne@wellesley.school.nz

Rock Band

We are holding auditions next Wed 14 Feb for anyone interested in being a part of the Rock Band at Wellesley this year. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday lunchtime in the music room.



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Years 7 and 8 students are welcome to audition, but preference is given to Year 8 if we have more talent than we need!

Wellesley Orchestra

A meeting will be held later in Term 1 for those interested in joining the orchestra. The Wellesley Orchestra is open to any student who is able to read the music (generally around Grade 2 or 3 level). We perform wherever possible including important school occasions and the Wellington Bands and Orchestra Festival (WEBO). Please contact Mary-Anne Morgan for any queries about either the Rockband or Orchestra mary-anne@wellesley.school.nz

Debating

Debating for our Year 7 and 8 boys will begin in Term 2. Last year, we entered two teams into a competition against the girls at Samuel Marsden College. The competition was fierce, but our boys held their ground and secured a few wins. This year, we are hoping to open the competition to other schools. Debating gives our boys wonderful opportunities to extend their argumentative skills in a formal setting.

School Productions

This year is a BIG year for our boys on the stage. Each syndicate will work together to create a show that will be performed in the Centennial Hall for our community. All of our boys will be involved in some way - whether that be singing, dancing, acting, costume design, lighting or sound. Our teachers are already looking ahead to Term 3, and are coming up with ideas on possible scripts and songs to use.

Drama Club

Years 5 and 6 boys are invited to be part of the Drama Club. It takes place during Thursday lunch times. See Mrs O'Leary (Year 6 teacher) if you are keen to be improve your acting skills!

Drawing Club

Every lunchtime, the art room is open for boys to come and participate in a drawing club and practise their drawing skills. Sometimes they are given a drawing prompt, but most of the time they can draw what they want. They can sketch in their visual diaries, or bring in equipment of their own. This space at lunch-time has a relaxed feel to it, with music playing in the background. Every boy is welcome.

ARTBOURNE Exhibition

Wellesley runs a popular biennial arts exhibition and residency programme called ARTBOURNE and this year is the 2018 exhibition from 1-4 November. The Hall is transformed into a contemporary art gallery, where nationally recognised as well as local and emerging artists exhibit a selection of their work including painting, mixed media, prints, sculpture and photography for sale. A percentage of the sale proceeds are donated by the artists to the Wellesley College Foundation's Scholarship Campaign - Promising Futures for Boys. All members of our community are encouraged to buy tickets for the catered Opening Night on Thursday 1st at 6.30 pm or attend during the next few days. The boys will have the opportunity of curated tours with their classes. Last year we were privileged to have Richard Adams as the ARTBOURNE resident artist at Wellesley and he will not only be



exhibiting but also running a series of workshops during the exhibition. For further information on ARTBOURNE visit www.artbourne.org.nz

Y8 Visual Art Award

An Old Boy from the early 1950s, Warren Miro, with his wife Victoria run a series of world renowned galleries called Victoria Miro. Together, they want to provide a wonderful opportunity for one of our boys. Each year, a Year 8 promising artist will be selected from those applying to receive the Warren and Victoria Contemporary Art Award. The process surrounding the application and the conditions of the award and the subsequent scholarship will be advised at a later date. In the meantime, I'm currently working on offering an Art extension programme to some of our Year 8 boys this year. This programme will be the first stage in being able to apply for the award at the end of this year. More details to come.

Kind Regards

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Visual Art Specialist*

