



## MANY THINGS HAPPENING IN CAPA

**Following the success of our recent musical 'The Little Mermaid', Creative Arts has still been thriving at Thomas Hassall.** Our Junior Strings Ensemble performed at our MRK Friday Cafe in preparation for their performances coming up. They provided lovely music as our College community enjoy their delicious meals. The strings students are currently preparing for their performance at the Sydney Eisteddfod next week, and this was a great opportunity for them to perform their set to a live audience. Our Year 9 & 10 Elective Music students have also completed their mid-term performance assessments, representing the topics of Theatre Music and Film Music. Students presented an array of exciting and interesting repertoire showcasing excellent potential as they near their senior years working towards the HSC.

With UNITE week around the corner, this means our annual X-THACTOR event is fast approaching. We have been receiving some great online auditions as we prepare to announce the finalists who will compete in this exciting event at the end of the term. A new ensemble has also started in the Junior School, the 'Junior Saxophone Ensemble'. This is a small group of saxophone players from Years 5 & 6 who rehearse on Monday lunch time under the direction of Mr Mark. We are also excited to see our Year 7 & 8 Drama Club students preparing for their first public performance at the end of the term. If anyone is interesting in joining this group, they would love to have you along.

Lastly, thanks to all our parents that continually support their children in music/drama education with rehearsals before, after and during school. The next few weeks feature many opportunities and events for our students; Sydney Eisteddfod, Choral Festival, Carnes Hill Performances, and more. We look forward to sharing these events with you in our next edition of The Way.



**Mr Byron Mark**

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