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2019 EDUCATOR'S SEASON LAUNCH

Wednesday 21 November 2018, 4pm
MECC North Foyer

You're invited to a catered afternoon to find out about:

- > **Making the most of the 2019 School Entertainment Program**
- > **Applying for funding with Pathways to Performance**
- > **Our 2019 MECC Youth Ambassador Program**
- > **Visit themecc.com.au/schools to find out more**



RSVP by Friday 16 Nov!

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St Mary's Students visited the MECC for Queensland Museum's Unearthed

TERM THREE RECAP - HAVE YOU BEEN SEEN AT THE MECC?

We have had a busy time at the MECC, children's theatre to Shakespeare and everything in between! Here is a quick summary of how many students have enjoyed opportunities at the MECC this term - some for the very first time!

1483 students attended The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show - students travelled from as far as Glenden! Some students were lucky enough to receive funding for their transport thanks to the Pathways to Performance Program, this year funded by Rio Tinto and BHP.

Youth Ambassadors (YA) were able to invite a friend along to watch Opera Queensland's performance of Ruddigore or the Witch's Curse. For some this was their first time watching the opera! New experiences and opportunities, the MECC Youth Ambassador Program is designed to encourage a love of the arts!

98 students across 5 schools came along to watch Bell Shakespeare's performance of Julius Caesar. 4 of these schools were successful with their Pathways to Performance applications - what a wonderful opportunity!

Pioneer, Mirani and Mackay Northern Beaches High Schools participated in the Regional Access Workshops provided by Sydney based theatre company Bell Shakespeare. The workshops provided invaluable opportunities for students to learn more about Shakespeare, live performance and the production of Julius Caesar.

The TODAY show visited the MECC during Queensland Museum's Unearthed. St Mary's and Mackay District Special School students came along for exclusive access before the event officially opened, with some students being superstars and featuring on the popular morning show's live weather cross.

Year 6 students from Mackay Christian College visited the MECC for a backstage tour! The students experienced all things 'behind the scenes' at both the MECC and Mackay Regional Council.



Marian State School received Pathways to Performance funding to cover their transport costs for The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show.



Mackay Northern Beaches High School attended the Regional Access Workshops by Bell Shakespeare.



Calen District State College students visited the MECC to watch Julius Caesar. Their tickets were funded through the Pathways to Performance Program.

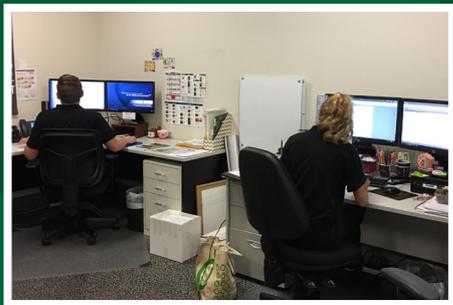


Mackay Christian College students came along for an exclusive tour at the MECC.

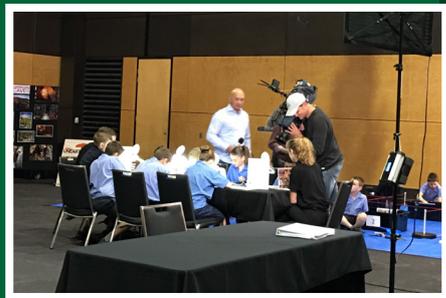
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Flynn and Eddie helping out with the dinosaur puppets during Queensland Museum's *Unearthed*.



Creating posters to be displayed at the Merchandise stall.



Live on the TODAY show!



YA's were invited to bring a friend to see the opera - Opera Queensland's *Ruddigore* or *the Witch's Curse*!

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN - MECC YOUTH AMBASSADORS 2019

Do you have any students who are inspired individuals and potential young advocates of the creative arts?

MECC Youth Ambassadors might be budding drama performers, singers, dancers, sound designers, lighting technicians, curators, producers or simply attentive audience members. If this sounds like someone you know, we invite them to be part of this engaging program!

By being a part of the MECC YA program, students will have the opportunity to enjoy special access to Art events with like-minded peers, while gaining the opportunity to get hands-on experience in performing arts, technical productions, media and marketing.

Your students will benefit from gaining unique insight into the workings of the theatre and its productions while having behind the scenes access to performances and workshops.

Download the 2019 Youth Ambassador Nomination Form from www.themecc.com.au/schools/youth_ambassador or e-mail meccsalesandmarketing@mackay.qld.gov.au for more information.

YOUTH AMBASSADOR UPDATE

Our YAs have been busy during term three! During Queensland Museum's visit for Science Week 2018, the YA's helped out with merchandise, line control, and puppeteering the incredible dinosaurs on display. Flynn and Eddie were especially excited to gain behind the scenes access to Channel Nine's TODAY Show, and of course were featured during the shows live weather cross feed.

Sugar City Sounds 2018 - Who wouldn't want to volunteer at the biggest concert in Mackay for 2018? The YA's had a fantastic night, and even managed to grab a quick photo with the Birds of Tokyo backstage! WOW!

Next upcoming opportunity will be Global Grooves!



Left to right: YA Flynn meeting Birds of Tokyo at Sugar City Sounds. YA Eddie hanging out with the cast of Circus Wonderland. Flynn and Mayor Greg Williams. The Very Hungry Caterpillar pre-show foyer engagement opportunities.

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MEET THE MECC TEAM!



Telina James has been working with schools and community engagement at the MECC on a part time basis since January this year.

We are excited to announce Telina will be officially joining the MECC team full time from term 4, as the MECC Engagement Officer. If you have any questions, queries, or would simply love to have a chat about the great things happening at the MECC, you can phone Telina on 4961 9767 or e-mail telina.james@mackay.qld.gov.au



EISTEDDFOD IS HERE!

The Macrossan and Amiet 72nd Annual Eisteddfod is back and will bring almost three weeks of events in October, allowing individuals and schools the opportunity to compete in dance, music, singing and speech and drama.

Participating in events at the Eisteddfod is an excellent launching pad for young performers hoping to carve out a career in the arts and has helped pave the way for many talented locals to artistic prominence.

You can find out more information about the program at www.themecc.com.au

ALLOCATED SEATING SESSIONS

All patrons including competitors and mega-passes will require an allocated ticket to these session times.

- Sunday 7 October > Theatre > 1pm
- Friday 12 October > Theatre > 8:30pm
- Saturday 13 October > Theatre > 8:30am
- Saturday 13 October > Theatre > 11am
- Saturday 13 October > Theatre > 1:30pm
- Saturday 13 October > Theatre > 4pm
- Saturday 13 October > Theatre > 7pm
- Sunday 14 October > Theatre > 8:30am

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SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION PRESENTS ARSENY TARASEVICH-NIKOLAEV

Thursday 8 November – Term 4 Week 5
MECC North Foyer > Cabaret Style
7:30pm
60 minutes no interval

We have a treat for your Music students! The Sydney International Piano Competition Presents Arseny Tarasevich-Nikolaev. This is the type of concert experience every music teacher wants for their students.

Musicology - The study of music in social, historical and cultural contexts.

Musicology – Analyse, evaluate and synthesise repertoire and music sources to justify and express musical viewpoints.

Performance – Interpret and understand music elements and concepts in performance.

Australian pianist, Gerard Willems said of Nikolaev, “When I see Arseny play I see the whole history of piano playing begin to unfold before me.” Arseny will delight audiences with his deep musicality and fiery performance along with his Russian flair.



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THE GRUFFALO

LIVE ON STAGE!

Based on the award-winning picture book by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler

- > Sunday, 4 November
- > Term 4 Week 4
- > 12pm & 2pm
- > 55 minutes no interval
- > Ages 3+



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GLOBAL GROOVES 2018

- > Saturday 27 October
- > Term 3 Week 3
- > Queens Park
- > 3pm to 8pm

Cultures from around the globe coming together to celebrate at Global Grooves - Saturday 27 October. Live music and dance performances, many different workshops, food stalls from around the world and more. Don't miss it!



THE MCCLYMONTS - LIKE WE USED TO TOUR

Saturday 20 October - Term 4 Week 2

MECC Plenary Halls – Club Style

8pm

Tickets \$55 each

The year has absolutely flown by! Why not bring a group of friends along for a fabulous night at the MECC before the report card process begins?

Located in the MECC Plenary Halls, this will be a night of great music and dancing!

Australia's favourite and most successful country group, The McClymonts are returning to the road after a year off and they're ready to kick it up in style. The girls & their band are fired up and ready to go and with over 20 smash hit singles from their 5 much-loved albums, you are sure to be in for an unforgettable night.

They'll be performing hits like Forever Begins Tonight, Here's To You & I, Wrapped Up Good and Kick It Up, all sung with their stunning harmonies and backed by their incredible band.