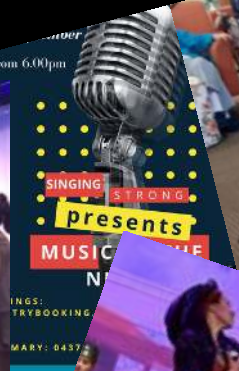




Singing Strong Newsletter 2016

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Events in 2016

Singing Strong has had an amazing 2016!

The year began with a bang as students began lessons in earnest. Many students were preparing for musicals they were involved in, a number were learning repertoire and theory for music exams and everyone had lots of fun singing. An iPad was introduced as a tool in the singing studio this year. It has been very useful to assist with sight singing and the use of a number of apps and games have made learning music theory a lot more enjoyable. It has been wonderful to watch the progress of students throughout this year and the results have been fantastic. For many students their hard work and practice has truly paid off.

Did you know that Singing Strong students range in age from 6 to 60?

Term 2 Cafe Concert

At Singing Strong Voice Studio there has been a range of events this year. Early in term 2 we held a Cafe Concert at Dal Mondo's in Traralgon. This was a great night for all students to practice their performance skills and it is also a great opportunity for those who are new to performing to have a go at getting up and singing to an audience, perhaps for the very first time.

It is a very family friendly atmosphere and everyone is so supportive.

I love these nights as it is a great way to see how students are progressing.



Monique Hastie, Zoi Kyriacou, Jobeka Siaman, Izabell Hornstra, Zahra Hanratty, Rose Mirtschin, Cienna Pepper and Sebastian Poole.

Some of the students who sang at the Masterclass

Zoi Kyriacou



Ella Brent



Sanya Palta



August: Vocal Workshop and Masterclass

A free workshop was offered to students that focused on preparation for performances. Strategies to prepare for performances and then what to do on stage were discussed. Students then had the opportunity to sing in the vocal masterclass where they received feedback on their performances. This day was to assist the many students who were preparing for Eisteddfods as well as shows this year. There was a record number of Singing Strong students participating in Eisteddfods around Gippsland. They all had great success. You can check out the results at

www.singingstrong.com.au/achievements

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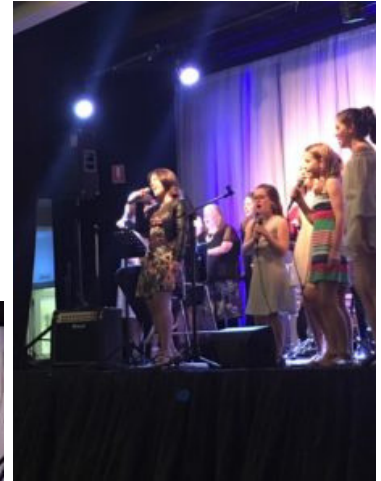
A big thank you to all the parents of Singing Strong students for the ongoing support of your child in the development of their music skills.



Music of the Night: September 2016

To try something different this year, our major event was a dinner dance at the Premier Function Centre in Traralgon. A band was put together to accompany the singers. (Huge thanks to Esther Capitanio on piano, Corey Bruerton on guitar, Sharon Richardson on bass and Chris Stammers on drums). There was just one rehearsal and then students sang with the band on the night. It was a huge success! All students can be so proud of their performances. There were people dancing the night away to the great songs that were being performed.

The evening started with canapes and entertainment from a talented group of young musicians from Flinders College. Thanks to Rose Mirtschin, Lachie Shaw, Emily Williams, Jesse Richardson and Carolyn Crisp who entertained us magnificently. Thanks also to Sophia Patikisa for her acoustic performances while guests ate their delicious meal.



Leanne Horn with Ella Brent, Paige Horn and Ella Hill



Pre-dinner entertainment by talented young musicians from Flinders College.



Zahra Hanratty with the band singing "Shake it off"

Performances at O'Mara House and Yallambee. December 2016

To finish off the year, students had the opportunity to perform for the residents at 2 different concerts. Thursday 8th December was held at O'Mara House. Well done to Zoe McDonald and Ellia King on their first official performance with Singing Strong. You both did an awesome job. Bryce Witham was thoroughly entertaining and Alicia Hooimeyer sang some beautiful classical songs. Britney Nellthorpe sang and looked so professional. It was wonderful to see two performances by families. Zahra Hanratty sang "Tears in heaven" while her brother Josh accompanied her on guitar. Lance, Harry and Sidney Townsend performed 2 trios: "See you later alligator" and "Jailhouse Rock". They performed with some cool moves that were thoroughly entertaining.



Zahra and Josh Hanratty performing together.



Harry, Lance and Sidney were the winners of Yinnar's got talent. Awesome effort boys!



Finishing the performance with group singing of Christmas carols.



Melody the studio cat loves to greet students as they arrive, but she really just likes to laze around the studio.

Shows for 2016/2017

There were so many Singing Strong students in shows this year, many playing lead roles. Go to the Singing Strong website to read all the details. www.singingstrong.com.au

2017 is shaping up to be just as exciting as this year.

There are many students involved in the January Pantomime "The Princess and the Pirate". At this stage I have not got all the details about this, but keep an eye on the website for updates.

Congratulations to Emma Brinker-Ritchie who is playing the part of Alice in Sale's January pantomime "Alice in Wonderland"

Class Act Productions are putting on Shrek Jnr and Into the woods.

Shrek Jnr: Congratulations to Hollie Gibson (baby bear), Britney Nellthorpe and Natasha Murcott.

Into the woods: Congratulations to Carolyn Crisp (Cinderella), Rose Mirtschin (Rapunzel), Alicia Hooimeyer (Jack's mother), Toby Just (steward).

Latrobe Theatre Company are performing Oliver in 2017

Congratulations to Sebastian Poole (Oliver), Toby Just (Bill Sykes), Britney Nellthorpe (ensemble), Esther Capitanio (ensemble).

AMEB EXAMS

Completing singing exams can be very daunting but they are a fantastic opportunity to focus on technical skills and preparing repertoire to a high standard. Congratulations to the following students who completed exams this year - all passing with excellent results:

Natasha Murcott: Grade 1 Singing for leisure

Jamilla Marriott: Grade 2 Singing for leisure

Emma Brinker- Ritchie: Grade 2 Singing for leisure

Ella Brent: Grade 2 Singing for leisure

Carolyn Crisp: Grade 4 Music Theater

Rose Mirtschin: Grade 4 Music Theater

Nisangi Sirimanna: Grade 4 and Grade 5 Singing for leisure

Sophia Patikisa: Grade 6 Singing for leisure

Georgia Dixon: Grade 6 Classical Singing

Esther Capitanio: Certificate of Performance



Congratulations
Cameron Murcott on
your award at the
Latrobe Valley
Eisteddfod.

We wish Sophia and Georgia all the best as they start year 12 and prepare to complete VCE Singing units 3 & 4 in 2017.

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Merry Christmas
from Mary Mirtschin!

