

# **ADFAS POKOLBIN YOUNG ARTS REPORT**

MEETING- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Over the past two months meetings have been held with the Principals and contact teachers of the four schools ADFAS Pokolbin supports through its Young Arts Program. Reports of the individual meetings are as below.

## **Cessnock West Public School**

The Principal Mrs Ruth McGlashan was very appreciative of the funding provided by ADFAS Pokolbin for OPERA AUSTRALIA's upcoming performance of the Magic Flute.

As Mrs McGlashan would be on leave on the date of the performance, Relieving Principal Mrs Donna Madden would be our new contact person for the event.

Mrs McGlashan agreed that an application for funding for the next whole school performance by The Australian Opera Company would be placed next year, for the year 2020.

## **Cessnock East Primary School**

Mrs Kim Sweeny, the Principal of Cessnock East, again expressed the school community's appreciation of the outstanding support ADFAS Pokolbin has given the school over the last 10 years.

The school would like to request that the funding for their Stage 3 Cultural Excursion to Sydney granted for 2018, be put forward to the year 2019..

This year, in lieu, Cessnock East will make an application to ADFAS Pokolbin for some support with funding artist Kez Harper to work with the children within their classrooms.

Mrs Sweeny will forward the proposal to me in due course for presentation to our committee. This would only be a minor project and require minimal funding.

The school Secretary Mrs Janelle Parsons confirmed that Presentation Day book prizes for the year 2018 have already been paid for by ADFAS Pokolbin.

## **Mount View High School**

The Principal of Mt View High School Desley Pfeffer, and Arts Department Teachers Elizabeth Alder and Tanya Howells were all present at the meeting. They are keen to have their students participate in the Scholarship Program for 2019 and will be supporting them with their applications.

Liz Alder enquired about the possibility of our ADFAS Pokolbin members volunteering at the school to share their expertise in the Arts with the students.

Our Young Arts Scholarship Recipient Bowen Cavanagh was provided with an email address so that he could share his current work with us.

We are also invited to attend the CAPA Graduation at Mt View High on September 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

## **Cessnock High School**

Mr Chris Bice, Principal of Cessnock High School and Art Teacher Mrs Lynley Robson were both very enthusiastic about their school's involvement with the ADFAS Pokolbin's Young Arts Scholarship.

They had both identified students who would be good applicants and looked at ways to work with the school's College 1 and 2 pathways.

Mrs Robson took me on a tour of the school and I was introduced to Vanessa McCurry, our contact person for 2017 and several other staff members.

The school librarian highlighted the impressive collection of Art Reference books in Cessnock High's Library. The collection included many outstanding contemporary Australian artists.

### **Following up from the Meetings:**

- Contact Liz Alder from Mt View to gain further clarification on what would be required of our members if they wished to volunteer at the school so an expression of interest notice could be placed on the website.
- Reconfirm via email, with the two High Schools that Senior Students are welcome to attend ADFAS Pokolbin Lectures free of charge.
- Report on the performance of The Magic Flute at Cessnock West which Judy Wearne and I attended.
- Forward an email to Bowen Cavanagh to thank him for sending us samples of some of his current work.
- Thank Cessnock West Relieving Principal Donna Madden for allowing two of our members to be present for the school's Opera Australia performance and share in the experience.