Winners are grinners

North Arm State School won, for the third year in a row, the instrumental category for primary schools at the Annual Sunshine Coast MusicFest from a field of 40 schools. Congratulations to the Marinba band on their excellent performance and to their skilled and committed teacher, Steve Peal. The Marinhas are an integral part of the school’s music program and will be performing at the Yandina Street Fair.

Wind in the Willows at Indee

The Indee young brigade of players is into the final stages of rehearsal for Wind in the Willows. Now just three weeks away to the performance weekend, the team is working extremely well and again integrating two leading adult players, Luke Lanham and Debbie Pitura, with the youngsters, is lifting the junior game enormously.

Our theory, which has worked extremely well over the years, is to give the youngsters acting lessons during one session a week and give them movement and stagecraft and rehearsal opportunities in a second session, working towards actual performances, which feature adult support.

Lessons by themselves don’t provide a goal, which is why at The Indee we watch the progress of each young would-be actor to assess what sort of role they tackle next. A role which will hopefully take them a step further, give them more confidence and stretch their ability.

The Indee Youth Theatre group has progressed very strongly this year and following Wind in the Willows, they’ll turn their attention to the January production of The Wizard of Oz, in which they’re all cast.

And the reason that they’re all cast is obviously because priority is given to those who’ve done the training and put in the hard yards throughout the year. It’s a just reward for giving it their best shot. There will be a new intake of pupils which starts with a 3-day workshop in the September school holidays – ring 5472 8200 to book.

Wind in the Willows will be on stage at 7 pm on Friday 4 September, 4 pm on Saturday 5 and 11 am and 3 pm on Sunday 6.

All tickets all ages $10 with free popcorn for the Under 10s.

GSLC Bright Sparks lit up the stage

Good Shepherd Lutheran College students, affectionately known as the ‘GSLC Bright Sparks’, lit up the big stage of the Caloundra Events when they performed their story-dance item ‘It Only Takes a Spark’ for Wakakiri, the National Performing and Visual Arts Festival for Primary Schools. Their stellar performance has earned them a place in the Grand Finals to be held in September!

Their story, written by Year 3 student Lilli Jennings, brought laughter and tears to the capacity audience and won them a full contingent of gold awards in every category!

To top off an already fabulous night, they also took out the coveted Public Speaking award, their three young speakers impressing the judges with their enthusiasm, self-confidence and natural public speaking abilities on stage after the performance. Incorporated into the item was a section of live singing and this was done with such brilliance that they also won the Live Singing award.

Farting About In Make-Up

Farting About in Make-Up is the one-weekend only revue, that takes audiences on a journey with the major stars of theatre, the major plays and musicals, in fact all the best bits ever. It’s funny, fast and very entertaining, with a top-line cast of Eddie Ellis, Rita Walker, Luke Lanham, Cylyce Bennetts, Alan Ball and Ashlee McKinnon.

There are three shows only: 7.30 pm Friday 4 October and Saturday 5 October, plus 2 pm Sunday 6 October. Phone 5472 8200.

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