

## **ASPIRE Intern Blog #9**

Here we are, back again. Don't all erupt into thunderous applause at once now. Although 'The Rise of Bozz' is done and dusted, ASPIRE still has plenty of wheels a-chugging!

Battle of the Bands FINALLY took place just a few weeks ago, and as expected, was a massive success. Five bands juked it out on stage that night for the sought-after honour of being the first ever ASPIRE Battle of the Bands winner, but



alas, only one could take it out. That title went to Altar Ego from St Joseph's Lochinvar, who let rip 'Barracuda' by Heart and 'Joker and the Thief' by Wolfmother. Another shoutout to Catherine McAuley Catholic College for taking out the Most Entertaining award as well, I unfortunately didn't get the chance to see these guys perform, but clearly, I missed out big time.



In other news, the Young Actor's Program wrapped up their production of 'The Missing Diary' at PACC recently! Yet another unfortunate miss from me, but I did get the privilege of helping with bump-in which is always good fun. Big congrats to the cast and crew, the show looked fantastic.

We are all getting very busy here in the office as the term ends. I myself have been hard at work putting together a short play for my Junior Theatre Makers group, which has been coming along very nicely and will be performed in just over a week, on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> of September at Warner's Bay Theatre.

I still have quite a lot of work to do still, including figuring out how to make a vending machine costume (that's not a joke), but I've had a really good time writing, directing and designing my own script and the Junior group is SO easy to work with, such a smart and talented bunch. Beyond this, still lots and lots of exciting things coming up fast, auditions for next year's production, Senior Theatre Makers, JTF and the Musical Theatre program are all quickly approaching, so get super excited! I myself have some thinking to do about what I'm going to write for Senior Theatre Makers, as well as sourcing them wigs. So hey, wish me luck.

An arts-and-crafts bound, Daniel

