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Portraits Using iPad apps as a starting point to create distorted self-portraits by Year



Embracing Sustainability A Sustainability Centre which plays an integral role in all areas of school life.



Whole School Community **Mosaic Projects** Students, staff & parents involved in creating a wide range of sculptures, and wall mosaics

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News & Exhibitions

Monet's Garden 10 May 2013 - 08 Sep 2013 NGV International, 180 St Kilda Road, Melbourne

"My garden is my most beautiful masterpiece." Opening in May 2013, this stunning exhibition will be devoted to Claude Monet's iconic garden at Giverny and will include more than fifty masterpieces from the Musée Marmottan Monet, Paris, as well as paintings from leading international museums and private collections. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see these masterpieces in Australia, exclusive to Melbourne. The exhibition is organised by the Musée Marmottan Monet, Paris in association with the National Gallery of Victoria and Art Exhibitions Australia

Luke Pither: Reverse Garden Heide Museum of Modern Art 7 Templestowe Road, Bulleen VIC 3105 Open Tuesday-Sunday 10am-5pm, Closed Mondays 03 August - 17 November 2013

Reverse Garden interrogates the physical and sensory experience of traversing a garden, through the act of painting. Artist Luke Pither transforms the gallery space into a profuse landscape by planting a network of paintings as free-standing panels that create a series of pathways, vistas, contours and elevations. The imagery takes a micro-view of the myriad forms, colours and patterns of the natural environment, unpredictable and ever renewing, and evokes the sensation of being in close contact with nature.

Australian Impressionists in France NGV International, 180 St Kilda Road, Melbourne

For the first time, the story of the Australian artists who lived in France during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries is presented in an exhibition of over 130 stunning works of art. Australian Impressionists in France challenges our understanding of Australian art during these revolutionary decades.

The exhibition shows that during these years Australian art took place beyond the confines of Australia, and examines how the expatriate artists were part of the story of Impressionism in Australia. Through the inclusion of key works by French, British and American artists the exhibition also places the Australians' work within an international context of Impressionist art. Australian Impressionists in France brings together over

130 paintings, prints and drawings from major public and private collections around the world. It includes important paintings by John Russell, E.Phillips Fox and Charles Conder, as well as never before seen works by lesserknown artists.

Block • Paper • Scissors CBCA - Illustrator's Evening

Come along to the Children Book Council of Australia Illustrator's evening to enjoy an insight into the work of Kylie Dunstan, Gus Gordon and Tina Matthews The evening includes light refreshments, book sales.

Date: Thursday September 12th Time: 5.30pm until 8.00pm

Venue: Zart, Box Hill North

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Self Portraits

Students are often intrigued by the work of M.C Escher and it was Escher's well known self-portrait, *Hand with Reflecting Sphere*, which provided the basis for a task completed by the Year 10 Art class at Charlton College.

Hand with Reflecting Sphere features Escher and his studio interior, both of which are reflected in a mirrored sphere that he holds in his hand. Self-portraits in reflective, spherical surfaces are common in Escher's work and this lithograph is a famous example. This artwork became an important starting point for a painting task which required the students to produce a distorted self-portrait.

To commence the unit we discussed self-portraiture, addressing the fact that self-portraits can merely depict your appearance or, when taken to another level, can reveal something about the personality, character or attitude of the subject. Students viewed a range of images that show this.

Much conversation centred on the materials and techniques used in the artworks we viewed. We discussed the fact that traditionally artists drew or painted themselves from a reflection in a mirror and this led us to explore *Hand with Reflecting Sphere* in greater depth. With a classroom of

'digital natives' it was also pertinent to explore how the techniques and processes of contemporary artists have dramatically altered with advances in technology. At this point the students studied portraits produced by contemporary artists, particularly those employing current technology in their working practices.

The class was then introduced to the distorted self-portrait task. This task provided an excellent opportunity for the integration of technology, as the students were required to use their smart phones to take a self-portrait and an app to distort their image. Although we used smart phones it would also be possible to use iPads.

The students used various free apps including Warp it and Roundy Head to distort their images and it was exciting to see everyone share their knowledge and resources. Experimenting with different apps to create diverse effects was an important stage of the process.

Once the self-portraits were captured and distorted they were printed in colour. The students used their distorted photograph as the basis to complete sketches, which aided the development of their ideas and drawing skills. When the students felt they had

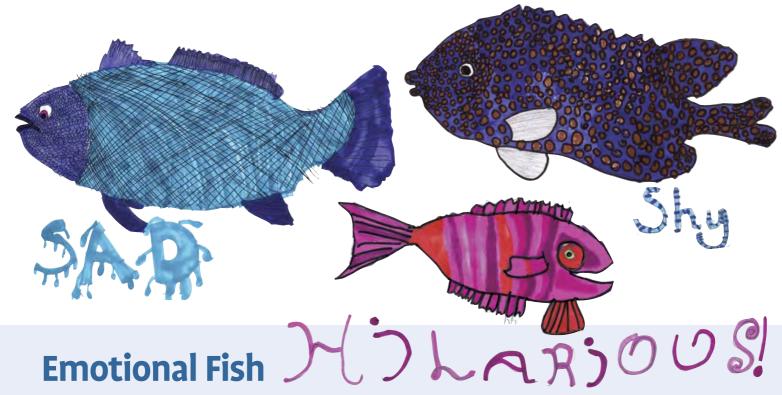
consolidated their skills they drew their image onto a canvas board, ensuring the canvas was filled as background space was to be minimal. The students then painted their self-portraits using oil paints. Using oils gave us the chance to employ different painting techniques, whilst learning about effective clean up procedures and the importance of health and safety within the classroom. Acrylic paints could be used with equal success.

Although *Hand with Reflecting Sphere* was produced in 1935, it was easy to use it as a source of inspiration, whilst applying 21st century approaches to our art making. Integrating technology enabled us to collaborate and communicate with a common goal, whilst working towards the creation of a personal, individual artwork. Using readily accessible information technology in the classroom such as smart phones has provided the students with valuable skills.

Natasha Saunders Year 10 Art Charlton College

Beginning with iPads in Art Workshop:

Monday, 5 August Time: 9.20am - 3.00pm See PD insert for more information.



Where does inspiration come from when planning a visual art programme? Susan Clarke at Strathcona Baptist Girls Grammar School in Canterbury often blends nonfiction and fiction books as her starting point. In this unit of work the girls at each grade level responded with much enthusiasm.

This unit came about with the marriage of the nonfiction 'Swainston's Fishes of Australia` with the whimsical fiction book 'Happy` by the Dutch author illustrator, Mies Van Hout.

These two books provided the opportunity

for the integration of science and art by combining an appreciation of the diversity and beauty of fish with the artistic licence taken to distort and label them with an emotion.

I photographed and printed a cross section of fish species from Swainston's book, for children from Pre Prep through to Year Six to use as a reference for their fish. They used a variety of materials such as paint, Prockey markers, inks, chalk etc. One criteria was that I had to be able to identify their species to ensure that they captured the specific characteristics of their particular fish. They

were then able to exaggerate the features in order to communicate their chosen emotion.

All age groups enjoyed the playfulness of the concept, at the same time gaining an insight into the diversity of fish species and the fascinating process of classification. It also provided a great example of combining a career in the Arts and a passion for Marine Life.

susan Clarke

Visual Art Teacher Strathcona Baptist Girls Grammar School





Different Like Us Art 4 Orangutans

Our journey with orangutans began in February when two members of our Visual Art staff attended the Zart workshop run by acclaimed animal wildlife artist and orangutan expert, Pamela Conder.



Inspired by the opportunity to meaningfully involve our students with wildlife conservation and environmental sustainability, we elected to incorporate the Earth 4 Orangutans project into the Visual Art curriculum at Middle School Levels Six and Eight. A unit of work was devised which would introduce students to the serious conservation and extinction issues facing the orangutans in Sumatra and Borneo. The study

would focus on the plight of both captive and wild orangutans, the orangutan lifestyle and physiology. Students would conduct research before using a variety of creative mediums and techniques to create a series of orangutan portraits. The portraits would be offered for auction at the "Different Like Us" Art 4 Orangutans student exhibition, to raise money for orangutan conservation.

Our students were immediately engaged with the project. In order to harness the student enthusiasm for both the orangutan project and iPad technology, it was decided that the orangutan portraits would take three forms: A digital portrait created on the iPad - designed to focus student attention on the bold shape, colour, and structure of their selected orangutan subjects; A detailed, shaded, pencil sketch - designed to focus attention on facial expression and structure; A colour portrait, created using watercolour (Year Six) or soft pastel (Year Eight) which would combine all these elements and capture the individuality of the orangutan subject in an expressive study.

The Unit was designed to incorporate a comprehensive design process, experimentation with a range of art materials and techniques, self-evaluation exercises, and to embrace iPad technology.

Students surprised us with their confidence and dexterity using the iPad as an art tool. The digitally-generated artworks (using Sketch Book Pro & Brushes Apps) were vibrant and colourful, surprisingly detailed and captured the uniqueness of each orangutan subject in bold colour. As a contrast the pencil sketches were soft expressive studies which captured the facial features of the subjects and allowed students to display their knowledge of orangutan facial structure.

The soft pastel portraits created by Year Eight students, completed using A3 boxboard and Toison d'Or soft pastels, were stunning, velvet-like in texture, with each portrait uniquely different, yet all featuring the same richness of colour .The Year Six portraits captured the fun-loving nature of the orangutans using beautifully blended watercolour and fine brushes. Students elected to frame their portraits using Zart pre-cut mounts, or to create collaged leaf frames using Zart specialty papers in a range of patterns.

The "Different Like Us" exhibition opening at the Zart Gallery was a true gala event supported by dignitaries, principals, teachers, families and friends of the student artists. Not only was the exhibition and silent auction a recognition of student endeavour and artistic success, but also a celebration of community commitment to the preservation of a much-loved endangered species.

Judi Robertson Visual Art Teacher Haileybury Brighton

Sustainability Centre art meets the environment





At St Macartan's we are incredibly proud of our Sustainability Centre which plays an integral role in all areas of school life.

Our Sustainability Centre consists of a kitchen, herb gardens, fruit orchard and citrus plantings. We also have chickens, guinea pigs, miniature pigs, composts and worm farms. A hot house helps us to grow seedlings and propagate plants by division and cuttings. Garden beds and fences have been constructed using reclaimed corrugated iron and bricks and sustainably milled timber. Parent volunteers were involved in the construction of the garden beds, paving, animal enclosures, worm farms, fence and arbour. Wherever possible, materials have been sourced locally in order to reduce our carbon footprint.

The sustainability centre is the main hub of activity for our Gardening Club. The club consists of students who volunteer their lunchtime to work in the school's kitchen garden. They are trained in all aspects of horticulture from seed raising and propagation to composting and animal husbandry. These students also have important roles in transferring

their knowledge to the remainder of the school community. Each prep student is welcomed to our community with a sunflower seedling during their orientation program which they nurture during the summer break prior to their commencement at St. Macartan's Primary School.

Having this Sustainability Centre provides much inspiration for our Visual Arts Program. Each year we aim to build up the student art displays within the garden. These range from permanent pieces to rotating artwork which is eventually taken home. We have created a range of artworks and used a variety of materials to add interest and colour to the garden. Sourcing the correct materials is important for the outdoors. Clay, tiles, embossing foil, ply wood, wire and glass have been used in a variety of art pieces.

Visual Art Teacher St Macartan's Primary School – Mornington http://www.smmornington.com.au



Tiled Pillars –Vipond paint was used to colour and decorate the tile picture. These tiles were then glued onto Cypress poles with liquid nails. The poles were concreted into the ground. To protect the artwork they were coated with a marine quality outdoor gloss.

Garden Art Ideas



Foil Embossing - Embossing foil was pre cut into the shape of petals and shapes to create a butterfly. Using a pen, the children used line work to complete detailed patterns, creating a textured surface on their piece of foil. The individual pieces were arranged, stapled and glued together to form a variety of flowers and butterflies. We then attached these onto garden stakes and they were placed in the garden.



Paper Magiclay – Magiclay is a great material for the outdoors and seems to withstand the elements quite well. The children have explored skills in modelling and shaping the clay to make insects, flowers and birds to scatter amongst the plants. When dry, Vipond paint was used on our garden art.

Mosaic Class Projects

In 2012 Roxburgh Park Primary School was fortunate enough to receive 2 grants to run whole school and parent mosaic projects. The mosaics are now displayed around the school and are a wonderful addition, brightening up our school grounds. All students learnt about the history of mosaics and the techniques involved. The students, staff and parents were involved in creating a wide range of sculptures, tiled panels, seats, totem poles and bottle cap mosaics.

It was fantastic to see students, teachers and parents involved and working together. It was an opportunity to learn new skills, make new friends and help to make our school a beautiful

and exciting environment. The school community appreciates how the whole project has enriched our environment and reflects the pride we all have in our school. We all worked together to build strong connections and made our school a vibrant and fun community for everyone to enjoy.

We would like to thank the Hume City council and the Dianella Society for making these amazing projects possible.

Sue Balletta
Visual Art Teacher
Roxburgh Park Primary School

Preps – Sunflowers bottle cap mosaic inspired by the art work of Van Gogh. Grade 1 & 2 - Flying butterflies which are displayed in the school gardens. Grade 3 & 4 - Used pots to make Totem poles with quirky animal face designs. These really brighten up the front of the school. Grade 5 - created a Forest Mosaic Panel that has been placed outside the school office. Grade 6 - Mosaic Bench Seats and a Fish Mural across the art room wall. Parents and Roxburgh Park community - Mosaic birds, animals & creatures which have been put up around the school.









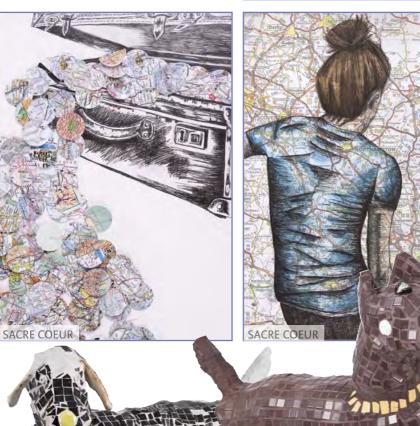


Zart Student Gallery Term 3









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Box Hill High School

Mosaic Mali

Brighton Grammar

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Mosaics

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Spiral Tree

St Joachim's Primary School

Mosaics

St Mary's College, Seymour

Lino Ladies

Strathcona Baptist Girls Grammar School

Fish

St Thereses Primary School

Mosaic Rainbow

St Vincent de Paul Primary School

Natural Mosaics

Zart's Student Gallery

Situated upstairs in the Zart Customer Service Centre

Each term the Student Gallery exhibits a new display of work from young artists ranging from kindergarten to VCE.
We are always on the lookout for artwork to be exhibited that showcases new ideas and techniques suitable for all age levels. Please email images of work you would like to exhibit one term in advance to Jan Roker on jan@zartart.

Also visit www.zartart.com.au



Professional Learning

One of the most exciting aspects of teaching and learning today is the increased awareness of and commitment to pitching our teaching toward the individual.

We are witnessing a growing body of evidence to support what teachers, parents and children have always known and I have always said in my most often used quote, "Not all children are ready to learn the same thing, at the same time, in the same way".(Walker, 2007) The greatest challenge in education, whether it be a young preschooler or a 10 year old in grade 4 or 5 at school is, how do we personalise the teaching and learning in class sizes of, perhaps, up to 28?

How do we ensure that teachers are providing instruction and explicit teaching that meets the requirements of the curriculum expectations set by Government? How do we engage young children in meaningful learning environments that motivate and inspire when

budgets are low, and how do we

ensure that teaching and learning is deep, creative and about the whole child, not just about literacy and numeracy? We have so many great strategies and teaching and learning approaches now, to assist and guide

> in these areas. We can rely less upon personal hunches and inclinations and gain greater confidence in evidence based

data, studies and practical implementation that is being showcased across the world that has been developed right here in Australia. We can draw upon the expertise from other disciplines and studies in mental health, the arts, psychology, emotional intelligence and teaching and learning approaches that are personalising learning and enriching the lives of children from areas as diverse as China, remote indigenous communities in far north Australia, and inner urban independent schools in Adelaide, VIC, WA, Tasmania and ACT.

To personalise learning doesn't mean throwing away the need for routines, expectations, goals and intentions. It does in fact require systems, organisation, clarity and understanding how a learning environment needs to be set up, how the teaching and learning works across a timetable in a week, and how auditing against outcomes, assessment, reporting and documentation works.

True personalised learning is like an exact science. It requires teachers to know exactly how it needs to be tested and trialled. It needs to be supported through professional learning and to be taken seriously.

Personalising learning is not a free-for-all where students can turn up if they feel like it or learn only if they want to.

Personalising learning is what all learning communities must be doing in the 21st century. The key challenge is to address, how and what does it need to look like in action that will ensure integrity for student learning and solid outcomes for children.

Kathy Walker



Personalising Learning for the Whole Child Conference October 19th 2013 Grand Hyatt Melbourne

If you are committed to personalising learning, this conference is a must! The program offers an interactive day with high quality international and national speakers, who will provide thought provoking theory and practice, underpinning authentic personalised learning. This conference will inspire teachers to think of the child beyond the academic and how the child comes with a context of the self, peers, family, culture and the broader community. Educators will be challenged to think about the importance of the notion of the whole child.

Featuring Keynote Speakers

Dr George Otero, USA; Kathy Walker, AUS; Shona Bass, AUS; Robert Brown, AUS

Bookings

www.Earlylife.Com.Au/info/conference-2013 **Ticket Prices**

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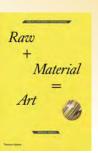
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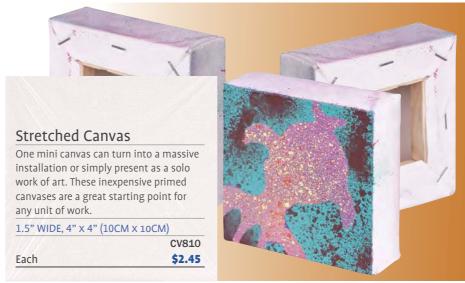


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Customer Service Centre

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School Catalogue 2013

The Zart Catalogue for 2013 was released in early November 2012 and sent out to your school. A huge range of new products have been included to broaden



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