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N-QADA NEWSLETTER SEMESTER 1 - JANURAY 2010

* **AFTER JULIET - MAY 20th and 21st - 2010**

* **PHYSICAL THEATRE/SHAKESPEARE WORKSHOP - APRIL 26,27,28th - 2010**

Dear Parents and Drama and Speech Students

Welcome back to another year.

This year at N-QADA we have added some exciting opportunities for students

- **We have a new teacher**, Charles Heston who is offering classes in Musical Theatre. Many of you may have seen Charles perform in Miss Saigon. Charles will be directing our November student show.
- **Lisa Worthington Workshop Physical Theatre/Shakespeare - From Monday 26th April - 2010**
Lisa directed Macbeth with us a few years ago, and it was fabulous experience!
She is coming back to Cairns. Lisa will do a workshop with the *After Juliet* cast on Monday 26th April, then with all Level 4 and 5 students on Tuesday 27th April from 4.00 - 7.30pm.
An introductory workshop in physical theatre with Level 3 on Wednesday 28th April 5.30 - 7.00 pm.
This is very exciting for all students, as Lisa is an experienced teacher who spent last year performing with Zen Zen Zo an outstanding, innovative physical theatre company in Brisbane.
We look forward to getting theatre physical with Lisa!

SPEECH CLASSES AT THE NEW SPEECH STUDIO

N-QADA is pleased to announce that we have a new studio at 19 Brooks Street, Whitfield.

The focus of these classes is correcting speech, learning the skills of improvisation, characterisation and preparing students to participate in the Eisteddfod in June. Many of the students from this studio will participate in the Trinity College and AMEB speech exams later in the year. There are a number of classes to choose and each is put into a level as per the grade at school.

* **ALL NEW STUDENTS**

Please make sure that you have filled out a Registration Form and handed it to me.



After Juliet

by Sharman McDonald

MAY 20th and 21st - 2010

After Juliet is our first production for the year with the N-QADA Youth Theatre Company.

The show is After Juliet by Sharman MacDonal. (A matter of interest – she is Kiera Knightley’s mother and she suggested the idea for the play!

The students who will be involved in this play will be Level 4 Drama students.

Parents this will be an excellent play for the students to see as it occurs after Romeo and Juliet die --- what happened then??? Many students have as a part of their assessment to fill in gaps or create a ‘what happened then’ for English.

Synopsis:

The play centres around Rosaline, Juliet’s cousin and Romeo’s ex-flame. Tortured by the loss of her love, Rosaline has become sullen and venomous. She actively seeks to become the new Prince of Cats and run the Capulet family. Meanwhile the Capulets and Montagues have obeyed Prince Escalus and called a truce. The treaty quickly descends into a farce as both sides continue to rage against each other. Amid the turmoil moor doomed love springs up between Benvolio Montague and Rosaline. Benvolio is warned by Valentine (Mercutio’s twin brother) to stay away from her if he knows what’s right. The climax comes after Rosaline has succeeded Tybalt as Prince of Cats and seeks to destroy her sworn enemies the Montagues.

Play Reading:

Students in Level 4 who are interested in being in After Juliet are invited to attend a reading and audition on Thursday 25th February 6.30 -7.30 at the Studio in Brooks Street.

I look forward to a great year
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