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Dear Parents and Carers,

We believe that some parents may have some concern about our non-involvement in the Department of Education's proposed **Barwon and Namoi Network's Public Schools 2023 Creative Arts Festival**.

The proposed Creative Arts festival is being designed to showcase the talents and skills the students will have developed through the teaching of the **K - 12 Creative Arts** syllabus throughout the year. It will also reflect the professional development staff will receive in these areas throughout the term. Regional departmental students will come together (possibly physically and remotely) for many weeks before the festival performances. It may provide a great opportunity for senior students who are studying Music and/or Drama to use their participation as their major HSC work.

At St Philomena's, we are hosting a week-long showcase of our own creative successes from 18th - 23rd Sept, 2022. Our primary concert includes a performance by every student from Kindergarten to Year 6. Students in Years 7 - 10 will showcase their music, photography, visual arts and mandatory technology creations at the MAD night. We will also host our Public Speaking finals. The Spring Fair will start the week of community and celebration.

Our Annual School Improvement plan guides the professional development of our staff. This year, ensuring our Leaders of Learning are up to date with contemporary teaching of literacy and numeracy skills is our focus.

We wish the Department schools every success in their celebration of Creative Arts in 2023.

Thank you for your support. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

Catherine Downes
Assistant Principal