



Wednesday 19 September 2018

Year 2 Concert and Information Evening & Try An Instrument Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

You are invited to join the Seaforth PS Band Program at our Year 2 Music Concert and Information Evening on **Thursday, 25th October at 6pm-7pm (Term 4 Week 2)**.

The Concert will showcase our Training and Performance Bands, as well as Ms Alver's Year 2 Recorder Group. Between performances you will hear short talks about the band program, the benefits of learning a musical instrument, and how you and your child can be involved. Information booklets will be available on the night and refreshments will be served (tea, coffee, snacks). This will be the perfect opportunity to get to know the people who run Seaforth PS Band, and to ask any questions you might have.

Why Play An Instrument? Why Join Band?

Extensive research has shown that playing music helps your child's brain more than almost any other activity. For children in particular, the skills they acquire from learning music contribute directly to development in language, literacy, numeracy, creativity, fine motor co-ordination, concentration, self-confidence, social skills, teamwork and self-discipline. BAND provides a perfect opportunity to develop these skills in a fun and creative environment.

Check out this TED video on how the brain is affected by learning music:

<http://ed.ted.com/lessons/how-playing-an-instrument-benefits-your-brain-anita-collins>

In addition to the joy that learning music brings, being proficient on a musical instrument opens up a range of opportunities for your child, including: scholarships and part scholarships at private schools; community bands; graded music exams; and music competitions and festivals.

Training Band Workshop and Try An Instrument Day

On **Wednesday, 24th October (Term 4 Week 2)**, all Year 2 students will attend a Training Band Workshop. They will learn about the instruments available in band, and hear how a concert band sounds close up.

Following this, on **Friday, 26th October**, all Year 2 students will participate in the *Try An Instrument Day*. During this session, each child will have an opportunity to play 4-5 different musical instruments under the supervision and guidance of our local professional music tutors. The students will complete a worksheet at each event, letting us know what they learned, what instruments they liked most and what instrument they scored best on.

If you decide to register your child for band, you will have the opportunity to tell us your top 3 choices of instrument. The Band Conductor (Ms Shearer) allocates instruments based on: your child's top 3 choices; the results they receive from the Try An Instrument Day (i.e. the instrument they are most likely to succeed with); what instruments we have available; and what is required to maintain a balanced band.



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Please Note: Registrations for 2019 are now open at <https://portal.msmusic.com.au/seaforthps>. Registrations must be submitted by **Friday, 16th November**. Although registrations will be accepted after this time, we cannot guarantee your child's preferred instrument choice if submitted late.

If you do not want your child to participate in the Try An Instrument Day, please send a written note to the school.

If you have any further questions, please come along to our Year 2 Concert and Information Evening. You are also welcome to contact the Band Program directly (contact details below).

Kind Regards,

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