

Term 4 Overview Choir and Instrumental Music

Choir with Mrs Jeeva



JUNIOR CHOIR (Year 2's)

Junior choir will continue to rehearse every Tuesday at 1.15pm in the music room. Students will attend rehearsals in class groups, as they did in term 3. The roster can be found on See Saw.

SENIOR CHOIR (Year's 3-6)

Rehearsals will be every Wednesday at second break. However, this term, **rehearsals will only involve students in the Show Choir**. Selected students will also be singing in the Christmas singalong on 8th December.

Strings with Ms Penny Williams

Here we are starting Term 4, the beginners have almost completed their first year of tuition and the Year 6 students are heading towards the next step as they aim for high school.

There are a few things happening during Term 4:

2021 recruit – this is being finalised currently. Reminder that instrumental music is based on numbers and balance of instruments. Any families wanting to have their child start string tuition in 2021 (as a Year 3 student) need to have made contact with Ms Williams so that an audition can be conducted and a decision on the best instrument for the child can be decided. If you are needing further information please make contact with the school.

Rehearsals – rehearsals for Senior Strings will continue in separate format until further notice. String Orchestra members (Year 4 and a few Year 3 students) will have a weekly rehearsal ie. all students attend each week. Beginner string students will start their group work during Term 4. It will be at a break so there is no requirement to be at school early for this rehearsal. Further details will be sent at the beginning of Term 4 when we know more about the entire COVID situation. Details will be sent during week 1 of Term 4.

Purchasing instruments - Year 3 students – reminder that violin and viola students are needing to purchase their own instrument to start lessons in 2021. The school loan instruments will be loaned to the 2021 Year 3 students so they can start their tuition. I encourage cello students to buy their own instrument though there will be an opportunity for 2021 Year 4 cello students to keep borrowing a school loan instrument for the 2021 year. When these students are in Year 5 they will need to have their own instrument. It is expected that students continue with their string tuition.

2020 Year 4 students – all students using a school loan instrument (except double bass students) will be required to purchase their own instrument starting 2021. Please make contact with Ms Williams if you need to when starting this process or if you are looking at purchasing a second hand instrument.

If there are any questions in regards to buying an instrument or if you are looking at buying a second hand instrument you are welcome to make contact with me for advice or if you would like me to look over the instrument. As a teacher it is worthwhile for me to have decent instruments being used by the students and families getting value for money when buying instruments. Hopefully we can work together to this end.

Thanks to all for a great year of string making. Thanks to all families for making sure that students are at school early for rehearsals - especially the Monday morning families. Wishing the Year 6 students a happy transition to high school and really hope that they give instrumental music a go at high school as Year 7 students. Yes it will be different – but that can be refreshing also. The additional experience your fellow musicians have are a great resource for you to access and make your standard grow. Give it a go and aim for an improvement in your own standard. The experience will be well worth it.

Thanks again – have a wonderful end to the year to all string families.
Penny Williams (String Instructor)

Band with Mrs Wilson/Mrs Fornshaw

Our band teachers will be finalising the recruitment of new students for the brass, wind and percussion program in 2021.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions we are still unable to rehearse our full band. We will continue with rehearsals Wednesday mornings 8am for woodwind students in year 5/6 and Thursday mornings 8am for brass and percussion year 5/6 students.

Year 4 students will continue to establish the basics and prepare for an ensemble assessment during their class time. Students will be required to return their school instruments by the end of term in preparation for them to be loaned to new students next year. It is now time to start thinking about the purchase of your own instrument. Students playing larger and more expensive instruments such as euphonium, tuba, baritone and tenor saxophone, are able to continue hiring their instrument until they complete Year 6. Students playing flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone and percussion are required to provide their own instrument. Buying a musical instrument is a seemingly expensive endeavour where most people try and save money wherever they can. Be sure you are purchasing a quality instrument as often the cheap instruments are harder to play which can affect your child's enjoyment of music over time. More information will be sent home in regards to purchasing your instrument.

PERFORMANCES: Have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 situation.

*We consider it a privilege and a joy to share music with you and your child.