



# Music Term Four Overview

## Classroom Music with Mrs. Jeeva

### PREP:

Students will learn new songs and add percussion and movement to music. They will keep the beat as they sing and play percussion instruments. Students will identify orchestral instruments by sound, actions songs and dances, and move to music. Students will also learn some Christmas songs.

### YEAR 1:

Students will participate in interactive whiteboard activities. They will read, write and perform rhythms ta, titi and saa, adding percussion and movement to music. Students will sing and move to new actions songs. Students will also learn some Christmas songs.

### YEAR 2:

Students will take part in activities that include rhythms ta, titi and saa, singing in solfa, identifying instruments by sound and sight, action songs and dances, and singing in canon. Students will play melodies on bells, boomwhackers, and chime bars. They will also learn some Christmas songs.

### YEAR 3:

Students will continue to learn to read music notes on the staff, and add stems to music notesheads. They will sing in solfa and canon (adding re, lah and doh), identify musical instruments by sound, and enjoy music games. Students will also learn to derive and write the rhythm and notes of some songs. Students will also learn some Australian songs and Christmas songs.

### YEAR 4:

Students will continue recorder playing this term. They will play melodies on bells, boomwhackers, and chime bars. They will also learn some Australian songs and Christmas songs.

### YEAR 5:

The main focus for this term is the keyboard. Students will also sing some Christmas songs.

### YEAR 6:

Students will be learning their Graduation songs this term. They will also sing some Christmas songs.





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## Choir with Mrs. Jeeva

### JUNIOR CHOIR:

#### Year 2

Junior choir will continue to rehearse every Monday at 1.15pm in the music room. Students will be participating in our annual music concert for the seniors on 14<sup>th</sup> November.

### SENIOR CHOIR:

#### Year 3-6

Rehearsals will be every Wednesday at second break. Students will be participating in our annual music concert for the seniors on 14<sup>th</sup> November. Students will also be singing in the Christmas singalong on 13<sup>th</sup> December.





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## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

### 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:

**2019 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 2019 (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.

**Senior Citizen Concert** – Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 - All string groups will be performing at this event. Rehearsals are underway in Term 4 in preparation. This is a great performance to have as our last celebration for the year. A pleasure to spend it with our mature members of our community. We hope they enjoy the concert.

**Purchasing instruments** – current 2018 year 3 students – reminder that violin and viola students are needing to purchase their own instrument to start lessons in 2019. The school loan instruments will be loaned to the 2019 year 3 students so they can start their tuition. I encourage cello students to buy their own instrument although there will be an opportunity for 2019 year 4 cello students to keep borrowing a school loan instrument for the 2019 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.

Current 2018 year 4 students – all students using a school loan instrument (except double bass students) will be required to purchase their own instrument starting 2019. 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. Remember too that you are at the bottom of the list of students as you have been learning the least amount of time. 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.





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## Band with Mr. Cosic

Mr. Cosic will be finalising the recruitment of new students for the brass, wind and percussion program in 2019.

This term the Instrumental Music Band program is working towards the end of the year Seniors Concert which will be taking place in Week 6, along with assessment in Week 5. The Senior Band will also be playing in small groups and solo at the Seniors Morning Tea held in the Algester Church Hall on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October, which promises to be a great community opportunity for students to perform.

Year 5/6s will be focusing on polishing their assessment pieces and scales. This term students will continue to learn about new scales and their relationship with songs. Senior Band will be working on a couple of new Christmas pieces in preparation for the Seniors Concert along with 'Latin Fire' and also pieces they already have. The emphasis will shift from playing together in time, to paying attention to detail (dynamics, style, etc).

Junior Band this term will also be playing some Christmas songs which use multiple parts rather than playing in unison. During lessons Year 4 students will be ensuring that they are improving each time they play, as focused practice is successful practice. Students should be practicing around 15min per day, five days per week at this stage of their playing as this is absolutely beneficial to improvement across both literacy and technique.

Finally, late last term beginning students tried out an app in their lessons which is centered around playing notes correctly and in tune. The app is game-based and called 'Staff Wars', and is available from the app store for \$1.49. The aim of the game is to read the note correctly and play it in tune before the time runs out, which each level giving players shorter time to read the notes.

Happy music making!

