



WPS BAND Report - P&C Meeting Term 3: August 2020

The Band Committee is pleased to present this term's report to the P&C:

TERM 2 HIGHLIGHTS

'Band Hangouts' held online via Zoom were successfully managed by the Conductors for the duration of Term 2. We received positive feedback about the zoom sessions from band parents and the conductors.

TERM 3 EVENTS

The majority of band events and competitions have been cancelled due to COVID-19:

- **Band Camp:** Cancelled. Thank you to Theo Dorizac for managing the communication with Galston Gorge Conference Centre and the cancellation.
- **NSSWE (Northern Sydney Symphonic Wind Ensemble) Spring Festival:** Cancelled
- **Willoughby Spring Fair:** Cancelled

One event has moved online:

- **ASBOF – Australian School Band and Orchestra Festival:** Online adjudication of pieces of Australian composition. All three bands have been entered and will submit recordings before Friday 30th October

Upcoming events under consideration:

- **Solo/Small Group Mini-Concert:** We are currently proposing to hold a small optional concert at St Stephens Anglican Church on Saturday 12th September, to provide Intermediate Band and Performing Band members the opportunity to perform for an audience. A similar mini-concert was held last year with 11 performances.
- **Weekend Band workshops, one for each band:** We would like to discuss whether it might be possible to organise a one-day weekend band workshop for each band.
- **Band Spectacular** is booked at the Chatswood Concourse for Tuesday, November 17. We are looking forward to another spectacular event following the success of last year. Meredith Robson and her team will again organize the event.
- **Rehearsal recordings/ live streaming:** We received positive feedback about the Education Week videos of band that were circulated by the school. Band families might appreciate further recordings/video opportunities while unable to watch children perform in person.
- **Introduction to Band to Year 2/ Recruitment of 2021 Training Band:** The band recruitment process will have to change this year without the ability to gather, perform or trial instruments. Discussions on how to proceed with this are to commence with the school shortly.

FINANCES

The Band Financial Position is attached below. The net impact of increased costs and reduced income have resulted in a significantly reduced financial position this year.

Summary of extraordinary expenses:

- Hiring a cleaner to mop floors after rehearsals to meet COVID requirements
- Cleaning products to meet COVID requirements
- Event cancellation fees: Band camp and SSO excursion
- Fit-out of new band facilities following the school renovation
- Purchase of new music stands to prevent scratching new hall floor

Summary of extraordinary losses of income:

- Following increasing withdrawals of members from band (23 members have left this year to date), we have offered a 30% discount on Semester 2 fees to encourage remaining band members to continue with band and tutorials.
- No fundraising income.

All of this will see a projected \$11,000 loss for this semester against a current net balances of \$24,100 in the operating account after significant items. However, Meredith Robson has however successfully applied for a \$5,000 grant to assist with our band spectacular event. The grant will cover most of the cost of hiring the Concourse, with the remainder hopefully covered by ticket sales. Thank you to Meredith for her efforts with the application, we hope that Band Spectacular will be able to go ahead.

BAND 2020

Executive positions: The band's AGM will be held in early term 4 via Zoom. A number of executive positions will become vacant for 2021, including a Convenor and a Secretary role. Band families are urged to attend the AGM and put their hand up to help.

Meredith Robson, Jason Jones & Kate Nieland
Band Convenors 2020