



WPS BAND Report - P&C Meeting Term 2: 20 May, 2015

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

OVERVIEW

We now have 202 children from years 3 to 6 learning to play in one of our three bands.

School Staff Band Representative: Margaret Leslie has replaced Michelle Verhagen as the band representative for the WPS staff.

HIGHLIGHTS Term 1

Harmony Day, Thursday 19 March.

A beautiful day to listen to the Concert Band perform.

Easter Band Celebration, Tuesday 24 March

This was the first opportunity to hear all bands play, especially Training Band. The Easter egg raffles were a highlight for the band members. Due to the number of families involved and limited space, we changed the format for the morning and did not cater for breakfast. The morning ran smoothly and finished early.

Election Day Fundraiser, Saturday 28 March

We ran a BBQ, cake stall and busking for the voters. We didn't receive as many cakes as we would have liked and had sold out of cakes and lolly bags by 11.15. \$3400 was raised, including \$200 sponsorship from LJ Hooker. Thank you to all involved.

Grandparents Day, Thursday 2 April

Performing Band loved participating in this year's Grandparents Day celebrations at school and continued to play during the Easter Hat Parade.

INSTRUMENTS

At this stage we have not discussed any purchases. We do have a relatively new collection of instruments due to purchases in recent years. The older instruments are generally serving as spares.

EVENTS – TERM 2

ANZAC Day Special Memorial Service, Thursday 24 April.

The Performing Band played at a special school service to commemorate ANZAC Day.

Band Camp 3 - 5 May:

The highlight of the year for 143 Concert and Performing band members! For the second time, year 6s went up to Crusaders at Galston a day early which was a brilliant experience for them. The other band members stayed Monday night only and had two days of intense practice and rehearsal with over 9 hours of music being played. We thank all teachers who joined band camp and stayed overnight. It's always amazing to see the standard of performance jump after intense working with tutors at the post Band Camp Concert on Wednesday 6 May.

SSO excursion – Stage 4 for Performing Band, 29 May

Training Band Workshop 14 June, intense Sunday for Training Band to prepare them for upcoming band festivals

Kindy Information Morning, 18 June, entertainment by Concert Band
NAIDOC, Friday 26 June, entertainment by Performing Band
BBQ Fundraiser, Friday 26 June at school, put on by band parents.

FINANCE

The band is in a solid position financially. The transfer to Xero a web based accounting software package which accommodates multiple users has occurred.

The current bank balance as at 15th May:

Cheque account: \$33,453.18

Saving account: \$35,421.04

Profit and loss financial YTD, ie, 1 October 2014 to 15th May 2015

2 Baritone horns and 2 alto sax's are the only instruments purchased this financial year, cost of \$5,451. We are still waiting for several invoices so estimated Profit and Loss is approx \$5,000 once all invoices are received.

Profit and loss from Term 1 Activities

The Easter and Election Day fundraising events were successful with \$4k made across the 2 events

SPONSORSHIP

We received a donation of \$200 from LJ Hooker for the State Election.

OTHER

Band Format for 2016

If we keep the same format as now, we will have over 100 students in PB next year. This is too large, both in terms of conducting as well as for performance space.

Therefore, we will need to introduce a 4th band, which in effect, means we will have a Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 band. We are working through various options with the school's support.

Band Spectacular

The date was originally Friday 21 August. This will clash with netball, rugby and possibly AFL and hockey. It is also straight after Year 5 camp. We are currently investigating the option of Thursday 22 October.

NSW Band festival

We have registered and paid for the festival with an early bird discount. Confirmed date is **Sunday – 2 August (all 3 bands)** to avoid clash with City to Surf race.

WCC Spring Festival- Spring fair

Date is confirmed as Saturday -Sept 5 and an application for Performing Band has been submitted for the festival.

Mandy Hyslop & Amy Tzioumis
Co Band Convenors 2015