



## WPS BAND Report - P&C Meeting Term 3: August, 2015

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

### HIGHLIGHTS TERM 2

- **Anzac Day Special Memorial Service** for Performing Band, 23 April.
- **Band Camp** for Concert and Performing Bands, 3-5 May. Yr 6s again went up Sunday afternoon which was a brilliant experience and reward for them. Concert band members and Year 5 children in Performing Band did one night only. There were two days of intense practice and rehearsal. We thank all the teachers who joined band camp and stayed overnight. It's always amazing to see the standard of performance jump after intense working with tutors.
- **SSO excursion – Stage 4 Concert** for Performing Band, 29 May
- **Kindy Information Morning**, entertainment by Concert Band, 18 June
- **Training Band Workshop**, intense day working in sectionals with tutors and whole band with the conductor for Training Band to prepare them for upcoming band festivals, 14 June
- **NAIDOC**, entertainment by Performing Band, 26 Jun
- **BBQ Fundraiser** at school put on by band parents, last day of term. This was a huge success where we trialled online orders and a change in the format where classes came to the BBQ to collect their lunch.

### INSTRUMENTS

There were no acquisitions or disposals in Term 2. In light of the band restructure in 2016, we will need to consider what the needs of the 4<sup>th</sup> band would be and available space to store any additional instruments.

### EVENTS – TERM 3

#### Huge term for the band program this term

- **Welcome assembly to the Chinese Exchange Students**, Performing Band played both the Chinese and Australian anthems in their first concert back for the term, 14 July.
- **SSO excursion – Stage 3 concert** for Concert Band, 31 July.
- **NSW Band Festival** – all 3 bands competed on Sunday 2 August. This festival specialises in Australian compositions. Training Band received a Gold, Concert Band a Silver and Performing Band a gold. Congratulations all!
- **Chatswood High School invitational performance**, 18 August. This performance will be shared by Concert Band and the year 6 Performing Band members (Year 5 are at Bathurst) and includes a workshop/performance with SSO Principal trumpet and trombones
- **Cupcake Day Fundraiser**, this has changed from Term 4 to Term 3 due to the number of events scheduled in Term 4, 28 August
- **Open Day WPS** with a performance from Concert Band, 3 September
- **Willoughby Spring Fair**. Performing Band will be appearing on the Big Band Stage on September 5.

- **NSSWE (Northern Sydney Symphonic Wind Ensemble) Performance** evening at the Concourse for Performing Band, Chatswood, 12 September.

## **FINANCE**

The band is in a solid position financially.

### **The current account balances are:**

- Main account \$25 780.37
- Instrument account \$35 514.51

### **Income and Expenses – 10 months to July 2015**

- Income \$107 000
- Expenses \$93 000
- Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser profit \$1960

### **BAND 2016 and beyond**

After lengthy discussions, the format for the 4<sup>th</sup> band has been agreed upon, the logistics however are still being finalised. The 4<sup>th</sup> band is necessary in order to keep all band sizes to a manageable number as a band size over 100 is not a workable option. We will have 4 (largely) year based band groups with the option to promote more able players as need arises.

We are looking at the following arrangements for rehearsal:

Year 3 – Training: Full rehearsal 1 day per week (Tuesday)

Year 4 – Concert: Full rehearsal 1 day per week (Thursday)

Year 5 – Performing: Full rehearsal 1 day per week (Monday); Sectional rehearsals: Brass, Base Guitar and Percussion (Tuesday) Flutes, clarinets and Sax (Friday)

Year 6 – Senior Performing: 2 Full rehearsals 2 days per week (Wednesday and Friday)

## **OTHER**

12 – 17 July. We had four members of Performing Band Anna Dong (Yr 5 Trombone), Sunny Flynn (Yr 5 French Horn), Shaun Wajzer (Yr 6 Trumpet) and Anjali D’Cunha (Yr 6 Clarinet) attended Junior State Band Camp which is a high level, intense 5 night band program, on a part-sponsorship from the band program.

We have submitted an application to the Arts Festival and currently awaiting the outcome.

Band Spectacular has been rescheduled for Thursday 22 October at Shore.

### **Amy Tzioumis and Mandy Hyslop Band Co-Convenor 2015**