



WPS BAND Report - P&C Meeting Term 4: November, 2015

The Band Committee is pleased to present this term's report to the P&C:
Current numbers: Training Band 57; Concert Band 52; Performing Band 74

HIGHLIGHTS TERM 3

Welcome Assembly for Chinese Exchange Students (14 July) - Well received and appreciated by the Chinese delegates

SSO excursion (31 July) – Concert Band - ABC Studio, Pyrmont.

NSW Band Festival (2 August) – all 3 bands competed. Training Band received Gold, Concert Band Silver and Performing Band Gold. Congratulations all!

Chatswood High School Invitational performance (19 August) - Concert Band and Year 6 members of the Performing Band played. The performance aspect of the evening and the caliber of the guest players (lead trombonist & lead trumpet) were great.

Open Day WPS (3 September) with a performance from Concert Band

Willoughby Spring Fair (5 September) - Another good performance by our Performing Band on the Big Band Stage on Spring St. Luckily the rain held off.

NSSWE Performance at the Concourse (13 September) – Performing Band. This was our first time playing at the Concourse and it was a fabulous event. It was a late night on the Sunday but due to the quality of music this was the best night for PB to play. We will look at participating in this in future years with the possibility of entering more than one band. The event runs over several nights of performances.

EVENTS – TERM 4

Band Spectacular on 22 October. Once again held at Shore School in North Sydney our annual extravaganza was a major success. Thank you to the WPS teachers who volunteered to help on the night as well as the WPS exec who were able to support the Spectacular and to all the parents involved.

Intro to different musical inst for Yr 2 (PB)	Fri 9 October
Blow/aural test for year 2	Fri 16 October
Kindy Information Night (PB)	Mon 19 October
Rehearsal for Band Spec (@WPS)	Tues 20 October
Band Spectacular (All Bands)	Thur 22 October
General Meeting & AGM - Term 4	Mon 26 October
Welcome to Band info night (PB)	Tues 27 October
Concert Band workshop with Arts Alive	Thur 12 November
End of Year Christmas Concert (TB)	Thur 26 November
End of Year Christmas Concert (CB)	Mon 30 November
End of Year Christmas Concert (PB)	Wed 2 December
Tutorials Finish for the year	Fri 4 December
St Stephens Christmas Concert (CB)	Sunday 6 December
Presentation Day (PB)	Tues 8 December
Instrument Collection	Thu 10 December

FINANCE

The band is in a solid position financially.

The current account balances are:

- Cheque account \$39k
- Instrument account \$35k with \$3500 loss in instrument repairs

Income and Expenses - 12 months to Sept 2015

- Income - \$140,279
- Expenses - \$115,324

Not all expenses have been received, incl. trash percussion

FUNDRAISING

This year so far we have raised almost \$9K in fundraising. We are always looking for volunteers to help with the fundraising projects (usually one per term).

These funds help to build into the instrument fund for instrument purchases.

INSTRUMENTS

No new instruments were purchased in 2015 though we will be looking at investing approximately \$15,000 in new instruments for 2016.

Once we allocate instruments to the 2016 Training Band, we will have no spare instruments.

TUTORIALS

Through our relationship with Music In Partnership, we currently have 240 students (including ex WPS Students) participating in tutorials with 24 tutors held across 33 WPS classrooms, 5 days per week. We gratefully acknowledge the generosity of these teachers in allowing the continued use of their classroom.

BAND 2016 and beyond

After lengthy discussions, the format for the 4th band has been agreed upon. The 4th 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 the need arises. We will continue to cap numbers for Training Band, but for 2016 we will increase the number from 60 to 75. We will not have a waitlist so those children unsuccessful in obtaining a place in band will need to reapply in 2017.

We are looking at the following arrangements for rehearsal:

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

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

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

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

NEW COMMITTEE 2016

We have had a number of vacant positions moving forward to 2016. A number of these were filled at the AGM however there are still a number of positions still to be filled. As many of the executives will be Year 6 parents next year, with no more siblings at school we would like to ensure each position has a team of parents so experience and knowledge is not lost.

- Mandy Hyslop will continue as Co-Convenor and will be joined by Sam Puckeridge.
1 position available.
- Melissa Gock will continue on as Co-secretary and will be joined by Tracy Duff.
1 position available.

- Carolyn Fox and Sarah Boyd will continue on as treasurers and will be joined by Neal Hawkins. *All positions filled.*
- Claudia Zines/Rod Carr have joined the team as Instrument Co-ordinator. Paul Gertler, Nick O'Brien and Andrew Morgan will continue as Assistant Instrument Co-ordinators. *1 position available.*
- Tutorial liaison position is vacant. *1-2 positions available*
- Internal Events will be Heather Chopra, Pru Basser and Cassandra Madderom.
- External Events will be Fiona Crowther and Grace Reeson.
- TB Co-ordinators will be Jane Parker with *2 positions available.*
- IB Co-ordinators will be Tim Swan and Amanda Bock.
- CB Co-ordinators will be Amanda Frost and Nikki Templeton.
- PB Co-ordinators will be Carly Brasher and Alex Hudson

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