



WPS BAND Report - P&C Meeting Term 1: 20 February, 2018

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

OVERVIEW

The band program has moved back to a three-band structure in 2018 after moving to four bands in 2016. The change was required due to a decrease in student numbers in the senior bands, which meant we did not have the right balance of instruments. The change to three bands has also meant a reduction in conductor numbers, with Mr Rob Sidaway finishing up with WPS at the end of 2017.

Band members: We have 208 children in the band program this year, up from 198 at the start of 2017, with the breakdown as follows:

Performing Band (PB): 63 Year 5 & 6 children

Intermediate Band (IB): 65 mainly Year 4 children

Training Band (TB): 80 mainly Year 3 children

Registration day was held on Sunday, February 4. Band members registered and paid online and only new band members and those collecting instruments were required to attend on the day. Thanks to the band secretaries for their efforts organizing this well run event.

Rehearsals: The rehearsal schedule has changed this year due to conductor availability and the shift back to three bands. All bands rehearse in the school hall from 7:30am. Rehearsal days are:

Training Band (TB): Thursday

Intermediate Band (IB): Tuesday & Friday

Performing Band (PB): Monday & Wednesday

We have introduced a new practice booklet for our band members to further encourage home practice. Practice booklets will be checked once per term and awards given at year-end for students who demonstrate home-practice excellence.

Executive: All band executive committee positions have been filled. We thank the executive for their passion and dedication to this coming year of band. Executive meetings are held each term, with general parent meetings held in Terms 1 and 4 and email-only updates sent out to parents in Terms 3 and 4. We continue to encourage all those who benefit from the band program to consider how they might help the executive in years to come.

CONDUCTING TEAM 2018

Ms Kirsty Tickle will continue in her position as band director and PB conductor, assisted by David Brinsmead given the larger PB numbers this year.

We are fortunate to have our TB and IB conductor, Mr Anthony Marsden, continue with WPS again this year, ably assisted by David Brinsmead. As Anthony is unable to attend the Friday IB rehearsal, David Brinsmead will lead that rehearsal aided by parent helpers. Mr Rob Sidaway is not continuing with WPS this year as we have reduced the number of bands from four to three.

- Ms Kirsty Tickle, WPS Band Director and Performing Band Conductor
- Mr Anthony Marsden, Training Band and Intermediate Band Conductor
- Mr David Brinsmead, Assistant Conductor for Training Band and Intermediate Band

INSTRUMENTS

At the beginning of 2018, we purchased 5 new Alto Saxophones and 3 new Trombones for just under \$10,000 using band monies. The instruments were purchased through In Tune Music. We are not expecting to purchase any more instruments this year but will apply for an instrument grant to help cover the cost of additional instruments that will likely be needed for TB 2019.

EVENTS – TERM 1

Registration Day: Sunday, February 4

Harmony Day: Thursday, 22 March

Intermediate Band will entertain the school and visitors.

Easter Band Welcome: Tuesday, 27 March, 7:15am

This event provides the first opportunity to hear all bands play, especially Training Band. It will be held in the school hall and finish by 9am. The Easter egg raffle is a highlight for the band members, and the hot cross bun drive will run again this year.

Grandparents Day & Easter Hat Parade: Thursday, 29 March

PB and IB will participate in the Grandparents Day celebrations at school, with PB playing for the Easter Hat Parade.

ANZAC Day Special memorial service: Thursday, 12 April

PB will play at a special school service to commemorate ANZAC Day

FINANCE

Band balance stands at \$110,625 as at February 12, 2018, with key expenses still to be paid.

The majority of band members have paid their Semester 1 fees.

The band plans to apply for additional grants going forward (for instrument purchases) and will run one fundraiser per term.

We will keep revisiting our fee structure to ensure we are not running at a loss.

TUTORIALS

Tutorials started in Week 3 (February 12). We have over 200 students in after-school lessons.

Thank you to Margaret Leslie, Lee Dellit from Music Partnership, our tutorial coordinator Tanu Chopra, and our instrument coordinators for their efforts arranging tutorials for Term 1.

Thanks to the many teachers who make their class rooms available for our band students to take music lessons in. Your help and generosity is much appreciated.

OTHER

We have enjoyed presenting our Band Spectacular at the Shore School the past few years, but will need to find an alternate location this year as Shore has building works planned for Term 4. Our events team is working hard to find a suitable venue.

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