



WPS BAND Report - P&C Meeting Term 2: May, 2014

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

OVERVIEW

We now have 201 children from years 3 to 6 learning to play in one of our three bands.

HIGHLIGHTS Term 1

Sydney Detachment of the Royal Australian Navy Band, 21 February, was a huge success as they entertained the school then did a workshop with Performing Band.

WGHS at The Concourse. March 21, 6:30pm. In the afternoon, Performing Band did a workshop at the Concourse with a Willoughby Girls High Band that was about to tour Hong Kong. They then returned to the Concourse that evening to perform with the WGH Band as well as on their own.

Easter Band Breakfast, Tuesday 8 April

The first opportunity to hear all bands play, especially Training Band. The Easter egg raffles were a highlight for the band members.

Grandparents Day, Friday 11 April

Performing Band loved participating in this year's Grandparents Day celebrations at school.

By-Election Fundraiser, Saturday 12 April

We ran a BBQ, cake stall and busking for the voters. Unfortunately the weather and turnout of voters was very poor. Despite that we raised just over \$1,600.

INSTRUMENTS

Second drum kit. We have found an alternative venue for drum tutorials after school. One of our dads, Nick O'Brien, with advice from Michelle Verhagen has built a huge box to house the drum kit in the old library space. Tutorials will be conducted from there once the hall is no longer available.

EVENTS – TERM 2

Band Camp 4-6 May:

The highlight of the year! For the first time, year 6s went up a day early which was a brilliant experience for them. The other band members did overnight only and two days of intense practice and rehearsal. We thank all four 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 for Concert Band, 21 May

Kindy Information Morning, 12 June, entertainment by Concert Band

Training Band Workshop 15 June, intense Sunday for Training Band to prepare them for upcoming band festivals

NAIDOC, entertainment by Concert Band

BBQ Fundraiser at school put on by band parents, last day of term.

FINANCE

The band is in a solid position financially.

The current account balances are:

\$20,117.36 in the instrument account

\$63,629.64 in the cheque account (as at 10 May 2014). Note: this is the income for band camp and conductors fees without the payments as yet.

Half year results

The end of financial year for the band is 30 September and for the 6 months ended 31 March 2014, the program reported a loss of \$16,739.88. This is primarily due to the \$29,000 spent on instruments in January to accommodate the growing band program.

Profit and loss from Term 1 Activities

The profit from the Easter band breakfast was \$292.00 and the profit from the mayoral election fundraiser was \$1625.41.

SPONSORSHIP

The band has been approached by a parent at school who runs a business called Upstairs, Downstairs, which was behind Best Home Award 2014. The company would like to sponsor the band program to the tune of \$2,000.

We seek P&C approval for the publicity that Upstairs Downstairs has requested: Six advertisements in the newsletters over the next five months as well as an ad in the advertisement/recommendations booklet that is printed.

The band is keen to find out how we can make this opportunity happen!

OTHER

Congratulations to Performing Band for auditioning successfully to play at the Sydney Opera House in term 3!!

Caroline Herrman

Band Convenor 2014