



WPS BAND Report - P&C Meeting Term 2: 22 May 2019

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

OVERVIEW

Band rehearsals have continued smoothly in term 2. There are no band parent meetings in terms 2 and 3; parents are informed of relevant band information by email following the band executive meeting. The next face-to-face meeting with parents will be in term 4.

BAND NUMBERS

We have had a few children withdraw from band in the last few weeks. Numbers are:

Training Band: 80

Intermediate Band: 62

Performing Band: 64

TERM 1 HIGHLIGHTS

The two main events in term 1 were the Easter Band Celebration and the school Anzac Ceremony. The Easter celebration ran like clockwork and trumpeters Ben Fielding and Matthew Gock performed the Last Post and the Reveille admirably at the Anzac service.

INSTRUMENTS

No instrument acquisitions planned for term 2.

EVENTS – TERM 2

The number of internal performance opportunities has been curtailed somewhat by the school renovations. The events that are planned this term include:

Performance events

Chatswood High School Concert (Performing Band), Sun 26 May.

WGHS Primary Music Showcase (Intermediate Band), Tues, 28 May

Small Concert at Willoughby Park Anglican Church (Intermediate Band & Performing Band), Sun 16 June

Open Rehearsals for all bands: TB, Thurs 20 June; IB, Tues 25 June; PB, Wed 26 June

NAIDOC (Performing Band), Thurs 27 June

Other Events:

Federal Election Band Cake Stall, Sat 18 May

Sydney Symphony Excursion to Seymour Centre – Elements of Elephants (Intermediate Band & Performing Band), Thurs 30 May

Band sausage sizzle / BBQ fundraiser, Fri 5 July.

Band Camp (Intermediate Band & Performing Band): Sun 4 Aug – Tues 6 Aug

Band Spectacular at The Concourse, Chatswood, Tues 19 November

FINANCES

Thanks to the efforts of our external events organizer, Meredith Robson, band has applied for The Concourse Performing Arts Subsidy for 2019/20. The grant is for up to \$5500 and, if WPS band is successful, it would cover the cost of the venue hire at The Concourse for our annual Band Spectacular. Thanks too to Matthew Loughnan from the P&C for helping Meredith with the grant application.

Meanwhile, band's finances generally are in good shape, given another year of three bands only (rather than four previously, which was more costly to run) and prompt payment by parents of band fees.

OTHER

- **Missing instrument:** The Saxophone (Alto: 9716) that went missing in term 4, 2018 is still not found therefore has been officially marked as "lost". Our instrument coordinator will explore the insurance options to see what monies might be recouped.
- **Band executive positions 2020:** At the recent band executive meeting, succession planning was raised as an issue for 2020 given that convenors Melissa Gock and Nikki Templeton, as well as Instrument Coordinator Winnie Li will be leaving the school. At the same time, the third convenor, Heather Chopra, as well as the secretaries Brooke Charlton and Dimity Pinto will be stepping down from their respective roles. We will need the remaining executive and parent body to consider filling key roles for next year and beyond so that the band program can continue to thrive. If we cannot secure parent help, the option will be to explore outsourcing the function.

Heather Chopra, Melissa Gock & Nikki Templeton
Band Convenors 2019