



WPS BAND Report - P&C Meeting Term 3: August 2019

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

TERM 2 HIGHLIGHTS

Term 2 was a slightly quieter term for band given the building works at school, so we held open rehearsals for all three bands at the end of June, which were well attended by parents.

Performing Band auditioned for the Town Hall primary proms concert but unfortunately was not successful; applications for this event were extremely high this year.

Intermediate Band and Performing Band again participated in the WGHS Primary Music Showcase, which gave the band exposure to high school bands and supported our local community.

Intermediate Band and Performing Band attended the Sydney Symphony Excursion to the Seymour Centre on 30 May, themed *Elements of Elephants*. The event was well pitched to the age range of our band students. Thank you to the parents and teachers who helped supervise the event.

A new internal event for band this term was a small concert at the Willoughby Park Anglican Church hosted by Training Band coordinator, Tim Swan. The event provided the opportunity for band members who are working towards an AMEB exam or considering doing so to perform solos or in small groups to a supportive audience. We had about 14 performers and feedback was very positive. Mr Marsden and Mr Brinsmead attended to support the kids.

The band sausage sizzle / BBQ fundraiser was once again well received and enjoyed on the last day of term. The band raised \$2700 from this event.

TERM 3 EVENTS

Training Band workshop. This was held on Sunday, 11 August. A big thank you to all parent and teacher helpers on the day – this event couldn't happen without everyone pitching in.

Band Camp (Intermediate Band & Performing Band). The camp was held from Aug 4-6 this year and was well attended. A big thank you to Theo Dorizac and his team for organizing another seamless and enjoyable event, and also to the teachers who stayed overnight and helped with supervision. A particular thank you to all the kids who were very polite and well behaved this year.

NSW School Band Festival (renamed ASBOF – Australian School Band and Orchestra Festival): Sunday, 18 August. All three bands to perform.

Willoughby Spring Fair: Performing Band will be appearing on the Big Band Stage on Saturday, 7 September. Due to space constraints on the stage, it was decided that only Year 6 members of the band will participate this year.

Cupcake Day Fundraiser: This event has been cancelled in lieu of two election cake stalls run by band earlier in the year.

NSSWE (Northern Sydney Symphonic Wind Ensemble) Spring Festival: Intermediate Band and Performing Band will perform at the Chatswood Concourse on Saturday, 14 September.

FINANCES

WPS Band was not successful in our application for a general grant from Willoughby Council, but Meredith Robson did successfully apply for assistance with our band spectacular event. The \$5,000 awarded to the band will cover the cost of hiring the Concourse. Thank you to Meredith for her efforts with the application.

BAND 2019

Executive positions: The band's AGM will be held in early term 4, at which time a number of executive positions will become vacant for 2020, including the pivotal convenor role. Band families are urged to attend the AGM and put their hand up to help. In particular, if we cannot secure a new convenor(s), the band committee will have no option but to outsource the role, which would lead to significant fee increases.

Band structure: The committee and conductors are keen to retain a three band structure if possible given the relative administrative ease and greater band balance compared to running four bands. While current numbers look high for three bands in 2020, Performing Band this year has had a number of members drop out, so the committee is mindful that numbers may start high but balance out in 2020, allowing us to stick to a three band structure.

OTHER

Band Spectacular will be held at the Chatswood Concourse on Tuesday, November 19. We are looking forward to another spectacular event following the success of last year. Meredith Robson and her team will again organize the event.

Band Storage in the new build: The executive is starting to think about what other spend we should consider to enhance the band space in the new build. Investment will need to be made on new filing cabinets, potentially new stand trolleys (to allow for easy pack-up and to provide better protection for new flooring). The executive is working with the P&C on this.

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Band Convenors 2019