



## WPS BAND Report - P&C Meeting Term 4: November 6, 2019

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

**Current numbers:** Training Band 72; Intermediate Band 59; Performing Band 62. Total: 193  
Very similar numbers to this time last year.

### TERM 3 EVENTS

**Guest rehearsal with Jason Isaac (WGHS & Arts Unit conductor), 29 July:** This was well received by PB and a positive experience for them.

**Training Band Workshop (Sun 11 Aug)** – Special thanks to the Training Band Coordinators for organizing a successful workshop.

**Band Camp (4-6 Aug)** – Special thanks to Theo Dorizac for another well run band camp that had a great vibe. The event received positive feedback from students, tutors, teachers and parents. A change was made to the program such that tutors attended one full day only (vs two half days the year before), which made it easier to hire good tutors for the event. Theo has agreed to organise camp again in 2020.

**Grandparents Day (TB, 15 August):** A well-received impromptu performance.

**ASBOF (Australian Schools Band Festival).** ASBOF, formerly known as the NSW Band Festival, was held on 18 August. This event was a key highlight for band this year, with all three bands *again* receiving gold awards.

**Cromehurst (20 August):** A solid performance by the Year 5 members of PB. This year the program was better tailored to the audience, with much simpler pieces. A successful event.

**NSSWE Spring Festival at Chatswood Concourse (14 September)** – performances by Intermediate Band and Training Band. Our bands played well, but this is a long concert that requires our large bands to have to wait for extensive periods, which can be challenging.

**PBEL assembly (IB, 16 Sept):** IB performed well at this event.

### EVENTS – TERM 4

Another busy term for the WPS Band program. Events are listed below.

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| Intro to different musical instruments for Year 2 (PB) | Monday, 21 October   |
| Instrument Trial for Year 2                            | Friday, 25 October   |
| General Meeting & AGM - Term 4                         | Tuesday, 29 October  |
| Welcome to Band Info Night (PB)                        | Thursday, 7 November |
| Rhythm test (Year 2, by appointment only)              | Tuesday, 12 November |
| Band Spectacular (all bands)                           | Tuesday, 19 November |
| St Stephens Christmas Concert (IB)                     | Sunday, 1 December   |
| End of Year Christmas Concert and final rehearsal (PB) | Monday, 2 December   |
| End of Year Christmas Concert and final rehearsal (TB) | Thursday, 5 December |
| End of Year Christmas Concert and final rehearsal (IB) | Friday, 6 December   |
| Tutorials Finish for the year                          | Friday, 6 December   |
| Presentation Day (PB & IB)                             | Tuesday, 10 December |
| Instrument Collection                                  | Friday, 13 December  |

**Band Spectacular: Tuesday, 19 November:** Our showcase event for the year will return to the Concourse in Chatswood (a popular venue last year). This year's theme is Space-tacular. Our particular thanks in advance to the WPS teachers who are volunteering to help on the night as well as Meredith Robson and her team of volunteers for organizing the event.

### FINANCES

The band remains in a solid position financially, with sufficient funds to purchase instruments if needed for TB 2020.

## **FUNDRAISING**

Year to date, we have raised @ \$12,135 (excluding funds raised from the band spectacular), through approximately one event per term (crazy cupcake day was cancelled due to extra baking done for the election stalls). Our fundraising helps to build the instrument account for instrument purchases.

## **BAND STORAGE IN NEW BUILD – STILL AWAITING DETAILS**

Nikki Templeton represented Band at the term 3 P&C meeting, which was attended by members of the building works team. Nikki asked the panel about the band's allocated storage for next year given we need to plan for Registration Day in early Feb and instrument storage over the holidays. We were told details would be forthcoming shortly (via email), but we are yet to receive anything. *When can we know details of our space allocation?*

## **INSTRUMENTS**

The exec will assess what instruments are required once we know exact demand for TB 2020. The committee is mindful of the need to purchase instruments judiciously given that the instrument account has been built up over many years.

## **TUTORIALS**

Our band students continue to have tutorials with Music Partnership tutors in WPS classrooms, 5 days per week. We gratefully acknowledge the generosity of the WPS teachers for allowing the band program to use of their classrooms.

## **BAND 2020 AND BEYOND**

After discussions with the conductors and the committee, the executive has decided to stick with a three-band format for 2020.

**Conductor changes:** Kirsty Tickle has resigned as Band Director/Performing Band Conductor, and we thank her for direction of the WPS Band Program for the past three years. Anthony Marsden has agreed to take on the role effective from 2020. We congratulate him on his appointment. Anthony would prefer to keep working with the junior bands, rather than start conducting the senior band. The executive supports this request given Anthony's skill with young musicians. Anthony will remain as the conductor for Training Band and Intermediate Band, and we are recruiting for a Performing Band conductor.

**Percussion changes:** Roscoe Frazier is a specialist percussion tutor and joined us this year as an assistant conductor on Fridays, working with David Brinsmead. Roscoe has been working closely with the conductors to enhance our percussion sections. For 2020, Anthony would like all percussionists to learn mallet and notation. The exec will be purchasing more glockenspiels for 2020.

**Rehearsal day changes:** Rehearsal days for 2020 will be as follows:

- Training Band (YR3): 1 rehearsal a week (Wednesday)
- Intermediate Band (YR4): 2 rehearsals a week (Tuesday & Friday)
- Performing Band (YR5&6): 2 rehearsals a week (Monday & Thursday)

## **NEW COMMITTEE 2020**

We have received good take-up from our band families for the open positions on the executive, with most positions being filled at the recent AGM.

The new Co-Convenors for 2020 will be Meredith Robson, Jason Jones and Kate Nieland. We wish the new team well for 2020.

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