



WPS BAND Report - P&C Meeting Term 3: August 2018

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

TERM 2 HIGHLIGHTS

Term 2 was another busy term for band, with numerous performances by the Intermediate Band and Performing Band. Training Band held an open rehearsal for parents on 28 June given TB had no external performances in Term 2. IB performed at the Kindy Information Morning in May and the NAIDOC event in July. Among other performances, PB participated in the WGHS Primary Music Showcase, which gave the band exposure to high school bands and supported our local community.

Performing Band and Intermediate Band attended the Sydney Symphony Excursion to the Seymour Centre on 29 May.

The band sausage sizzle / BBQ fundraiser was once again well received and enjoyed on the last day of term. The band raised approximately \$2400 from this event.

TERM 3 EVENTS

Training Band workshop. This was held on the pupil free day (Monday, July 3) and was a big success despite significant additional logistics required given the building works happening at the school. A big thank you to all parent helpers on the day – this event couldn't have happened without all those bodies moving equipment around.

Band Camp (Intermediate Band & Performing Band). The camp was held from Aug 5-7 this year and was well attended. A big thank you to Theo Dorizac and his team for organizing a seamless and enjoyable event, and also to the teachers who stayed overnight and helped with supervision.

NSW School Band Festival: Sun 12 August. All three bands performed at their best this year, with each band receiving a Gold Award for their efforts.

Town Hall Performance (PB), Wed Sept 19. Performing Band will play at the primary proms event. Tickets on sale from Wed 27 June.

Willoughby Spring Fair: PB will be appearing on the Big Band Stage on Saturday, 1 September.

Cupcake Day Fundraiser: This is always a fun morning, and will be held on Friday, 7 September. This year we are asking parents of Training Band and Intermediate Band to bake 12 muffins only, so hopefully we can avoid the oversupply issues we've faced in previous years.

NSSWE (Northern Sydney Symphonic Wind Ensemble) Spring Festival: Training Band and Intermediate Band will perform at the Chatswood Concourse on Saturday, September 22.

FINANCES

Semester 2 invoices have gone out. No news yet on our application for a grant from Willoughby Council. If our application is successful, we will be notified in late August. The executive is reviewing our hire fees as the band is currently losing money in this area.

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 2019. Band families are encouraged to attend the AGM and put their hand up to help where possible.

Band structure: Given current band numbers, the band program may need to revert to a four band structure from 2019 as year 5 & 6 band members combined in 2019 will likely be too large for one combined Performing Band. The convenors are currently considering how best to structure the bands given numbers and the space challenges presented by the school renovations.

OTHER

Band Spectacular will be held at the Chatswood Concourse on Thursday, November 15. Given the stage size, we will not be able to have all three bands on stage at once for the finale, but we will have a number of smaller ensembles this year

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Band Convenors 2018