



WPS BAND Report - P&C Meeting Term 4: November, 2016

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

Current numbers: Training Band 57; Intermediate Band 43; Concert Band 38; Performing Band 46

HIGHLIGHTS TERM 3

- **Police Band Workshop** – IB 21 July. The Police Band were very engaging with the kids. Some K – 2 kids were able to listen in from outside the hall.
- **Training Band Workshop** – Sun 31 July. A great day for all kids
- **Arts Alive Regional Concert & Workshop** – CB & PB Tues 2 Aug. Very talented musicians from the Arts Alive Program performed a number of songs and held tutorials for both CB and PB after their performances.
- **NSW Band Festival (Sun 21 Aug)** – all 4 bands competed. Training Band received Gold, Intermediate, Concert and Performing Bands all received Silver. Congratulations all!
- **Willoughby Council Emerge Festival (Sat 3 Sept)** - Another good performance by our Performing Band on the Big Band Stage on Spring St.
- **NSSWE Performance at the Concourse (Sat 10 Sept)** – IB. This was IB's first time playing at the Concourse and it was a fabulous event. The Saturday matinee was an ideal time for this age group.
- **Brindabella Concert @ Town Hall (Fri 16 Sep)** – PB. This was by audition and PB were successful in their application this year. PB played Captain America March and sounded great.

EVENTS – TERM 4

Band Spectacular on 3 November, theme: Music from Around the World. Held at Shore School in North Sydney our annual extravaganza was a major success. Thank you to the WPS teachers who volunteered to help on the night as well as the WPS exec who were able to support the Spectacular and to all the parents involved.

Intro to different musical instrument for Yr 2 (PB)	Fri 14 October
Kindy Information Night (PB)	Mon 17 October
Instrument Trial for Yr 2 (formerly Blow Test)	Fri 21 October
General Meeting & AGM - Term 4	Mon 24 October
Welcome to Band info night (PB)	Wed 26 October
Rhythm Test (for those interested in Percussion/guitar)	Tues 1 November
Rehearsal for Band Spec (All Bands) @WPS	Tues 1 November
Band Spectacular (All Bands) @ Shore	Thurs 3 November
Last Rehearsal & End of Year Christmas Concert (PB)	Fri 2 December
Last Rehearsal & End of Year Christmas Concert (CB)	Tues 6 December
Last Rehearsal & End of Year Christmas Concert (IB)	Thurs 8 December
Last Rehearsal & End of Year Christmas Concert (TB)	Fri 9 December
Tutorials Finish for the year	Fri 9 December
St Stephens Christmas Concert (CB)	Sunday 4 December
Presentation Day (PB – Yr 5&6/IB Yr 3&4)	Thurs 8 December
Instrument Collection	Mon 12 December

FINANCE

The band is in a solid position financially.

We were successful with our Grant application through Chatswood RSL and appreciate their support. The \$12000 grant will be put towards purchasing 2 new timpanis.

The current account balances are:

- Cheque account \$40k with conductor fees still to come.
- Instrument account \$36k

FUNDRAISING

This year so far we have raised \$6.8k in fundraising. We are always looking for volunteers to help with the fundraising projects (usually one per term).

These funds help to build into the instrument fund for instrument purchases.

INSTRUMENTS

We have purchased 24 stands and 9 new instruments this year. Currently have 118 instruments.
Instrument Return Day: Monday 12th December for anyone hiring an instrument

TUTORIALS

Through our relationship with Music In Partnership, 174 students have lessons with 24 tutors utilising 35 rooms 5 days per week. We are looking at the option of booking tutorials online for 2017.

We gratefully acknowledge the generosity of these teachers in allowing the continued use of their classroom.

BAND recap

In 2016 we trialed a 4 band program, essentially split by year group. The 4th band was deemed necessary in order to keep all band sizes to a manageable number. We will continue to cap numbers for Training Band and for 2017 have increased the number from 75 in 2016 to 80 as we note the number of children in the current Year 2 has also increased. We believe 80 is the maximum number we can go without compromising the band structure and enjoyment for the children in the band and do not expect to raise this number in future years. We will not have a waitlist so those children unsuccessful in obtaining a place in band will need to reapply in 2018.

We will continue with the following arrangements for rehearsal:

Year 3 – Training: Full rehearsal 1 day per week (Tuesday)

Year 4 – Intermediate: Full rehearsal 1 day per week (Thursday)

Year 5 – Concert: Full rehearsal 1 day per week (Monday); Sectional rehearsals: Brass, Bass Guitar and Percussion (Tuesday) Flutes, clarinets and Sax (Thursday)

Year 6 – Performing: 2 Full rehearsals 2 days per week (Wednesday and Friday)

Phil Malloy, our Performing Band Conductor has announced that he will be finishing up at WPS Band at the end of this year. We are currently in the process of interviewing for his position.

We will have an online Registration for 2017 with a Registration Day at school on Sunday 5th February 2017.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank Margaret Lesley and WPS School for your work with and support of the band program.

NEW COMMITTEE 2017

We had a number of vacant positions moving forward to 2017. A number of these were filled at the AGM and the rest were filled after the Information Night for 2017 Training Band. We had offered a guaranteed position in band for any parent taking on an Executive Committee position.

- Melissa Gock, Nikki Templeton & Heather Chopra will take on the Convenor position in a shared capacity. *All positions filled.*
- Tracy Duff will continue on as Co-secretary and will be joined by Keren Rambow. *All positions filled.*
- Sarah Boyd and Neal Hawkin will continue on as treasurers and will be joined by Dinesh Choradiya. *All positions filled.*

- Catherine Cook and Rod Carr will continue as Instrument Co-ordinator. They will be joined by Paul Menck, Winnie Li, Jackie Rowe and Emma Costain. Andrew Morgan will be available for consultation as required however has stepped down for 2017. *All positions filled.*
- Tanu Chopra and Julia Dance will continue as tutorial liaison.
- Internal Events will be led by Ann Clough with Lucy Gilligan, Claire Hughes and Trish Palmer part of the team. *All positions filled.*
- Fiona Crowther and Grace Reeson will continue with External Events.
- TB Co-ordinators will be Martha Plum, Fiona Fraser and Tina Santone. *All positions filled.*
- IB Co-ordinators will be Jane Parker, Aimee McKechnie and Meredith Robson.
- CB Co-ordinators will be Tim Swan and Amanda Bock.
- PB Co-ordinators will be Amanda Frost and Rachel Olsen.
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Mandy Hyslop & Sam Puckeridge

Co-Convenors 2016

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