Music and Band News.

Well we’re back in the swing of things with all lessons for voice, piano, drums, guitars and band instruments are on school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the school hall or the music room next to 2D. Timetables can be found in the hall, the music room and each end of the Stage 2/3 corridors.

All tuition fees will be invoiced by the school directly and need to be paid to the school office.

**Senior Band**

Senior Band has had a couple of band rehearsals and I am thrilled with how well they are playing this early in the year.

I’ve spoken to the kids and told them how important it is for them all to practice their band music, some have come up from the Junior Band and the music is new to them. The senior kids need to practice their pieces so they know their parts and I have reinforced that band rehearsal is not about practicing the song but performing the songs together. I have also spoken to them about how this is their commitment and it is not about you nagging them to practice.

I am getting together a current music list so that each child will know what music is essential in their band folder. All other music can be kept in the last sleeve of their folder in case we need it in the future.

**Junior Band**

The Training Band had its first rehearsal last Wednesday, everyone was very excited but there was also some nervousness because some children didn’t think they knew enough. I tried to make them feel very comfortable and let them know this rehearsal was not about, one – playing everything and two – playing everything right. Their rehearsal was about learning how to set up the band formation, set up music stands and play together no matter what note they were playing. If your child came home a bit discouraged can you please reinforce what I have told them and that Junior Band is not about pressure but about FUN!!

I am so proud and excited to see the band’s growth in numbers from last year to this year (from 13 to 24 members). We have 6 flutes, 4 clarinets, 1 alto saxophone, 3 trumpets, 2 bass guitars, 3 glockenspiels/piano, 4 acoustic guitars and 1 drummer.
Band Fees

Everyone should have received their band fees invoices for Term 1, this is invoiced directly by the school. If you have not received your tuition or band fees invoice can you please see Heidi Holt in the school office.

The payment of tuition fees and band fees by the due date is essential for the music/band program to run smoothly.

The Band/Music is a not for profit school program with all costs needing to be met by the users/participants. There has had to be an increase in fees due to the increase in salary costs to the school in 2014 – where once the salary on costs were paid by DEC, they are now to be paid by the school – this has meant an increase of 20% in the salary component of the programs costs. If payments are not made this program’s viability will be at risk.

Please be advised that if payment is not made lessons and attendance to band rehearsal will be restricted until payment has been rectified.

If you have any concerns please contact Gail Cornford at the school.

I am looking forward to a great year of music with all your kids and I think we are already off to a flying start.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions or concerns.

Regards,

Gina Caban