

Holland Park State High School

Instrumental Music News

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Term 4

Well, term 4 is upon us, and the first four weeks of the term are very busy. Please take note of the dates listed on the bottom of the newsletter and check that you have received the appropriate permission notes as the dates approach – so far permission forms have gone out for the Big Band and the Percussion Ensemble performances at the Music Fest. In addition students will have their final assessments for their end of year reports. These will take place towards the middle of the term and students will be set material which they have been working on in their music lessons. It is important to keep attending lessons during this busy time so that we can report with accuracy on their progress throughout the year.

I am endeavouring to keep in touch through emails, however there are a number of email addresses which I have either not received or that are bouncing back. If you have not received any emails in recent weeks, please send an email to kbrye4@eq.edu.au so that I can update my records and include you on the mail out lists.

Our Gala Concert for 2009 is on this Tuesday night. This is the evening when we are able to show off all the hard work we have put in over the year. It also doubles as a performance practice before the competitions. It would be great to have a full audience to cheer the students on, so please invite Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Brothers and Sisters to come along and enjoy the show. The evening starts at 7pm and shouldn't go any later than 8.30pm. Please note that there will be no BBQ before the concert this time. Performers need to be at the Hall no later than 6.30pm to set up and should be wearing their formal school uniform. (Boys: long pants & Black Shoes & Socks. Girls: white socks with black shoes)

The Prestige Music Fest is underway, and we have three ensembles competing. These are: Percussion Ensemble 18 October, Concert Band 21 October and Big Band 23 October. It is important that we have all members of the

ensemble there so that we can perform to the best of our ability. These performances are followed up by the School Awards Night on 28 October, at which there will be performances by Big Band, Concert Band and String Ensemble.

Our Grant application for another \$30000 worth of instruments to replace instruments which we are currently borrowing from other schools and to upgrade some existing instruments has been unsuccessful in this round and has been moved over to the November round of applications. Hopefully we will be successful then.

Year Eight numbers for next year are looking good. If you know of someone who will be participating in the Instrumental Music Program in 2010, it would be useful if they could forward information to the music department as to whether they have their own instrument or will need a school instrument and what Tutor Book they are learning from and an approximate page number so that we can begin to formulate classes for next year.

Term 3 Summary

We had quite a number of performances in term 3, all with great responses. Art in the Park was a huge success, with many of the string, woodwind, brass and percussion students playing in smaller ensembles. The Woodwind Ensemble & Brass Quartet also performed at Weller's Hill Art Festival, and the Sax Ensemble & Brass Quartet at the Mt Gravatt Show. In addition, the Big Band performed at the launch of Child Protection Week and received many accolades.

The Brisbane Band Festival was also successful – with both Big Band and Concert Band receiving some great comments. The Big Band received a silver rating in the elementary section, and Concert Band a Bronze in the Intermediate Section. Thanks to all of the parents who transported students to the competition. It really helps to have a full team for the performances.



Student News

On the holidays, three of our students, Alex Ryan (trumpet), Grace Mullins (flute) and Joy Kelly (percussion), attended the State Honours Ensemble Program at the Conservatorium of Music. The students had a great time and learnt lots. We look forward to more of our students attending next year and gaining from this experience.

A number of students have undertaken music exams over the last term and we'd like to congratulate them on their results:

Thomas Menzler (piano) grade 3 – Honours

Ben Ford (clarinet) grade 3 – Pass +
Greg Reid (music theory) grade 4 - Honours
Emily Menzler (piano) grade 5 – Honours
Hannah Bishop (piano) grade 5 – Credit

Good luck to those students who are undertaking exams this term – Karisia Strong gr.4 Alto Sax, Greg Reid Piano, Sampson Kwok gr.4 Theory, Grace Mullins gr.7 Flute & Alana Strong gr.2 Bassoon.

All the best for the remainder of the term and upcoming school exams. I look forward to being back in week 7.

Karina Bryer

Dates for 2009

Following are a list of performance dates for 2009. This list is not exhaustive, so keep an eye on the school Newsletter for updates and further details.

- 13 October - Music Department Gala Concert (All Groups)
- 18 October - Music Fest (Percussion Ensemble)
- 21 October - Music Fest (Concert Band)
- 23 October - Music Fest (Big Band)
- 28 October - Awards Night (All Groups)
- 11 November - Remembrance Day Service, Holland Park R.S.L. (Concert Band)
- 1 December - Freeway Schools Coalition Band Workshop

