

Registrations will open early in Term 4 to join our 2021 School Band!

This is a great opportunity for your child and there are so many benefits to learning and playing a musical instrument as part of a team. See below for the enrollment timetable which will begin in Term 4 and the information sheet.

Firstly to find out more about our fantastic Band Program, your child be shown a video in class in which they will get to see a Band Demonstration and be introduced to the instruments that make up the band. Due to Coronavirus restrictions we cannot have the usual Band Demonstration in the MPC but we are hoping to give the kids a good insight into band and the instrument available via the video. The video will also be available for parents to see via a link in the Beacon in Term 4, Week 2.

Term 4 – Band Enrollment Timetable

- **Week 2 (w/c 19 October 2020) – Band Demonstration Video** – The video will be shown to Year 2 children by their classroom teachers in their classrooms during this week. Parents can view the video via a link in The Beacon this week.
- **Week 3 - Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th Oct 7:30- 8:30pm** - Online Question and Answer session via Zoom with our Band Coordinator - Kellie Alexandratos, for parents to ask any questions you may have about band.
- **Week 3 - Wednesday 28th Oct – Band Registrations Open** – you will receive a link to an online registration form.
- **Week 4 - Friday 6th November – Band Registrations Close** – Registration will close and our band director Phil will begin allocating instruments guided by your child's preferences but also on the basis of the need to create a balanced band. This means your child may not get their instrument of preference.

Interesting facts about learning music:

- Science has shown that musical training can change brain structure and function for the better. It can also improve long-term memory and lead to better brain development for those who start at a young age
- The parts of the brain that control motor skills, hearing, storing audio information and memory become larger and more active when a person learns how to play an instrument and can apparently improve day to day actions such as being alert, planning and emotional perception.

We look forward to welcoming your child into our band. Details about how to register with our online registration form will be emailed in Term 4, Week 2 and published in The Beacon so keep an eye out.

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