

Lefevre Peninsula Hub Music – Beginners 2019

(Largs Bay, Lefevre Peninsula and North Haven Primary Schools)

Children who are currently in years 5,

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

We will be running a 'Come and Try' session on **Thursday February 14th** in the music room at Lefevre Peninsula Primary School, 10.00am. A parent session will also be run in the evening on the same day. We strongly urge you attend with your child to assist and understand suitable instrument selection and the commitment involved in learning an instrument. If a parent or caregiver cannot attend this session please make contact with Helen Biar or Mike Howell through the details given below. Preference will be given to children in years 5 and 6 (in 2018). Years 7's will be given consideration depending on numbers. Students may only learn one instrument through the DECD (Department for Education and Child Development) Instrumental Service.

Please be aware that the Lefevre Peninsula Hub provides a Concert Band program and we are aiming to achieve a balanced sound between instruments. This means that the preferences you give for instruments are negotiable, and may be changed through the 'Come and Try' process. Instruments that will be taught are: **Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Percussion and Electric Bass**. Percussion involves a whole range of tuned and untuned orchestral percussion instruments. Drum kit, although taught, is not the main focus.

Instrumental lessons are taught in small groups for 30 minutes, and when sufficient progress has been made, regular band sessions are also run.

- Once a student has started it is expected that they will practise regularly at home, attend lessons, and continue learning for the whole year.
- You will need to borrow, buy or hire an instrument. Some instruments are available for hire through your school.
- A fee is charged to cover the cost of instrument maintenance and repair and music books. Fees may vary between schools.
- Lessons are held on Thursday between 8.30-11.00am at Lefevre Peninsula Primary School and it is the parent's responsibility to transport children to and from this activity. (It may be possible to share/pool transport).

We are excited about the possibilities for your child in 2018, and hope that Instrumental Music can help you make an informed choice about learning an instrument. The students that we currently have in our program love the experience and benefit musically, socially and in many other ways.

If you have any questions with regard to the Lefevre Hub Instrumental Program please contact me or Mike Howell (DECD Instrumental teacher).

Yours sincerely,

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