



CARINGBAH NORTH P.S. BAND NEWSLETTER – TERM 1, 2017

Welcome to our new band members and welcome back to those students returning from 2016. In this newsletter we've outlined some of the exciting things that are happening in the Caringbah North Band Program in 2017. This year, Mr Adam Robinson is conducting our Training Band and OC Training Band and Mrs Williams will continue to lead our Performing Band.

Teachers overseeing our bands this year include Mrs Anthony, who has stepped up to coordinate our Performing Band and Ms Mowles, who will be managing the Training Bands.

Year 4 TRAINING BAND

The Year 4 Training Band will start next **MONDAY, 13 FEBRUARY** at **8.30am** in our school's hall. This will be a one-off, special longer start-up session. If your child is using a school hire instrument it will be issued on this day. A parent information session will be held at 10.30am on this day which will include a small concert to allow parent to witness the amazing progress the band has made later in the year.

*Please note that that regular rehearsal time will be **7.45am-9.00am each Monday morning starting February 20.***

We trust that students will find their band experience as exciting and fulfilling as previous years' band members.

Year 5 OC TRAINING BAND

This is a small group of OC students who are new to our school and are enthusiastic about learning music. They will join with the Year 4 Training Band for the start-up session on Monday 13 February from 8.30am. As per the Year 4 Training Band, if your child is using a school hire instrument it will be issued on this day. Parents are also encouraged to attend the information session being held at 10.30am, which will include a small concert.

*(Please note that the regular rehearsal time for this ensemble will be **9am-10am each Monday morning in the school's hall starting February 20.**)*

TUTORS

We would like to announce our team of band tutors for 2017. They are:

Instrument Group	Tutor	Email
Flutes TB and PB	Teegan Williams	teegan.williams@hotmail.com
TB and PB Clarinets TB Saxophone	Michelle Stuart	mjstuart@y7mail.com
PB Saxophones	Jackson Smith	smidy.jnr@gmail.com
PB Trumpets	Aaron Smith	sablie13@gmail.com
PB Trombone and Baritones TB Trumpets	Sarah Anderson	sarah.kate92@live.com
TB Trombones and Baritones	Dylan Tully	wizard@maxi.net.au
TB and PB Keyboards and Electric Bass	Oscar Peterson	oscarmopeterson@gmail.com
PB Percussion	Simon Ghali	simonghali@live.com.au
TB Percussion	Marc Malliate	discorded@hotmail.com
Training Band Year 4 and OC	Adam Robinson	adam.t.robinson@det.nsw.edu.au
Performing Band	Jenny Williams	jennifer.ann.williams@det.nsw.edu.au

We have included the tutors' emails so you may contact them directly if you wish to arrange additional private tuition, or have any questions regarding our program or your child's progress.

Tutorials for Performing Band students begin this **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**. Year 5 tutorials will be held at 8am, with Year 6 students attending at 8.30am. Locations for these tutorials will be given to students that first morning (8/2/17). Please ensure that they arrive at **The Centre 15 minutes prior to tutorials** to receive this information from Mrs Jenny Williams.

Tutorials for **TRAINING BAND** will begin on **THURSDAY, 16 FEBRUARY** at either 8am or 8.30am. Time and location for tutorials will be given to students in a note which will be sent home next week.

REHEARSAL DROP OFFS

I am once again asking for your co-operation when dropping off your children for band and tutorial rehearsals. For safety purposes parents **must not** drive into the school grounds. Students should arrive at tutorials 10 minutes prior to their starting time to allow for setting up their instruments. Thank you for your support in this matter.

HOME PRACTICE

As you are aware, practising at home is crucial to becoming a good musician. Each student is required to do a **minimum of 60 minutes** per week. Tutors will be recording times at tutorials each week.

BAND SUPPLIES

Reeds and oils are available through the school canteen. We hope this will help out the busy families when new reeds etc. are needed.

Prices: Reeds - \$2, Cork Grease - \$4, Valve Oil - \$4, Trombone Slide Cream - \$6

FEES

Invoices for Term 1 will be sent home shortly. Prompt payment would be greatly appreciated via the School Payments Box found in the foyer of our office. Credit card and EFTPOS payments are also accepted and an online payment option is available 24 hours a day via the school website.

CAMP

Band students from Years 5 and 6, who are in the Performing Band, will be heading off to camp at Stanwell Tops on Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 May. This camp is always very musically worthwhile, as well as lots of fun. A note outlining details will be sent home at the beginning of next term. It is anticipated that the cost will be approximately \$180.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Who	What	When
Wednesday 8/2/17 (and each week thereafter)	Performing Band	Tutorials	8.00am: Year 5 8.30am: Year 6 (Meet at The Centre this week only)
Monday 13/2/17	Training Bands Yr 4 and OC	Start-up session	8.30am
Monday 13/2/17	TB Parents	Information session	10.30am in hall (including concert)
Tuesday 14/2/17 (and each week thereafter)	Performing Band	Rehearsal	7.45am
Thursday 16/2/17 (and each week thereafter)	Training Bands (including OC)	Tutorials	Either 8.00am or 8.30 am - note to come home next week
Monday 20/2/17 (and each week thereafter)	Year 4 Training Band	Rehearsal	7.45am-9.00am
Monday 20/2/17 (and each week thereafter)	OC Training Band	Rehearsal	9.00am-10.00am

Mrs Shepherd
Performing Arts Coordinator

Mrs Williams and Mr Robinson
Musical Directors