

MUSIC NEWSLETTER - No. 4, 2013

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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to third term, please read this newsletter carefully and check the school newsletter for any important information.



Staff Changes

We wish Percussion teacher Mr Chris Scott the best of luck as he goes on long service leave for the rest of the year and we welcome Miss Maddison O'Reilly who will be on contract with us for the rest of the year. Also a big thank you to; Mr Glenn Minto who has been the Acting HOD for Music while Mrs Overs has been on long service leave, Mrs Dutt who has been taking Concert Band, and Mr Paul Bonetti who taught Mrs Overs classes. We wish Mrs Natasha Bagshaw the best of luck with the birth of her baby as she will go on maternity leave before the next newsletter. Mr Bonetti will be returning to fill in for Mrs Bagshaw.

Recap of Term 2

Students were involved in many events in Term 2, including Education Queensland's Choral Fanfare Festival, Music Camp 2, MOST and our Music Mayfest Concerts.

Our **Music Mayfest Concerts** were well attended and produced some incredible performances. Thanks to our MCs, and special thanks to all those parents, especially Debbie Youngs (Parent Support Group Coordinator), Bronwyn Thomas (Music Parent Group P & C Rep), Debbie Ashworth (P & C) and Sue Holley (Community Liaison Officer) and students who helped with set up, catering, front of house, back stage, sound and lighting and the pack up. An extra special thank you to all the music staff and Mr Minto who worked so well to produce these outstanding concerts. Special mention also of the Production Support Team under the direction of Mr Paul Hunter for their support of these events and Mrs Emilie Cooper and the hospitality students for their superb catering of the Jazz Event and finally the Administration for running the bar and supporting these events.

Congratulations to all of the choirs for their outstanding results in **Education Queensland's Choral Fanfare Music Festival**. Results were: **Gold & area finalists** – Chorale who also won the Area final and will now sing in the Gala Concert in August, **Gold** – Cantabile, Cantus, Cantrice and Male Chorus. This is the first time in history that all of our groups have received Gold awards. A big thank you to those parents and staff who attended and helped on the day of the heat.

Music Camp 2 at Alexandra Headlands was a great success and students benefited greatly from the expertise of our wonderful tutors. Thanks especially to those past students who gave up their Saturday to assist in tutoring our students. Students also really enjoyed the social activities, including the Disco Bowling, Hawaiian themed evening and the Talent Quest. Thanks to all the students for their great spirit and behaviour all weekend and a huge thank you to all the staff involved for their tireless efforts, with a special thank you to Glenn Minto, camp director, and activity supervisors, Mrs Victoria Luppi, Miss Kylie Agnew and Mr Ben Milles.

A huge congratulations to our students who were selected and participated in Education Queensland's **Musically Outstanding Student's Program** at the end of last term. The concert was simply amazing. Well done: Ann Carew(Violin), James Edwards(Trombone), Daniel Elvery(Saxophone), Kate Holley(Viola), Beryl Huang(Violin), Kurtis Malcolm(Viola), Briony McConnel(Violin), Samuel Sandroussi(Percussion), Elizabeth Scott(Percussion), Jasmine Settle(Clarinet) and Isaac Tucker(Bassoon).

Well done to the vocal students and Mr Lower for your exceptional concerts for Term 2. The program has expanded so much that Mrs Lower will be joining us Week 5 to take on some of the younger students each Wednesday.

Parent Support Group Meeting – Wednesday Night 17 July

A Parent Support Group Meeting will be held next week on Wednesday 17 July at 7.00pm in the Music Centre. Agenda items include: Review of Term 2 events and a discussion of Term 3 / 4 Events. All are welcome so please come along and contribute to this vital part of our school community.

♪ 2013 Concert Series – Date Claimer

The remaining concerts for our 2013 Concert Series are as follows: **Mansfield Music Concert 1** - October 25 and **Mansfield Music Concert 2**- October 30. Please check your Music Handbook for all concerts and the fortnightly newsletter for updated information. Please mark the dates on your calendar. **Note: Sinfonia will now be in Mansfield Music 2.**

Concert	Dates	Times	Venue	Ensembles Involved
Mansfield Music 1	Friday 25 October	7.00 – 9.30pm	Assembly Hall	Concert Band, Orchestra, Camerata, Chorale, Percussion Ensemble, Cantabile, Symphonic Winds, Big Band, Combo & Jazz Ensemble, Celtic Strings.
Mansfield Music 2	Wednesday 30 October	7.00 – 9.00pm	Assembly Hall	Cantus, Cantrice, Male Chorus, Percussion 2, Wind Ensemble, Chamber Winds, Sinfonia, Museaus, String Orchestra, Stage Band, Flute Choir.

Term 3 Events

🎵 Rehearsals and Instrumental Lessons

All rehearsals and lessons are back to normal apart from Brass lessons and Mr Bell's ensembles as he will be on sick leave for the first week of term. Please check the notice board for lesson times and new timetables will be out during the first week.

🎵 Open Day (Chorale Only)

The final open day for 2013 will be held on Tuesday 16 July. **Chorale** will be performing for this event and they must **come to school in performance uniform** in time for their usual **Tuesday 7.30am rehearsal**. Their **rehearsal will be held in the hall**. Chorale members must not enter the hall via the music studio as Percussion Ensemble will be rehearsing in the studio on Tuesday.

🎵 Creative Generations – State Schools Onstage

Students participating in the Creative Generation State Schools Onstage performance have been given a separate letter and final rehearsal schedule. Please make sure that you have read the details and that you know exactly where you are expected and when.

Why not come along and see our featured and backing vocalists; Jane Youngs, Gabby Diaz, Ellen Axford, Blake Peterson, Ranul Thiranagama and those students who have been selected to perform in the Orchestra and the core choir. We wish all of these students, along with our own Ms Robson who will be conducting the Orchestra, the best of luck for the performance. Students will be joined by professional artists in order to bring the show together. Special thanks to Mrs Bagshaw for coordinating our participation in Creative Generation and giving up her time to attend rehearsals. The two hour variety show will be presented at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on 19 and 20 July and details are as follows:

Friday 19 July 2013

Schools' Preview – 1.00pm / Evening – 7.00m

Saturday 20 July 2010

Matinee – 1.00pm / Evening – 7.00pm

Tickets Non restricted viewing:

Adult \$54*

Concession and Children (2 – 14 years) \$34*

Side & Restricted Viewing:

Adult \$27

Concession and Children (2 – 14 years) \$17*

School's Preview:

General Admission \$34 / Teacher \$27 / Student \$17

***Ticket prices include GST and booking fees. Transaction fees may apply.**

For tickets contact Ticketek on 132849 or order online at www.ticketek.com.au.

🎵 Brisbane Grammar School String Festival (Camerata Only)

The Mansfield High **Camerata** has been invited to perform at the **Brisbane Grammar School String Festival** on Thursday 15 August at 6.30pm in The Great Hall. The first half of the concert will feature various high school groups, including Camerata and the second half of the concert will feature advanced string players from all over Brisbane performing the ever inspiring *Introduction and Allegro* by Elgar and the stunningly monolithic *Third Symphony (Mvt 1)* by Gorecki with the world renowned Australian soprano Leanne Kenneally as the guest soloist. A permission form is attached; please return it to the music reply slot by Friday 19 July. This concert is open to the public and parents are more than welcome to attend. An admission fee is usually charged. **Students interested in playing in the combined orchestra for this event will be provided with nomination forms and should return them to Mrs Stevenson.**

Details are as follows:

Date: Thursday 15 August 2013

Arrival time: 6 pm

Concert starts: 6.30pm

Venue: The Great Hall, Brisbane Grammar School, Gregory Terrace, Brisbane.

Transport: Students to provide own transport

Uniform: Students must wear full performance uniform including hair ribbon and black socks

Tickets: May be pre-purchased during rehearsals (for combined Orchestra members) or at the door on the night of the concert. Adults \$8, Students/Concession \$5.

🎵 Battle of the Bands

The annual Mansfield Battle of the Bands will be held on Monday 29 July and Tuesday 30 July. Bands must have registered with Mr Minto in order to participate. Good luck to all competing bands. The **winning band** will also have the opportunity to be featured as part of the **Mansfield Ignites** event.

♪ Rehearsals during Mansfield Ignites

Please note that all regular ensemble rehearsals and lessons will continue during the production of Mansfield Ignites. Students are expected to maintain their attendance. **The only exception** to this will be the production week when most ensemble rehearsals will be cancelled.

♪ Mansfield Ignites

Preparation for our 2013 whole school event is well underway. Mansfield Ignites is a variety show which showcases the talents of Mansfield State High through combined production numbers, dance items, drama items, film, art exhibition and music performances. A separate letter will be distributed to students outlining the rehearsal schedule and required commitment as well as the organisation. Mansfield Ignites will be presented on Friday 16 August and Saturday 17 August. Please don't hesitate to contact Marg Overs if you have any questions regarding this event. Tickets will be available through the school website: www.mansfieldshs.eq.edu.au simply follow the links.

♪ Choral Fanfare State Gala (Chorale Only)

As the winners of the Greater Brisbane Area Final for Education Queensland's Choral Fanfare the Chorale will be participating in the Choral Fanfare State Gala concert which will be held on Monday 19 August in the evening at Brisbane City Hall. As part of the event a massed choir rehearsal will be held for all the different area winners at Mansfield High during the day on Monday 19 August. The times and final details for this event will be published in a letter once we have them.

♪ Brisbane Sings (Chorale Only)

Chorale will be participating in this wonderful choral event and will be performing on 21 September at 7.00pm in the QPAC Concert Hall. The details for this event including the rehearsal schedule will be published in a separate letter and distributed to students at rehearsal. Tickets are available through www.qtix.com.au.

♪ Mansfield State School Fete (Celtic Strings Only)

The Celtic Strings will be performing at Mansfield State School Fete on Saturday 7 September at 2.40pm. Students need to arrive no later than 2.20pm on the day in full performance uniform and should meet at the top hall (old hall) at the Primary School. A permission slip is attached so please return it no later than Friday 19 July.

♪ ACO Workshops (Opportunity for String Players)

Again this year the Australian Chamber Orchestra will be holding workshops for gifted string players. The workshops will be at the Queensland Conservatorium on Monday 28 October from 1.00pm – 4.00pm. Applications close on 2 August. If you would like to be nominated for this event please collect a nomination form from Mrs Stevenson, Mrs Stuart-Street, or Ms Robson and **return your forms to Mrs Stevenson** who will be the coordinator for this event.

♪ State Honours Ensemble Program 2013

Congratulations to the following students who have successfully nominated for SHEP 2013 and will therefore participate from 3 October to 6 October, 2013 at the Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University; Chantelle Budiawan (Violin), Nora Chen (Violin), Gabby Diaz (Cello - Celtic), Kathryn Dransfield (Viola – Celtic), James Edwards (Trombone), Lauren Elvery (Viola – Celtic), Beryl Huang (Violin), Cameron Mackie (Bass Clarinet), Kurtis Malcolm (Viola – Celtic), Rebekah Malcolm (Double Bass – Celtic), Sam Sandroussi (Percussion), Andrew Thomas (Bass Trombone), Sarah York (Viola – Celtic), Aimee Malcolm – reserve (Violin), Emily Rietberg – reserve (Violin).

DROPPING OFF STUDENTS FOR REHEARSALS

Please **do not drive into the school grounds**. Please pull up in the appropriate places in the street and have the students use the footpaths and crossings.

♪ Lesson & Ensemble Attendance

Each student **must** attend weekly lessons and ensemble rehearsals unless attending an exam or excursion or absent from school. Please notify your teacher or Mrs Overs of exams and excursions **in writing** by completing an absentee slip (in the music handbook & outside the music staffroom) and placing it in the music reply slot.

Music Newsletters now available on the school website

♪ **Other important Dates**

- ♪ Applications for the Queensland Youth Orchestras ensembles for 2014 close on 3 August 2013. A limited number of application forms will be available from outside the music staffroom or apply online at www.qyo.org.au. Please see the website for FAQ, orchestras and policies information.
- ♪ Tertiary Entrance applications for audition - Griffith University – Conservatorium of Music closes 12 August and University of Queensland closes on 12 August and QUT closes 13 September but opens from 1 August.
- ♪ Gondwana Choirs & Gondwana Conducting academy – check it out at www.gondwanachoirs.com.au. Applications close Friday 16 August.
- ♪ Don't forget to check the Young / Open conservatorium website for closing dates for their auditions.

Music Calendar 2013

TERM 3		
	Tuesday, 16 July	Open Day 3 (Chorale)
	Wednesday, 17 July	Parent Support Group Meeting– 7.00pm Music Studio
***	Sunday, 28 July	Brisbane Sings Rehearsal (10.00 – 1.00pm)
	Monday, 29 July	Battle of the Bands Heat 1
	Tuesday, 30 July	Battle of the Bands Heat 2
	Friday, 16 August	School Variety Concert
	Saturday, 17 August	School Variety Concert
	Monday, 19 August	Choral Fanfare State Gala & Massed Choir rehearsal.
	Sunday, 8 September	<i>Brisbane Sings rehearsal (9.00 – 12.00 & 1.00 – 4.00pm)</i>
	Thursday, 5 September	Music Entrance Audition Day 3 – for those outside the area for 2014.
***	Saturday, 21 September	Brisbane Sings Event (Times to be confirmed)
TERM 4		
	Friday 11 – Sunday 13 October	Music Extension Concert 2
	Wednesday, 9 October	Parent Support Group Meeting– 7.00pm Music Studio
	October	Queensland Festival of Music (most ensembles)
	Wednesday, 23 October	Presentation Evening
	Friday, 25 October	Mansfield Music 2013 Concert - Senior Ensembles Concert
	Tuesday, 29 October	Wishart Primary Concert
	Wednesday, 30 October	Mansfield Music 2013 Concert – Junior Ensembles Concert + Sinfonia
	Thursday, 31 October	Mansfield Primary Concert
	Monday 2 December – Wednesday 4 December	Music Placement Audition Days for 2014

**Note: As the year progresses, further opportunities to perform often arise. Acceptance of these dates is considered in the overall commitment to school activities. Students will be given as much notice as possible of such additional commitments. Parents are asked to respond immediately if their student is unable to meet a particular additional event.

Thanks for your support with all of our activities.

J. Sloman
(Principal)

M.A. Overs
(HOD – Music)



GRAMMAR STRING FEST 2013 (CAMERATA ONLY)

Return by Friday 19 July to the Music Reply Slot



I **give** permission for my son / daughter _____

in Form Class _____ to attend the Grammar String Fest on _____.

I **do not** give permission for my son / daughter _____

in Form Class _____ to attend the on Grammar String Fest _____

because _____.

Please detail any significant medical condition that may affect your child on this excursion:

Parent / Guardian Signature _____

MANSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE 2013 (CELTIC STRINGS ONLY)

Return by Friday 19 July to the Music Reply Slot



I **give** permission for my son / daughter _____

in Form Class _____ to attend the Mansfield Primary School Fete on _____.

I **do not** give permission for my son / daughter _____

in Form Class _____ to attend the Parliament House Performance

because _____.

Please detail any significant medical condition that may affect your child on this excursion:

Parent / Guardian Signature _____