“We are the music makers, and we are the dreamers of dreams.”

Arthur O’Shaughnessy

WELCOME!!!!!

Welcome everyone to the Ashbury Band Program for 2014, especially our new training band families. Hope everyone has settled in, started lessons, and begun to practice, practice, practice. Parents, this year, you will get to see your child shift from raw beginner, to someone capable of producing pleasing sounds in a very short period of time—it is very exciting. Kids, you get to make friends, work with others to create music, and access the teaching of highly skilled musical professionals.

STILL WANTING TO JOIN? IT’S NOT TOO LATE!

If you are in the primary school (years 3-6), are new to the school, or just wanting to find out more about our band, then please do not hesitate to email our beautiful parent liaison, Magdalen on contact@ashburyband.org for more information.

SMALL ENSEMBLES

Anyone interested, but not yet enrolled in the small ensembles (jazz, percussion), should put a written expression of interest including name, instrument, year, and contact details, into the band box, which is situated just outside the APS office.
TERM 1
Is set to be an exciting, introductory time for each of our bands and ensembles. The culmination of this term is our fabulous annual band camp, facilitated primarily by the multi-talented and generous Kate O’Sullivan. Band camp features sectional and full band workshops, performances, fun with friends, food, and even go-karting (for year 5/6, sorry years 3/4). Last year, Mr Isaac even taught all the kids the sophisticated tune “Baby Shark”, which no road trip has been without since (at least in our family-thanks Mr Isaac =D!)  If this is your first band camp, don’t worry, an evening information session leading up to this event will be run Monday 3rd March.

HOUSEKEEPING:
Please note that if your child is unable to attend their music (instrumental) lesson, then you need to contact their instrument teacher directly you do not need to advise the school. If your child is unable to attend a band or ensemble rehearsal, then you need to contact the school to advise them, and they will pass the message on to Mr Isaacs.

WHAT’S ON THIS YEAR:
Performing Arts Space
This year, one of our major aims, is to work together as a community to raise enough money to design and build our own Performing Arts Space. If you are someone who has a keen eye for finding grants in the public or private sector, if you have a knack for getting businesses to provide (tax deductible) sponsorship, or if you are a dab hand at putting together funding submissions, we would love for you to share your skill-sets with our creative arts community. Please approach one of the band committee members, or email
Magdalen, or email Jodie on jgoldn01@gmail.com. Together let’s make this one of those projects that we collectively sing into being.

**Other highlights:**

Other highlights for the upcoming year will include, but not even be limited to: Showcase, Musicale, Jazz in the garden (not once but twice this year!), the band festival, carols, and much more.

**COME ALONG TO YOUR COMMITTEE MEETING:**

As you may be aware, the band program requires many and varied hands and skill-sets to keep it going. The committee meets approximately once a month to allocate jobs, trouble shoot, and celebrate. If you would like to help support your band program in a practical way, then please come along to the first meeting which will be 7:00 in the staff room. Monday 24th February. Many hands make light work.

**WHO TO CONTACT:**

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Please remember that all of these people are volunteers, so please be respectful of their time, and generosity in taking on these roles.
EXCITING BAND FACT:
Did you know, that every piece of music, every instrument, and every item purchased by the band committee is effectively a gift by the band community to the school. We take nothing with us, and leave everything behind, ensuring the ongoing evolution of the musical wealth of our school’s band program.

Looking forward to an exciting and music filled year, warm regards,
Jodie Goldney (on behalf of the band committee)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **Training band first rehearsal:** Thursday 13th Feb, 4:50-6:00, downstairs activity room
- **Committee Meeting:** Monday 24th February 7pm, APS staff room.
- **Band Camp information night:** Monday 3rd March 7pm upstairs activity area
- **Jazz in the Garden:** Sunday 30th March
- **Band Camp:** Saturday 5th April-Sunday 6th April.
- **Band AGM:** Monday 7th April 7pm, APS staff room
- **Band Festival:** (all bands) Saturday 26th July-Sunday 27th July. Details TBA.
- **Showcase:** Tuesday 29th July: Details TBA
- **Jazz in the Garden:** Sunday 26th October, details TBA.