Tuning Notes
Ashbury Public School Band Newsletter

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““Music expresses that which cannot be put into words and that which cannot remain silent” ”

Victor Hugo

Short and Sweet Tuning notes
Dear all, a short and sweet turning notes for this month. Hope that all things band, and lessons are running smoothly for everyone. If you are having problems, please contact Mr Isaac via a written note in the band box, situated outside the APS office, or in person, pre or post a band. Alternatively you can email our parent liaison Magdalen on contact@ashburyband.org

Band Website up and running!
Thanks to the fabulous, talented, and generous Maria, we have an up and running band website. As first point of call, for any of your band questions, to check dates or find that necessary piece of band paper, please go to http://www.ashbury-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/bandelcome. Thanks too to Ariane, for setting up the e-lists, and diary such that all of those dates are current.

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.

BAND MEETING
This Monday, 24th February, at 7:00 in the APS staff room, is our first band meeting for the year. We will be discussing a number of key issues for the band program, including: consolidating fees for the upcoming year; all things band camp; fund raising for the creative and practical arts performing space and more generically; maintenance of the band list; volunteers; and refining our project management of the band over the year. If you would like to come along, we would love to see you. Nibbles are traditionally provided by the chairperson, and you can expect a night of scintillating discussion!

BAND CAMP MEETING
This evening is particularly targeted towards training band parents, but any other band families are very welcome to join us. We will be meeting at 7:00pm, Monday 3rd March in the upstairs activity room. Bring all of your concerns about first camp, a night away from home, what to expect, and we will (very hopefully) put you at your ease. Information will be primarily provided by Kate O'Sullivan, our parent volunteer (complete with Working with children check) who organises band camp, and Mr Jason Isaac. Ongoingly feedback from the band camp is “ohw, it’s really fun, and its a weekend for band, and getting serious about your music” (Finlae Gibb, saxophone, year 5); “Well, I thought it was really really boring, but then a year later I thought it was really cool” (Jesse Gibb, euphonium, year 4).
SPOTLIGHT ON:
A special thanks from the band committee goes to Deirdre in the office who tirelessly works to administer the timetable of which lesson, and which band goes where, and when. Thanks Deirdre for all of your work around this, and for helping the band program run so well.

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.
WHO TO CONTACT:

Parent liaison: Magdalen contact@ashburyband.org
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Intermediate band: Michelle mioxx@hotmail.com
Concert Band: Louisa louisa1001@yahoo.com
Jazz Band: Ariane ariane@g2enhance.com
Treasurer: Maria maria@boost.com.au
Chairperson: Jodie jgoldn01@gmail.com

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:

- **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.

**Band Timetable**
- Monday 7:15-9:00 Intermediate Band
- Monday 3:05-4:15 Jazz Band
- Tuesday 4:20-6:00 Concert Band
- Thursday 4:50-6:00 Training Band