“Life seems to go on without effort when I am filled with music.”

— George Eliot, The Mill on the Floss

Keep up to date
Dear all, welcome to Tuning notes. Was great to see so many new faces at our recent committee meeting, thanks to those of you who were able to make that effort. For those of you who couldn’t make it, minutes of the last band meeting, or any lost forms, can be downloaded from our website http://www.ashbury-p.scho ols.nsw.edu.au/band. The next band meeting, which is our AGM, is this coming Monday night, 7:00 in the staff room.

We will also hold an extraordinary meeting following to discuss fundraising for this year, and instrument hire. Would be great to see you there.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR TREASURER MARIA
The band community would like to say a special thanks to Maria for her work in creating the new coded payment system. Parents have been diligently entering their codes, allowing increased ease of processing who has paid, and for what. Thanks also to George Chedra for your work leading up to this point, and Jo Cory for providing advice re all things finance! If you see any of these people in and around the school, and feel so inspired, they deserve a hug! Or if you are of a more pragmatic bent, how about a bottle of good champers.
JAZZ IN THE GARDEN

The Community Garden fund raiser, ‘Jazz in the Garden’ was held last Sunday. Was a fabulous fusion of school committees, music, and community. The APS Jazz band saw it’s first performance as the class of 2014, complete with a large number of new members. It was fabulous! Lots of kids pulled out their first jazz solos too! Well done to those children who took this step, it’s quite something to stand up in front of a very large crowd of people, and both perform, and think musically on the spot. We were also treated to a four-bar musical ‘joust’ between some of our trombone players. Our jazz band was joined by the Ashbury Little Big Band, and Newtown Performing Arts High School Band. This diversity of musical skill sets, allowed our younger players to hear first hand, the where to of their possible music development. There were also lots of yummy scones and cakes! Special thanks to Michael Eckert for videoing this event, ready for the audition treadmill.

BAND CAMP

Band camp is on this weekend! Please arrive at the venue by 8:00AM ready to register, and make music. Please ensure you have doubled checked the what to pack list, distributed via email earlier this week. Please make sure that you bring instruments, music, pencil, rubber, and if necessary a trolley to move instruments around the venue. Once again, we would all like to say a huge thank you to Kate O’Sullivan for her generosity in sharing her many and varied skills necessary for the organisation of this event. Band camp is one of the highlights of our music program, allowing intensive workshopping of pieces, and development of both ensemble, and interpretation. The word is out too, that Mr Isaac will be staying overnite...so here’s hoping for the
2014 rendition of “Baby Shark”!

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED-ASSISTANT CHAIR POSITION:**
Thanks to those people who have put their hand up to take on varying roles for our great band program-these will all be announced formally in the next tuning notes, following our AGM. However, we are still in desperate need for a volunteer to take on the assistant chair role, with a view to taking over the Chair position in 2015/16. The band program is only able to continue because of the incredible generosity, and diverse skill set of our volunteers. If you are able to help out in this role, or know someone who would be open to the idea, please contact Jodie on jgoldn01@gmail.com, and come to the AGM on Monday night. Please note that this role is not onerous, rather a preparation for the more involved role of chairperson. Our aim is to ensure a smooth transition from assistant chair, to chair, by ensuring the outgoing chair is around to provide advice and assistance. Again, we really need someone to step up to this position with consideration for the ongoingness of the band program.

**STATE MUSIC CAMP**
State music camp applications are open for 2014. This musical experience targets students from year 5 upwards. The junior music camp (years 5-8) will be held from 13-15 July, 2014, at the Sydney Academy of Sport, Wakehurst Parkway, Narrabeen. (Office of Communities, Sport & Recreation). If your child is interested in attending, please refer to the Arts Unit website https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/music/music-camps/state-music-camps.

**TRAINING BAND**
No rehearsal for training band Thursday 10th April.
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 Isaac. This is especially important for children in bands immediately after school.

REMINDER RE. PARENTAL SUPERVISION
A special reminder that as part of the band program, and in keeping with duty of care requirements by the DEC for activities occurring on their lands, a parent, or responsible adult is required to be in attendance at all student’s instrumental lessons.

PUNCTUALITY
Please respect our volunteers who give up their time to supervise band rehearsal by being punctual in collecting your child.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE BAND CALENDAR
Wanting help to stay organised around band dates? Why not subscribe to our calendar. Please go to http://www.google.com/calendar/ical/admin%40ashburyband.org/public/basic.ics for full details.
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Treasurer: Maria treasurer@ashburyband.org
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. As first point of call, please refer to our website for any information regarding forms, rehearsal times etc.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

• **Band Camp:** Saturday 5th April-Sunday 6th April.
• **Band AGM followed by extraordinary meeting:** Monday 7th April 7pm, APS staff room
• **Training Band:** no rehearsal Thursday 10th April
• **Concert Band Workshop:** Monday 28th April, 9:00-3:00. Please refer to previously sent email regarding this for additional details. Any questions can be directed to the Concert Band coordinator.
• **Jazz band workshop:** Monday 14 July, 9:00-3:00, APS, details TBA
• **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 3:00-4:15 Percussion Ensemble
- Tuesday 4:20-6:00 Concert Band
- Thursday 4:50-6:00 Training Band