



Ermington Public School Newsletter



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Week 6 Term 4

Tuesday, 19th November 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 6

Wednesday 20th Nov

Thursday 21st Nov

Pet Ownership Program K-2
Year 5 Leaders Assembly Speeches - 11:25am
K-2 Assembly – 12:30pm
3-6 Assembly – 2:05pm

Week 7

Wednesday 27th Nov

Thursday 28th Nov

Year 6 Mini Fete – **NEW DATE**
Scripture Christmas Service
• 3-6 (9:15am – 9:45am)
• K-2 (10:00am – 10:30am)

Week 8

Tuesday 3rd December

Wednesday 4th Dec

Thursday 5th Dec

Friday 6th Dec

High School Orientation Day – Year 7 2020
Presentation Day – Marsden High School Hall
P&C AGM – 7pm
K-6 Assembly – 2:05pm
Year 5 OC 2020 – Orientation Day

Week 9

Tuesday 10th Dec

Thursday 12th Dec

Friday 13th December

Year 6 Farewell
K-2 Christmas Celebration Assembly
Koala Park Excursion – Stage 1

Week 10

Monday 16th Dec

Tuesday 17th Dec

Wednesday 18th Dec

Party Day – See P&C Section of Newsletter
Smart Start Comm Bank Lessons – Stage 2
Smart Start Comm Bank Lessons – Stage 3
Last Day for students

2020

Week 1

Tuesday 28th January

Wednesday 29th Jan

Staff Development Day – No Students
Students return for 2020

Week 2

Monday 3rd February

Kindergarten 2020 – First Full Day at Big School

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT EPS

CURRENT NOTES/PAYMENTS

Gymnastics – All Students

- **(\$47.00) Please finalise ASAP**

Intermediate Choir Group

- **Permission note and payment (\$10.00)**

Backflip Against Bullying Show

- **Years K-5 – Payments and permission note (\$7.50)**

Year 6 Mini Fete BBQ

- **Payment and Order Slip**

Koala Park Excursion – Stage 1

- **Payment and permission note (\$15.00)**



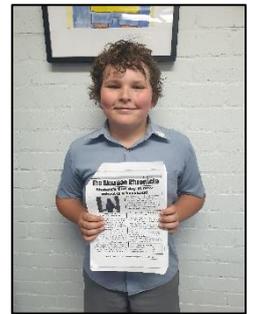
Engaged – Proud – Successful

What a fantastic week last week was! I would like to congratulate the Intermediate Choir and Strings group on such an outstanding performance at the Epping Music Festival. I have been impressed with the dedication of our students who have attended regular rehearsals for Strings and Choir. The effort and enthusiasm was highly evident on the night and I appreciate the commitment to these extra-curricular activities by Miss Aguas, Miss Lam and Miss Grover. Joel and Emily were outstanding comperes on the night and represented Ermington PS with pride. Congratulations!



Successful Students

I was very impressed with our learners who visited me in my office last week. It was wonderful to witness the growth in Kindergarten reading and to read such engaging, well-structured writing from William in 4/5T.



Community Connections

In 2019, as part of the school's strategic direction of Thriving Community, we have had an increase focus on building our community and developing community partnerships. The school has been engaging with Ready For Life, Ready For Success who are currently running the Tuning Into Teens workshops for parents each Tuesday and implemented the Kindergarten Connections program in Term 1. Mrs MacKenzie has also been connecting with numerous preschools and early learning centres in the area. Colour My World are visiting for the next few weeks so pre-schoolers can learn more about school life. Many of our students were excited to see some familiar faces last week!



Band Demonstration

Last Monday, the students were treated to a demonstration from our school band. Our students sound amazing and I thank Mr Butler for his commitment to the students from EPS. If there are any students interested in participating in the band in 2020, please see the flyer in this newsletter.



Proud to belong at Ermington Public School!

These pictures capture the spirit of students at our school. Such joy, fun and inclusivity in our playground!



Leaving Ermington Public School in 2020

We are commencing our school planning for 2020. If there is a change of circumstances and your child will not be attending Ermington PS in 2020, please inform the school in writing.

Ms Jen Riley

Principal

Assistant Principal

Student Leadership for 2020

Student Leadership Speeches will take place this Thursday, 21st November at 11.25am in the school hall. We wish all candidates all the very best of luck with their campaign. House Captain Elections will take place on Monday 25th November, 2019 during House meetings. All candidates will be informed of the agenda later in the week.

Mrs MacKenzie and Mr Lawless

Christmas Scripture Service

The Scripture teachers are coordinating a Christmas service for the students on Thursday 28th November, 2019. A note went home on Monday to students in Ethics and Non Scripture as an opt-out. If you do not wish your child to attend this service then you will need to return the note and your child will attend Non Scripture. Catholic and Protestant Scripture groups will be attending the Christmas service. All parents are most welcome to attend this service.

Generating Powerful Conversations

Children face many challenging issues in their daily lives. As parents we can support our children by engaging in powerful conversations to support what is happening at school and what is being taught at school. In talking to your child about prevention strategies, action they can take, being resilient and staying safe online can support your child's wellbeing. Below are some resources that can support you in having these powerful conversations with your child on the themes prevention, action, resilience and staying safe online.

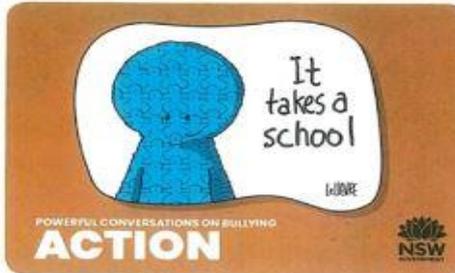


POWERFUL CONVERSATIONS ON BULLYING PREVENTION

What do you think are some qualities of a supportive friend?

Developing positive relationships, building supportive environments and looking out for others can help your child prevent and reduce bullying. For information about conversations to have with your child about preventing bullying, visit the website of antibullying.nsw.gov.au or visit www.safety.gov.au/parents.

antibullying.nsw.gov.au
CARE. RESPECT. SUPPORT.
#PowerfulConversations #CareRespectSupport



POWERFUL CONVERSATIONS ON BULLYING ACTION

There are many ways we can take a stand against bullying behaviour. Do you know any?

We all have the power to take action against bullying - together. Support your child to become an upstander and to learn what to do if they see or experience bullying behaviour. For information, speak with your school and visit antibullying.nsw.gov.au or visit bit.ly/upstandingaction.

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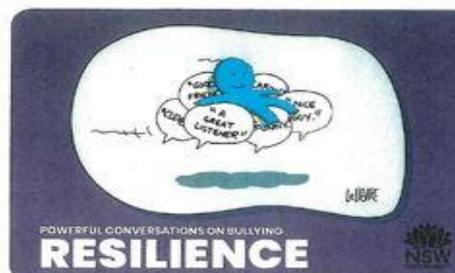
1 IN 4 STUDENTS ARE BULLIED ONLINE - YOU CAN HELP STOP IT

Here are four things you can do to stop online bullying

1. Don't feed the trolls. Responding when you are angry or upset is the reaction they want, so don't give in to them.
2. Control your screenfeed. Keep your privacy settings updated, and remove or block untrustworthy people.
3. Don't repeat hurtful or cruel posts. What you post reflects who you are as a person and a friend. Be your best self.
4. Take a screen shot before the content is deleted. Tell a parent, carer or teacher and give them the screen shot. And always report serious threats to the police, school and the Office of the Equality Commissioner www.equality.gov.au.

Visit the NSW anti-bullying website for more information on staying safe online at antibullying.nsw.gov.au.

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POWERFUL CONVERSATIONS ON BULLYING RESILIENCE

What positive coping skills do you and your family practise to manage stressful situations?

The impact of bullying behaviour can be long-term and life-changing for everyone involved. Help support your child develop good relationships, manage their feelings and bounce back from conflict. See the antibullying.nsw.gov.au website for more information about understanding and managing emotions, and establishing and maintaining positive relationships. You may also like to visit bit.ly/resilient2.

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Stage News

Kindergarten

Kindergarten had a fabulous time at Field of Mars with their teddies! It started with a story and some games then we were off on an adventure trying to crack the code of PAWS! While we were away our teddies went into the bush and we had to follow the clues to find them. Those cheeky teddies were waiting for us to return with a picnic set up. What a fun day! We would like to say a big thank you to the parents who came along to help. KM were amazing buddies to some visitors from Colour My World Preschool. They should be commended on their efforts. The news for this week is to make something from a fairy tale out of recycled materials. For example- a castle, puppet or one of the pigs houses. The sounds are: 'ee' and 'ea'. The sight words are: called, than, them and made.





Stage 1

Welcome to another busy week in EPS! In addition to a yummy bake sale/cake day on Wednesday, we are also lucky enough to be attending the Responsible Pet Education program and welcoming Evelyn and her beautiful dog. Notes have already gone out for our excursion to Koala Park on 13th December and we are hoping a swift return of money and permission notes. It promises to be a truly fun and informative day for our students! In addition, just a reminder to please return the money and permission note for the Backflips against Bullying incursion asap as it will be taking place on the first day back at school in 2020. Thank you for keeping up with the nightly reading and regular homework tasks as it really does help our students to consolidate their learning at school. Have a great week!



Stage 2

Welcome to week 6! Students have been working on their Science with the Earth, Sun and Moon and some classes have been researching the phases of the moon. Our classes enjoyed learning about volume and capacity where they could measure water and determine the capacity in ml. It's so fantastic to see our students displaying their artistic talents with their directed drawings. Have a fabulous week.



Stage 3

Year 6 students are beginning to work really hard in their preparation for Mini Fete. This takes a lot of organisation and careful planning and every year our Year 6's rise to the occasion. It is a really good exercise in learning to plan, work in a group and coordinate resources and equipment. Each morning children will be staging a lolly guessing competition which has been kindly donated by Mrs Connors. On Thursday our Year 5's will be giving their speeches for student leadership for next year. Their posters around the school are fabulous. During the past 2 weeks stage 3 have been asked to find a poem and recite it in front of their class. The responses have been wonderful and we will hear some of these poems at Thursday's assembly.

Around the school

Intermediate Choir

Congratulations to the Intermediate Choir for their outstanding performance at the Epping Music Festival, at The Concourse. Family and friends were treated to a spectacular show. What amazing talent we have at Ermington PS! The Intermediate Choir have worked extremely hard all year and we are so proud of their hard work and commitment. Congratulations to Sienna from 3HQ for her stunning soloist performance. Thank you to Miss Grover's String Group and to our School Captains for all their effort in putting on a brilliant show. It was truly a fabulous night!



Year 6 Mini Fete Raffle

Year 6 students will commence selling raffle tickets for their mini fete this week - \$1 a ticket or three tickets for \$2.

1ST PRIZE	EVENT CINEMAS MOVIE TICKETS
2ND PRIZE	\$100 BUNNINGS GIFT VOUCHER
3RD PRIZE	BLOW UP RED AND BLUE LOUNGE CHAIRS
4TH PRIZE	VIRTUAL REALITY GOGGLES
5TH PRIZE	SPORTING PACK
6TH PRIZE	PAMPER PACK FOR MUM
7TH PRIZE	PAMPER PACK FOR DAD



Sport News

Sport	Next game location
T-Ball	Meadowbank Park
Softball	Meadowbank Park
Cricket Junior	Meadowbank Park
Cricket Senior	Meadowbank Park
Volleyball / Newcombe Ball	Meadowbank Park

P&C News



Vacation Care Programs

OOSH will be releasing the vacation Care program on Monday 25th November. Please log onto the "My Family Lounge" and add your child(ren)'s day you would like to book. We would like to advise the families that we will start **re-enrolments from Friday 22nd November**. Re-enrolments will need to log into "My Family Lounge" and request a "New Booking" for 2020. Please Note: OOSH will be closing at 3:30pm on Friday 20th December (last day for 2019).

Ermington OOSH Team – 9874 4077 / ermingtonoosh@live.com.au

K-2 Party Day

Monday 16th December students in K-2 will have the opportunity to attend an end of year party day held at school. This day has been funded by the P&C through money donated and raised through the year so there are no costs for the students. For this day to be successful we require parent volunteers to help in the lead up to the day as well as on the day.

We need help with items such as:

- Running activities on the day eg. outdoor sport, arts and craft, dancing, biscuit decorating etc
- Food preparation eg. Cooking sausages on the day, serving food, making buttercream icing etc.
- The planning/buying of items prior to the day

A note will be sent home this week with more details, please return this form as soon as possible and indicate if you are able to volunteer. NOTE: All volunteers will need to have completed a 2019 WWCC Declaration (Appendix 5). Please see the school office if you need to complete this form.

Mrs MacKenzie
Assistant Principal

Ms Workman
Stage Leader (K-2)

Ms Jen Riley
Principal

3-6 Party Day

An exciting end of year party day has been planned for Years 3-6 on Monday 16th December at Auburn Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre and Wyatt Park for a fun day of swimming activities and games in the adjacent park. This day has been generously funded by the P&C so there are no costs for students.

For this day to be successful, we need parent volunteers to help out on the day with food preparation and help teachers supervise the activities. If you are able to volunteer please email fionahooper@yahoo.com.au with details of your name, your child's name, your child's class and your phone number.

PLEASE NOTE: All volunteers will need to have completed a WWCC (Appendix 5) declaration. This is a simple process that will only take a few minutes and can be completed by visiting the school office.

Fiona Hooper
3-6 Party Day Parent Coordinator

Dylan Law (Parent Coordinator)

Come and be part of a great team of parents that
SUPPORT ERMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL



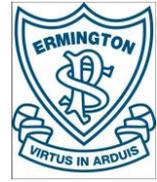
P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER



Ermington Public School

Parents and Citizens Association



Address: Winbourne Street, West Ryde NSW 2114

Email: ermmps.pandc.secretary@gmail.com

An important opportunity for all parents

Dear Ermington Parents

The Parents & Citizens Association, or the P&C as it is better known, is a voluntary group of parents who work with both the school and parents of the school community, to help bring the school community together and raise funds. They make important decisions regarding where the monies raised go to, school policies and day to day school issues.

Next month we will be holding our Annual General Meeting (AGM), at this meeting we will be electing our new Executive for 2020 and we invite everyone to attend and have their say.

Date: Wednesday 4th December

Time: 7:00pm

Where: Ermington Public School Library

The executive roles include: President, 2 Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer.

A brief role description has been provided on the opposite page.

If you would like to nominate yourself or another individual for a position, please email the secretary at ermmps.pandc.secretary@gmail.com with the nominees name and position they are interested in.

By being involved you will get a closer connection with your child's education through:

- Direct access to the Principal and other members of staff.
- Information and explanation about what's happening in the school and what's coming up.
- The chance to vote on how fundraising money is spent, how the canteen operates and what the school uniform looks like.
- Having your say about issues of concern and school policies.

With more input from parents – we receive better and varied ideas to benefit the school and your child! Plus, children just love seeing mum or dad getting involved at their school! It makes them feel more secure and excited about school.

We would love you to join us at the upcoming AGM. One person can't do everything, but together we can achieve anything.

Vicki Tanner

2019 P&C President, Ermington Public School

ermmps.pandc.president@gmail.com

Main role of the President

- Chair P&C meetings
- Ensure the objectives of the P&C Association are met
- Ensure that the P&C takes part in decision-making processes in the school
- Foster fair participation of all members and ensure that all new members are made to feel welcome
- Consistent adherence to the constitution
- Act as the P&C Association's spokesperson when public statements or actions are needed
- Setting up lines of communication with the Principal
- Being signatory on the Associations bank accounts

Role of the Vice President (x2)

- Support the president in all their functions
- Chair meetings, in the absence of the President

Role of the Secretary

- Responsible for carrying out the administrative tasks
- Prepares all meeting agendas.
- Takes notes during the P&C meetings and produces a set of Minutes for subsequent distribution to all financial members
- Receiving and tabling all correspondence as well as writing and dispatching outgoing correspondence
- Issues notice of all meetings and maintains official records of the P&C Association such as the constitution, ABN details, list of financial (voting) members, Minutes, Attendance book.

Role of the Treasurer

- Receive and deposit monies, maintains records, draws cheques and presents accounts.
- Ensures all funds held and handled by P&C are properly and openly accounted for
- Responsible for all funds held in the name of the P&C Association.
- Ensure all financial records are kept up to date including sub-committee records
- A signatory on the P&C accounts

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New Online Ordering System for Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop has changed its online ordering system and is now using My School Connect, which is the system currently used by the Canteen. If you are already using My School Connect for the canteen you will see a 'My School Uniform' icon/application on the Dashboard which is how you place an order for the uniform shop. Payment is by credit card or PayPal or you can use your existing account balance in My School Credit.

If you are not already using My School Connect for the canteen then you can sign up to order uniforms as follows:



1. Go to www.myschoolconnect.com.au
2. Click on 'Register' then click on 'I'm a Parent'
3. In the box 'For Which School' type Ermington – the name of the school will appear in the dropdown box – click on this.
4. Fill in all the fields and set a password to use each time you log in. Scroll down, fill in the 'Captcha', accept the 'Terms of Use' and press 'Submit'
5. Add students and classes, fill in all the fields and press 'Submit'
6. Now you can go to the Dashboard to top up your account (or you can pay as you go by credit card or PayPal). You can top up your account via credit card or direct debit. Funds transferred via direct debit may take a couple of days to appear in your account.
7. Click the 'My School Uniform' icon on the Dashboard to start ordering.

There is no fee to place an order however fees are payable when paying by credit card or PayPal. There is also a free **MySchoolConnect App** that you can download and use for orders. Any orders currently in School24 will be filled however we will cease using School24 after October.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open in Term 4 on the following dates:

- Tuesday, 26th November 8:30am – 9:15am
- Tuesday, 3rd December 8:30am – 9:15am
- Wednesday, 4th December 5:30pm – 6:30pm
- Tuesday, 10th December 8:30am – 9:15am

Please Note: The Uniform Shop will be open on the 2020 Term 1 Staff Development Day – Tuesday 28th January from 10:00am to 11:00am. We suggest that parents place online orders over the school holidays so the orders can be picked up on this day.

Online order will still be processed during closure times of the Uniform Shop. The Uniform shop order form can be obtained in the school office or on the school website. If you are able to volunteer, even 1 day a month, please contact the school office or email epsuniformshop@gmail.com

CANTEEN COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED The canteen needs a new President and Treasurer. Anyone interested in joining the canteen committee please contact Wendy - wlarocca5@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS STILL DESPERATELY NEEDED If we don't get any volunteers soon we will be closing the canteen on another day next year. Volunteers are needed for Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Please contact Wendy on 0412 154 004 if you are able to help.

WHEN USING MY SCHOOL CONNECT - We are still having children coming to the canteen saying they have an online order when they don't! Please check that you have ordered on the **correct day/date**. Lunchtimes are extremely busy and we have no time to continually check the computer for orders which have not been placed. Always make sure your children know when they have an online order. The cut-off time for online orders is 9am - except for sushi orders which must be placed before 8.15 on Friday.

ROSTER

Mon 18 Nov	Jinny, Rachel	Mon 25 Nov	Wendy
Tues 19 Nov	Wendy	Tues 26 Nov	Wendy, Julia
Wed	CLOSED	Wed	CLOSED
Thurs 21 Nov	Alison, Cherry, Xiaomin (pm)	Thurs 28 Nov	Emma, Tirtha, Xiaomin (pm)
Fri 22 Nov	Wendy, Ahra	Fri 29 Nov	Wendy, Cherry

<p align="center">Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>Newsletter articles need to be submitted to the school email by Monday 3pm. These should be sent to: ermington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au <i>Subject: Newsletter</i></p>	<p>The school often publishes information on behalf of community groups – parents need to decide on the appropriateness of activities involving their child. It is the responsibility of each parent to research the bona fides of any organisation in which you wish for your child to be involved. The school accepts no responsibility with regard to advertisements placed in the newsletter. Parents and guardians should make their own decision.</p>
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Australian English Center – A Language Arts School

Holiday Workshop - Story Telling /Creative Writing

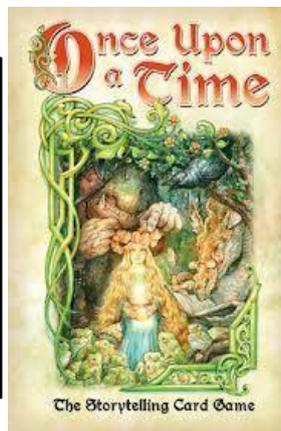
Date: Every Sat and Sunday
Place: Shop 15, Eastwood Mall
Fee : \$39 / 90 minutes

文学桌游研习营

Once Upon a Time is the award-winning storytelling card game that encourages creativity and collaborative Play.

利用这个游戏来学习如何运用所学的单词,在限定时间内利用手中牌所给的指示编撰出一个故事而且在讲故事的过程中,用到的单词越多越好。

Tel: 0410 801 366



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Melrose Park Christmas Carols

Join us for a **FREE** night of Carols AND the Movie Elf!

Tuesday 17th December
 38 - 42 Wharf Road,
 Melrose Park (Old Pfizer Site)
6pm Carols, 8:30pm Film
 Please feel free to bring your own picnic blanket!
Food, Activities and Entertainment for Everyone to Enjoy!
Limited Parking Available Onsite

Contact: info@brookscommunityengagement.com.au

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Retirement party

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After 30 years of caring,
nurturing and educating

Please join us on

Thursday 5th of December

2019

4pm-5pm

At

North Ryde Community

Preschool



ERMINGTON SCHOOL BAND JOIN THE BAND!

Is your child interested in joining the school band?
The school band is now taking enrolments for 2020 and
is open to all students who are currently in years 2-5. No
prior experience needed!

In Term 4 students will see a demonstration concert at school
that highlights the different instruments available for tuition. They
will receive a green school band Expression of Interest note
providing introductory information.

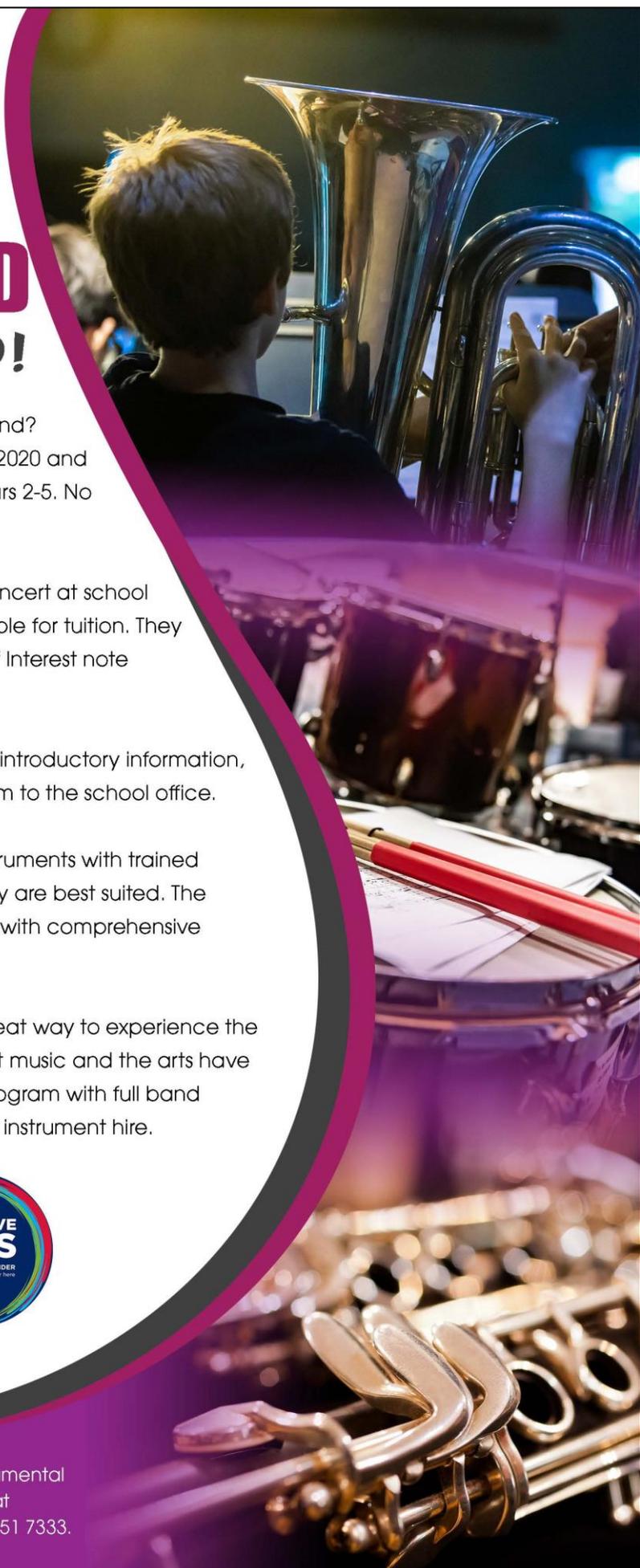
What do you need to do? Carefully read the introductory information,
then return the green Expression of Interest form to the school office.

Your child will then be able try a variety of instruments with trained
tutors, to help find the instrument to which they are best suited. The
results of this instrument trial will be sent home with comprehensive
enrolment information.

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the
social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have
to offer! TSA provides a quality instrumental program with full band
rehearsals, great value tuition and rent-to-buy instrument hire.



For more information on your school's instrumental
band program, please contact TSA at
enrolments@teachingservices.com.au or 9651 7333.



School Band Program

Dear Parents,

Today your child attended a demonstration concert at school showcasing the instruments available for students to learn in 2020. If you would like more information on the school band program, please return the *Expression Of Interest* below within **5 days** to your school office.

Students who have returned this form will have the opportunity to meet with a TSA teacher at school to try various instruments. Following the instrument trial, an Enrolment Pack will be sent home with your child. This will contain detailed information about the school band program, along with information about instrument choice and suitability.

Below is a brief outline of the band program. More information can also be found at www.teachingservices.com.au.



How does the band program work?

Students attend both:

- **Band rehearsal** (all students together in a band) - generally takes place before or after school for 30-60 minutes once a week.
- **Group tuition** (small group or individual lesson) - at school, usually on the same day as rehearsal, and is timetabled with the approval of the school. *Group tuition* has an average of 5 students per group and is encouraged as an easy, social way to begin learning a musical instrument.

Home *practise* is essential, at least 3 or 4 times every week for between 15-20 minutes each practise.

What are the costs?

Rehearsal & Tuition Fees

- Group lessons + Band rehearsal fee = \$195 per term
OR
- Private lesson fee \$395 per term + Band rehearsal fee \$95 per term = \$490 per term

Instrument

- Purchase - expect to pay at least \$600 for a quality new wind/brass instrument
- Hire - TSA runs a rent-to-buy scheme starting at \$43 per month

Other costs include a tutor book (\$20) & music stand (\$25) and TSA resource levy (\$10 per term). Some schools also charge a facility hire levy (\$10-\$30 per term). Some instruments will need items such as cork grease/valve oil (under \$10), or reeds (max \$52)



 Please return this slip to your school office within 5 days to ensure your child is called for instrument testing.



Student Name: _____ School _____

Names of Parents/Guardians: _____ Class (2019) _____

Phone: Mobile _____ Home _____

Email Address: _____
 Please print clearly and carefully to help us correctly enter your details – email is our primary method of contact

Signature: _____ Date: / /

Office Use Only:
 Instrument test result _____