



MUSIC NEWSLETTER NO. 6 OCTOBER 2013

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Dear Parents and Students,

The first few weeks of term 4 will be incredibly busy and will certainly test our stamina but we hope that they will also provide some outstanding music making.

Please read this newsletter very carefully, *discuss the events as a family* and mark them on your calendar. This is *vital* as we do not have any other means of communication for these events.

Review of Term 3

Our major events for term 3 were ***Creative Generation State Schools Onstage, Battle of the Bands*** and ***Mansfield Ignites*** all of which were a fabulous success. All 50 + of our students who performed in CG did us proud but special recognition must go to Jane Youngs who was a featured artist and our own Miss Robson who conducted the orchestra. Battle of the Bands 2013 saw a definite lift in standard with the winners being a grade 12 group ***Baader Meinhof Syndrome*** and with a change in tradition this year, the school presented its first variety production with the spectacular Mansfield Ignites which allowed the school to showcase the exceptional talents of just over 200 of its students. While audience numbers were a little lower than hoped, the show was a resounding success and huge congratulations should go to all students, parents and staff involved in the production. Other events during the term included Camerata's first class performance at the **Brisbane Grammar School String Fest.**

Parent Support Group Meeting – Wednesday Night 9 October

A Parent Support Group Meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 October at 7.00pm in the Music Centre. Agenda items include: Review of Term 3 events and a discussion of Term 4 Events. Reflect on 2013, look at what worked and what didn't work. All are welcome so please come along and contribute to this vital part of our school community.

Video Footage or Photographs

We are seeking video footage and photographs of any of our concerts, camps and events from throughout the year. The footage will be used as part of our 2013 DVD package. If you can help us out, please send the material in the same format that it comes off the camera, to Marg Overs **as soon as possible** but no later than Friday 11 October so that it can be compiled, edited and sent for copying, all prior to the 25 October.

Term 4 Events

🎵 Music Extension Concerts

On **Friday 11 October** at 6.30pm and **Saturday 12 October** at 6.30pm, our music extension students will be presenting their final concert for the year. Each concert will be approximately 1 ½ hours long and will be held in the Mansfield Music Centre Rehearsal Studio. We look forward to seeing you.

♫ **Workshops & Performances (Big Band and Brass Ensemble)**

The Big Band will be performing at Wellers Hill and Mansfield Primary School on Tuesday 15 October. If you can help with transport, please contact Marg Overs on 3452 5351. A separate letter has been distributed regarding this event.

♫ **Presentation Night (Chorale, Cantabile, Male Chorus, Orchestra, Celtic Strings, Ignites pit Orchestra & The Sky & the Dawn Cast, Small vocal groups)**

The Mansfield High annual Presentation Night will be held on Wednesday 23 October. The groups performing this year will be **Concert Band** (Opening & Accompanying), **Chorale, Cantabile & Male Chorus** (performance within the event). These students will also be required for a rehearsal during the day in periods 2 - 4 (each group will be notified).

♫ **Mansfield Music 2013 (all ensembles, bands and choirs)**

Our end of year concert **Mansfield Music 2013** will be divided into 2 concerts for the first time with **Mansfield Music Concert 1** on **Friday 25 October** (Orchestra, Concert Band, Symphonic Winds, Chorale, Cantabile, Big Band, Jazz Ensemble, Combo, Brass Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble 1, Camerata & Celtic Strings), starting at **6.30pm** and **Mansfield Music Concert 2** on **Wednesday 30 October** (Wind Ensemble, Chamber Winds, Sinfonia, Museaus, String Orchestra, Stage Band, Male Chorus, Percussion Ensemble 2, Cantus & Cantrice), starting at **6.30pm**. There will be a brief interval and light refreshments will be available free of charge. These concerts, which have been on the calendar since the beginning of the year, will feature **all of our school choirs, bands, orchestras and ensembles** and they will be wonderful family events celebrating a year of excellence in music making. They should not be missed and you should organise your family and friends to attend. They will not be disappointed. Entry is by donation. **It is compulsory for students to attend the event in which their ensemble is performing.**

Students will remain after school on the day of each event, in order to practice and set up for the concert. Rehearsals will begin at 1.00pm on each day. We would certainly **appreciate parents to volunteer** to assist in organising or preparing the afternoon tea, providing supervision of students, organising the BBQ dinner for the students, organising or assisting with the interval refreshments, assisting with set up, backstage, front of house, and or pack up on the night. We need your assistance! Please complete the form below if you think you can help out and someone will give you a call, or just turn up.

All music **students must complete the permission form** attached for this event and **return it to the LOWER OFFICE** by **Friday 11 October** along with \$6.00 to cover the cost of afternoon tea, dinner and end of year gifts for the seniors. All students must be in their **music performance uniform for this event**, including ties and black socks.

♫ **Music Fest (String Orchestra, Museaus, Sinfonia, Wind Ensemble, Chamber Winds, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble & Percussion Ensembles 1 & 2)**

Ten of our ensembles will compete in Music Fest during October / November. Please look carefully at the table below which contains all of the details available at this stage. **Please note:** If you have any questions about Music Fest please contact Marg Overs at Mansfield High on 3452 5351. We are very happy to **assist with transportation** if parents are unable to get their children to and from the venues. **Remember, these events, along with our concerts are just like sporting finals; they are what we rehearse for all year.** We need all members to make the team work effectively.

A **permission form** for Music Fest is attached to this letter. Please complete it and return it to the music reply slip box by **Thursday 10 October**.

A **special rehearsal** will be held for Concert Band in order to prepare for Musicfest and it will be as follows: Wednesday 9 October 3.15 – 7.00pm (Extended rehearsal)

It would be great to see as many as possible of you in the audience and **admission is charged** for all **audience members** of the **Music Fest (Single entry - Adult \$10.00, Conc / Child \$5.00, Family \$20.00 or unlimited entry - Adult \$20, Family \$35.00)**. **All participants are free for both events.**

Date:	Ensemble:	Details:
Sunday 13 October	String Orchestra	C Grade Strings Venue: The Gap State High School Auditorium Arrival time: 1.30pm Performance time: 2.42pm Students provide own transport Students MUST be picked up by 3.45pm from outside the venue.
Tuesday 15 October	Chamber Winds	C Grade Concert Band Venue: Iona College Performing Arts Centre Arrival time: 5.00pm Performance time: 6.12pm Bus provided to the venue ONLY. Departs Ham Rd at 4.00pm. Students MUST be picked up by 7.15 from outside the entrance doors.
Wednesday 16 October	Sinfonia & Museaus	B Grade Strings Venue: Calamvale Community College Arrival time: 5.30pm (Museaus) & 7.15 (Sinfonia) Performance time: 6.40pm (Museaus) & 8.20pm (Sinfonia) Bus provided to the venue ONLY. Departs Ham Rd at 4.30pm. Students MUST be picked up by 7.15pm (Museaus) & 9.00pm (Sinfonia) from outside the entrance doors.
Wednesday 16 October	Concert Band	A Grade Concert Band Venue: Iona College Performing Arts Centre Arrival time: 5.30pm Performance time: 6.48pm Bus provided to the venue ONLY. Departs Ham Rd at 4.30pm. Students MUST be picked up by 7.30 from outside the entrance doors.
Thursday 17 October	Wind Ensemble	C Grade Concert Band Venue: Calamvale Community College Arrival time: 6.45pm Performance time: 7.56pm Students provide own transport. Students MUST be picked up by 8.30 from outside the entrance doors.
Sunday 20 October	Percussion Ensembles 1 & 2	Percussion Ensembles 1 & 2 Venue: Mansfield State High School Hall Arrival time: 10.15am (Percussion 2) & 1.00pm (Percussion 1) Performance time: 11.24pm (Percussion 2) & 2.00pm (Percussion 1) Students provide own transport.
Tuesday 22 October	Symphonic Winds	B Grade Concert Band Venue: Iona College Performing Arts Centre Arrival time: 7.30pm Performance time: 7.46pm Students provide own transport. Students MUST be picked up by 9.45 from outside the entrance doors
Saturday 2 Nov	Jazz Ensemble	B Grade Jazz Ensembles Venue: Calamvale Community College Arrival time: 1pm Performance time: 2pm Students provide own transport. Finishing time to be confirmed.

Festival Venue Address:

The Gap State High School Auditorium, 1020 Waterworks Road, The Gap.
Iona College Performing Arts Centre 85 North Road, Wynnum West.
Calamvale Community College, Hamish Street, Calamvale.

♫ **Auditions for 2014 - Current Students (all students)**

The following procedure will be used for the audition of students for 2014 ensemble, band and choir placement:

Option 1: *Instrumental students* taking lessons at school will complete an exam / audition with their instrumental teacher.

Option 2: Students who do not learn through the instrumental program or who learn instruments outside the program will sign on for an audition time slot. To be held between 4 November and 8 November.

Choral auditions – students progress to the next ensemble automatically apart from chorale. Any students wanting to audition for chorale must attend an audition in the week between 4 November and 8 November (listen to notices).

Additional information:

1. An audition / exam form will be completed prior to the audition by the student stating their requests etc for ensemble placement.
2. All choral students must complete the audition form so that we can update their information.
3. There **will not** be separate Jazz auditions so any students wanting to participate in a Jazz band must complete Option 1 or Option 2.
4. Reliability and commitment with regard to lessons, ensembles and concerts will be taken into consideration when placing students in ensembles.
5. A list of audition / exam slots and requirements will be published the week before auditions begin.

♫ **Ensemble and Lesson Finishing Times for 2014 (all students)**

Re ensembles: - Senior ensemble rehearsals will **finish on 25 October** while Junior ensemble rehearsals will **finish on 30 October** but some directors may continue for a short while after this. **No rehearsals** will be held after Friday 15 November to allow staff time for marking and organisation for 2014.

Re lessons: - All instrumental and vocal lessons will continue until the dates outlined on the students' timetables. Please see individual teachers for confirmation of this. **All lessons will finish by Friday 29 November.**

♫ **Auditions for new students for 2014**

A **letter regarding auditions** for 2014 will be **mailed to all students** who will be **new to Mansfield for 2014**. These **Auditions are for placement** in lesson groups and ensembles. Those students who **auditioned earlier in the year** for acceptance into the school will **need to do a second audition** for placement into ensembles and lesson groups. Auditions will be held in the **second last week of the school year** on **Monday 2, Tuesday 3 and Wednesday 4 December**. Audition times must be booked and can be made by phoning the music centre on **Tuesday 19 November 7.30 – 9.00am** or **Wednesday 20 November 7.30 – 9.00am** on **3452 5351**.

♫ **School Instruments/ Stocktake (students with school instruments)**

All students with school instruments must return them to the **Instrumental teaching room** between 8.15 and 9.30am on Friday 22 November for the stocktake. Instruments will be available for reissue by **Friday 6 December** for holiday borrowing. There is no cost for holiday loans. All instruments must then be returned on the **first day** of school 2014 and will then be available for loan by the end of the first week.

♫ **School Instrument Hire & Purchase of New Instruments**

It is the **policy of Education Queensland** to supply **school instruments** for student use for just **one year**. At the end of this time it is the **responsibility of parents** to **supply instruments** for their children. This enables the school to then free up the instruments for the next lot of students

coming through. It is **normal practice however for students playing larger instruments** such as Tuba, Euphonium & Double Bass to have **continued use of school instruments**. In the past we have also made exceptions for students playing French Horn and in some cases Baritone Saxophone, Bass Clarinet, Bassoon, Viola, Cello and Oboe. However we **do encourage** students playing all instruments to **consider the purchase of their own instrument**. If you want details of the best type of instrument to purchase or the best places to go to get instruments please contact the music department.

DO NOT CONSIDER PURCHASING INSTRUMENTS DIRECTLY FROM THE INTERNET. THERE ARE SOME VERY POOR QUALITY INSTRUMENTS BEING SOLD VERY CHEAPLY. DO NOT PURCHASE THESE INSTRUMENTS – YOU WILL NEED TO PURCHASE ANOTHER IN A VERY SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME. See the music staff for recommended brands.

♪ **Music and Folder Return (all students)**

All ensemble music will be returned in the last week of rehearsals apart from the music being performed at the final concert. Boxes will also be available at the final concert for the return of music performed on the night. All students will **keep their current folder** to be used next year, unless it is damaged. New folders will be available by the end of week 2 next year.

♪ **Music 2013 DVD (all students)**

If you would like a memento of this year’s music activities and/or a copy of the Mansfield Music 2013 Concert, then place your orders now as they go to print shortly. Please place your order by completing the attached order form and returning it to the LOWER OFFICE along with your payment (see order form for prices) by Friday 11 October. DVD’s will be available for collection on Friday 15 November. **Year 12 students do not need to order the 2013 A Year of Music DVD** as this will be presented to them as a gift.

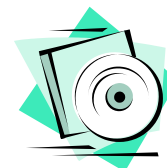
Thank you for your continued support and please keep checking the school’s fortnightly newsletter for updates and reports on activities conducted by the music department.

Thank you,

J. Sloman
(Principal)

M. A. Overs
(HOD – Music)

MUSIC DVD ORDER FORM



Name: _____ Form: _____

Please indicate which option and numbers you require:

2013 A Year of Music - Double DVD (\$12.00)

No. of copies required _____ Amount: \$ _____

Mansfield Music 2013 Concert - Double DVD (\$12.00)

No. of copies required _____ Amount: \$ _____

Total Amount: \$ _____



MUSIC FEST PERMISSION FORM

Please complete and return to the music reply slip by Thursday 10 October.

I give permission for _____ of _____
 (Name of Student) (Year and form)

to attend the Music Fest and I have read and understood the details regarding transport, venue and times as outlined in the above newsletter.

Please *tick* the events for which you are giving your consent.

Tick Event	Date:	Ensemble:	Details:
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Parent/ Guardian Signature _____

Date: _____

PERMISSION FORM
MANSFIELD MUSIC CONCERT 1 - 2013

(Orchestra, Concert Band, Symphonic Winds, Chorale, Cantabile, Big Band, Jazz Ensemble, Combo, Brass Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble 1, Camerata & Celtic Strings)

Please complete and return to the LOWER OFFICE along with your \$6.00 by FRIDAY 11 October.

I give permission for _____ of _____
(Name of Student) (Year and form)
to take part in the Mansfield Music Concert 1 - 2013 and rehearsal on Friday, 25 October.

I enclose \$6.00 to cover meals and gifts. Yes/ No

My child has the following special dietary requirements: _____

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Parent/ Guardian

Mansfield Music – Concert 1 – 2013 Parental Assistance Form
Please return by Friday 11 October to the Music reply slot OR LOWER OFFICE

Students Name: _____

Parents Name: _____

Contact Phone number: _____

Able to assist with: _____

Times available: _____

PERMISSION FORM

MANSFIELD MUSIC CONCERT 2 - 2013

(Wind Ensemble, Chamber Winds, Sinfonia, Museaus, String Orchestra, Stage Band, Male Chorus, Percussion Ensemble 2, Cantus & Cantrice)

Please complete and return to the LOWER OFFICE along with your \$6.00 by FRIDAY 11 October.

I give permission for _____ of _____
(Name of Student) (Year and form)
to take part in the Mansfield Music Concert 2 - 2013 and rehearsal on Wednesday, 30 October.

I enclose \$6.00 to cover meals and gifts. Yes/ No

My child has the following special dietary requirements: _____

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Parent/ Guardian

Mansfield Music – Concert 2 – 2013 Parental Assistance Form

Please return by Friday 11 October to the Music reply slot OR LOWER OFFICE

Students Name: _____

Parents Name: _____

Contact Phone number: _____

Able to assist with: _____

Times available: _____