Dear Parents and Students,

Please read the newsletter carefully and mark important events onto your calendar.

❖ Parent Information Evening Feedback – Music Handbook
A Parent Information Evening was held on Thursday 5 February, for all those parents and students who are new to the school or new to the program. If you missed the meeting, all of the information discussed is contained in the Music Program 2015 Handbook. All students should have received one but they are still available in the foyer of the Music Centre or from D block. One of the most significant points discussed was the fact that our Concerts are like Grand Finals and we must have all our team members present to play at our best. We would never stop our children from playing in a sporting grand final. All the dates of our major performances for the year are given in the music handbook please take note of them and mark them on your family calendar. Also please note that all notification of missed lessons or missed rehearsals must be provided in writing and placed in the music mail box outside the staffroom. A proforma for notes is in the music handbook.

❖ Instrumental / Vocal and Guitar Lessons
All lessons have now begun and a teaching timetable can be seen on page 3 of the handbook. The Instrumental and vocal staff are only in the school for those teaching times.

All students have received a timetable for their group lessons and this must be glued into their student handbook (school diary). The timetable shows students and staff exact lesson times for the term. Students should highlight their name and group on this timetable as well as their lesson time for the entire term. Students are reminded that attendance at lessons is compulsory unless they have an exam. We are accountable for their attendance and if they are absent we must have a note explaining that absence. Emails will soon begin to follow up on student absence or late arrival at rehearsals.

Students are also required to swipe their ID cards at the lower or upper office going to and from all lessons. New students waiting on ID cards simply give their name.

❖ Ensemble rehearsals
Ensemble rehearsals have all begun and an ensemble rehearsal schedule is outlined on page 5 of the music handbook. Again please remember that we are accountable for the students’ whereabouts during a set rehearsal time. If students are unable to attend a rehearsal for any reason, if they are late or need to leave early, we must have a note to explain this. Students must swipe at the lower office prior to attending morning rehearsals otherwise they will be marked absent for the day. Morning rehearsals begin at 7.30am so this must be done prior to 7.30am. The lower office is open from 7.00am and a music staff member is on site from this time. Students are also encouraged to bring a water bottle to rehearsal.

Music Uniform
By now all students new to the program who participate in one of our ensembles should have been measured for a music performance uniform. Orders can be placed at the uniform shop. Uniforms are required by each ensembles first performance for 2015.

❖ 2015 Concert Series – Date Claimer
In 2015 we have planned a series of major concerts throughout the school year. Many other performance opportunities will also arise so please check your music Handbook for the entire year’s concerts and the fortnightly school newsletter for updated information. It would be wonderful to see everyone at these events even if your child is not performing.

Please note that due to a double booking in the hall on Friday 20 March both Music in March Concerts will be combined on Thursday 19 March. Ensembles will perform shorter programs than originally intended and a few ensembles have been withdrawn from the concert.
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<td>- Students performing remain after school on the day of the concert (Music in March, Music in May, Jazz Event &amp; Mansfield Music 1)</td>
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<td>Concert 1</td>
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<td>- Afternoon tea and dinner will be provided for performing students (the cost of this has been included in the 2015 charges)</td>
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<td>- A permission form for all of the 2015 concerts is attached. Please complete it and return it to the music mail box or the d block mail box no later than 9.00am Thursday 12 March.</td>
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<td>- A written note MUST be provided if students who are supposed to be performing are unable to attend a concert. This MUST be placed in one of the Mail boxed at least 3 weeks prior to the concert so that catering can be accurate.</td>
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<td>Thursday 21</td>
<td>6:30pm – 9:00pm</td>
<td>Assembly Hall</td>
<td>Choirs &amp; Strings</td>
<td>- An assistance form is also attached as we really need help with catering, front of house, back stage and the pack up of each concert. Please fill it out and get it back to our mail box by Thursday this week.</td>
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<td>Creative Generation State Schools Onstage</td>
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**2015 Charges**

Charges for instrumental and choral program are as follows:

Subject charge **instrumental**: $200.00
Subject charge **choral**: $50.00
School instrument hire fee: $65.00 per year (to be paid to the lower office on receipt of an instrument loan agreement form)

An **invoice** will be **issued by the lower office** to each student participating in the program and the payment of these charges is **vital** to the continued development of our music.
Anyone having difficulties with the charges should contact the school and a payment schedule can be arranged.

**Guitar and vocal lesson fees** must be **paid directly to the teacher** who will **issue you with an invoice and a receipt**. Guitar & vocal students must also pay a $30.00 subject charge per year which is paid to the lower office. **Please note that this fee will not be applicable if students are also in the instrumental program.**

No student will pay any more than $250 instrumental/choral subject charges, e.g. choir & instrumental, even if they learn more than one instrument.

갑 Music Camp

Music Camp 1 was held from 6 – 8 March at Alex Park Conference Centre, Alexandra Headlands. It was one of the most engaging, motivational and positive camps ever held. The students’ behavior, resilience and spirit was exceptional and quite inspirational. The guests, Gordon Hamilton (choirs), Dr Ralph Hultgren (bands) and Spiros Rantos (strings) were incredibly impressed by the standard and attitude to the students. Well done to all.

Camp 2: May 15 - 17 at Alex Park Conference Centre, Alex Headlands.

**Ensembles attending:** Symphonic Winds, Wind Ensemble, Chamber Winds, Sinfonia, Museaus, String Orchestra, Cantus, Cantrice & Male Chorus.

**Please read the camp permission form carefully so that you are aware of the details as ensembles will be staggered through this camp and there are 2 different price structures.**

**Payment due by:** Monday March 30 (Camp 2).

☐ **SCHOOL SAFETY ZONE**

Please do not enter the car park between 7.00am – 4.00pm for the safety of your children. Please pull up in the appropriate places in the street and have the students use the footpaths and crossings. We understand the convenience of driving in but safety must come first.

☐ **Other items of News**

- Congratulations to the 10 students who got through to the 3rd round 3 day workshop for featured performers for Creative Generation State Schools.
- Congratulations also to the 4 string players who participated in the Australian Chamber Orchestra workshops on Monday 9 March.
- Congratulations to the 4 violinists who have been selected for 2nd round auditions for Creative Generation stand alone performers.
- **Stage Manager and Stage management team required** – the music department is looking for a team to run the backstage of our music concerts this year. If you can help complete the concert assistance form attached indicating willingness to assist or stage manage events or email Marg Overs at: mover1@eq.edu.au.

☐ **Correspondence**

If you have a question regarding anything to do with the music program, please either write a note and put it in the music mail box or contact Marg Overs via email: mover1@eq.edu.au.

☐ **Mansfield Musicworx Update**

Our private music school, Mansfield Musicworx is up and running again this year. The majority of the staff are Mansfield High past students. Just a reminder that Mansfield Musicworx caters for all ages, most instruments, Mansfield High and non- Mansfield High students and provides theory tuition right on the Mansfield High campus. Visit the website today for more information. www.mansfieldmusicworx.com.
### Music Calendar

#### TERM 1
- **Thursday 12 March**
  - Open Day 1 (Wind Orchestra) (Year 7, 2016)

- **Thursday 19 March**
  - *Music in March Concert 1 – 6:30pm*

- **Friday 20 March**
  - *Cancelled due to hall double booking*

- **Thursday 26 March**
  - Music Entrance Audition Day 1 – for those outside the catchment area for 2016

#### TERM 2
- **Friday 24 April**
  - ANZAC Day Ceremony at school (Wind Orchestra & Chorale)

- **Saturday 25 April**
  - ANZAC DAY

- **Tuesday 28 April**
  - Parent Support Group Meeting - 7.00pm Music Studio

- **Thursday 1 May**
  - Open Day 2 (Chorale) (Year 7, 2016)

- **Monday 4 May**
  - Year 11 Music Performance Evening 6:30pm

- **Tuesday 5 May**
  - Year 12 Music Performance Evening 6:30pm

- **Friday 15 May – Sunday 17 May**
  - MUSIC CAMP 2

- **Thursday 21 May**
  - *Music in May Concert 1 – 6:30pm in the Hall*

- **Friday 22 May**
  - *Choral Fanfare – Education Queensland Fanfare Music festival Heat – all choirs (during the day at Mansfield High Hall )*

- **Friday 22 May**
  - *Music in May Concert 2 – 6:30pm in the Hall*

- **Wednesday 27 May**
  - Year 12 Music Extension concerts 6:30pm

- **Thursday 18 June**
  - Music Entrance Audition Day 2 – for those outside the catchment area for 2016.

#### TERM 3
- **Monday 13 July**
  - Creative Generation State Schools Onstage Production week

- **Tuesday 21 July**
  - Open Day 3 (Ensemble TBA due to CG) (Year 7, 2016)

- **Friday 17 July**
  - Creative Generation Matinee & evening performance

- **Saturday 18 July**
  - Creative Generation Matinee & evening performance

- **Tuesday 21 July**
  - Parent Support Group Meeting – 7.00pm Music Studio

- **Thursday 30 July**
  - Battle of the Bands Heat 1

- **Friday 31 July**
  - Battle of the Bands Heat 2

- **Thursday 13 August**
  - *Whole school production ?*

- **Friday 14 August**
  - Whole school production

- **Saturday 15 August**
  - *Whole school production*

- **Friday 28 August**
  - Jazz Event – 6:30pm – 9:00pm approximately in the hall.

- **Thursday 10 September**
  - Music Entrance Audition Day 3 – for those outside the area for 2016.

- **Thursday 17 September**
  - Year 12 Music Extension concert 6:30 in the music studio.

#### TERM 4
- **Tuesday 6 October**
  - Parent Support Group Meeting – 7.00pm Music Studio

- **October**
  - Queensland Festival of Music (most ensembles)

- **Wednesday 21 October**
  - Presentation Evening

- **Friday 23 October**
  - *Mansfield Music 2015 Concert – Junior Ensembles Concert*

- **Saturday 24 October**
  - *Mansfield Music 2015 Concert – Junior Ensembles Concert*

- **Tuesday 24 November**
  - Parent Support Group Break-up Coffee outing

- **Monday 30 November – Wednesday 2 December**
  - Music Placement Audition Days for 2016

Thanks for your support,

K. Tanks
(Principal)

M.A. Overs
(HOD – Music)
2015 Mansfield Music Concert Series Permission Form
Please return by Thursday March 12 to the Music or D Block Mail Box

Student Name: ______________________  Form: ________

I give permission for my son/ daughter ____________________________ to participate in the Concerts which I have ticked below.

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Special dietary requirements: ________________________________________________

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(Parents signature)  (Date)
2015 Mansfield Music Concert Series Helpers Form
Please return by Thursday March 12 to the Music or D Block Mail Box

Student Name: ________________________ Form: ____________

Helpers Name: ____________________________________________

Contact Phone number: ______________________________________

Able to assist with: _________________________________________

Events available for: _________________________________________

Times available: ____________________________________________