

Barnier Public School Band Program 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 1 Week 11 2019

What a great start to the year. Our **beginner students** are progressing well having learnt to: assemble and care for their instrument, read and play 3 -5 musical notes, and recognise the different length of notes and rests. There is a fun app (available on IOS) called 'StaffWars Live', where the aim is to destroy the note by playing the corresponding sound. There is also another app 'StaffWars' that helps with reading notes.

Our **Concert Band** have been working hard through several new pieces: Creepy Crawlies, Rolling In The Deep, and Ghosts In The Graveyard. We'll aim to perform some of these in Term 2.

Beginner students are now invited to attend the Training Band rehearsals from Term 2. Band rehearsal is a very important part of the music program for developing skills that make for an amazing sounding band. For each Band to be successful it's important that all members regularly attend band rehearsals.

Band Rehearsals and Group Lessons

From WEDNESDAY May 1 (Term 2 week 1), band rehearsals and group lessons will recommence.

- **Concert Band** (those students continuing from 2018 and 'Band Only' Students). Rehearsal will be in the ESL / Support Room **from 2.45pm – 3.30pm**. Students will need their instrument, band folder, a pencil, and *Accent On Achievement* book.
- **Training Band** (for beginner students that started learning an instrument this year). Rehearsals will be in the ESL / Support Room **from 8.00am – 8.35am (To be confirmed)**. Please bring a display folder (with plastic sleeves, and your name and class clearly labelled), an instrument, a pencil, and *Accent On Achievement* book.

Parents will need to drop off and collect their child from the ESL / Support Room.

Practice = Progress = Sense of Achievement = Success (some tips!)

Set a regular practice time and place (before school / after homework / after dinner)

- 5min a day for a beginner is a good start - work towards 15+ minutes, 3-4 times a week by end of year
- Show an interest in their learning ("show me what you did in band today" or get them to give you a lesson!!)
- Practice the exercises circled in accent on achievement book (avg. 2-3 per week)
- The circles will be ticked once achieved, more exercises will be circled for the following week
- **Routine & repetition are key;**
- Perfect posture is important (your child will learn correct posture during their lesson. refer to pg 3)
- Be an encourager! (learning an instrument takes time, effort, commitment, repetition & a pat on the back)
- Don't make music a chore, don't say "practise" but rather "play" your instrument.

General

If you have any questions about your child's progress, instrument / maintenance / **accessories** (i.e. reeds, cork grease, thumb rests, slide & valve oils, cleaning cloths) / music questions / practice tips / timetabling / groups / band rehearsals, please send an email to daryl@teachingservices.com.au.

TSA Admin Staff: 9651 7333 or visit www.teachingservices.com.au (enrolment, instrument hire/service).

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