

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School – BAND

Last day of Band for Term 1 is Thursday, 11th April.

JUNIOR BAND: Congratulations to the children who began learning an instrument at school this year. It is a very busy term, yet our children have still found time to practise their chosen instrument, and now we are nearly ready to begin rehearsing together before school every Thursday, as well as still having our group lessons during the day. Junior Band will begin band rehearsals in the Hall on the first Thursday of Term 2 at 8.30am and rehearsals will continue every Thursday at 8.30am (straight after Senior Band) during term for the rest of the year.

Junior Band children will also be supplied with a performance book 'Concert Favourites Volume 1' in Term 2 which will be charged to your account. If you would rather organise your own copy, would you please contact Teaching Services Australia on 9651 7333 so that your account is not charged. Each child in **Junior Band** has also been supplied with a display folder free of charge, but which will need to be replaced by parents if it becomes lost. This folder is very important as several loose sheets will gradually be handed out which need to be brought to band and lessons every week. It is a good idea to have your child put their books/display folder in one of those 'Woolies' green bags or something similar so that they keep everything together when they come to band and lessons each week.

SENIOR BAND: In Term 2 our Senior Band will continue with their band rehearsals every Thursday morning, arriving at 7.50am, ready to play our first notes at 8.00am. Our motto is 'We Start at 8, don't be late'. I must congratulate all of the children who are so helpful setting up for Band each week – they do a wonderful job!

It is amazing how well our Senior Band has progressed since the beginning of last year. Many teachers and parents have commented on how beautifully the Senior Band is playing together in their 'before school band rehearsals' and how squeaks and squawks have magically changed into musical notes, and recognisable songs. They are very much enjoying their band experience and look forward to their first performance for the year, where they can showcase their wonderful talents. Our 'Musical Evening' for Junior and Senior Bands will be held on **Thursday, 6 June at 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start in the Learning Centre**. Please put this date in your diary. Both bands will perform, as well as small instrumental groups. Our children are very excited about choosing a song for their group to play in front of parents and friends. More details to follow soon.

All children should be encouraged to practise their instruments at least three or four times each week, for about 10 minutes each time. This will give them more confidence in their note reading and playing, and allow us all to move forward more quickly with our songs.

If you have any questions about band or lessons, please email me jenny@teachingservices.com.au where I will be very happy to help you. I look forward to seeing you all at our performance in Term 2.

Kind regards
Jenny Sparks – Band Director