

Father John Therry School Band Program

Dear Parents,

It has been a fantastic term for the School Band Program at FJT. The beginners are feeling confident setting up their instruments and have learnt up to 5 notes already!

As Term 1 ends, I would like to report that **all Stage 2 beginner students** are ready to begin their full Band Rehearsals, commencing on **Friday May 3 in (week 1, term 2) after school in the hall**. Stage 3 beginner students will commence afternoon band on Monday afternoons, commencing in week 1 – April 29.
Afternoon band is in addition to small group tuition lesson during school.

Full Band Rehearsals are a very important part of the music program where new skills are developed.

Students need their instrument, Accent on Achievement book and a display folder. There will be times that the students are issued with sheet music that will need to be kept neatly in their own folder.

Band Rehearsals – School Hall

Stage 3 Band (3:10pm – 3:55pm, Monday) This band is for students in stage 3 who have been playing their instrument for a few years and will look at exciting and challenging repertoire.

Stage 2 Band (3:10pm – 3:55pm, Friday) This band is for stage 2 students who are learning their instrument for the first time in 2019 as well as the year four students who began playing in 2018. Here they will develop the techniques necessary to play in the band.

Students are to be picked up promptly at 4pm on Eaton St outside the hall. It is important you email me if your child: attends after school care, walks home or goes home with another parent so that the teachers can ensure student safety. Students who attend after school care will be walked there after band by a teacher.

Group Tuition

Your child's group lesson will continue in term 2, although there may be amendments to the timetable.

New Band Book

If your child does not have Concert Favourites Volume 1, they will be issued one in term two and your next invoice will reflect this minimal cost. It is important your child has this book, as it is part of the Band's fundamental music repertoire.

Band rehearsals and group tuition lessons will commence in week 1 for all students:

For Stage 3 students on Monday April 29, 2019

For Stage 2 students on Friday May 3, 2019

Over the holidays, please take time to listen to your child playing their instrument – performing is a great practice tool. An impromptu performance of Hot Cross Buns for family would be a wonderful opportunity, especially for new students.

Kind regards,
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