

13 February 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The TSA Team was delighted to see everyone back for 2020 and it was a pleasure to meet the beginners. Thank you for your patience as we work through the logistics of a very large band program in the middle of major construction.

Due to the size and success of the band program, we are unable to hold simultaneous band rehearsals on Tuesday mornings in the available space **for the next 6 weeks ONLY**. Both Senior Band and Intermediate Band have numbers in excess of 50 students. To ensure both groups get equal opportunity, it is necessary to make a brief alteration to full band rehearsals.

In consultation with Mr Ieroianni, we have developed a plan to keep the band rehearsals operating during this time. **Please know that this is a necessary, temporary measure and we understand that it may not suit everybody.** We apologise for this disruption however; all students will still receive their lesson during the day. TSA have employed extra staff during this time to help with logistics.

**As of Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**Senior Band** will rehearse on Tuesday mornings in the school hall with Mr Butler. *(There is no change for this band)*

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**Intermediate Band** will **TEMPORARLY** rehearse on Tuesday **AFTERNOONS** in the school hall with Mrs Bichara from 3:00pm-3:50pm. We will be packed up by 4:00pm. The dates are **February 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup>**

\*If your child already has another activity scheduled on Tuesday afternoon, please email me and I will work on a solution.

\*If your child attends **Inspire** afterschool care at Muirfield High, a TSA staff member will escort those children across to the school. *(Please advise me though, so I can create a student list)*

\***BAND ONLY** students – could you please email me

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**From Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup>**, both Intermediate and Senior Bands will revert to morning rehearsal's as we will have 2 suitable spaces to accommodate our needs from this date moving forward.

**Training Band** will not start their full band rehearsal until Term 2. Please stay tuned for further information.

We are excited to continue to work with your children during 2020 and we are looking forward to another successful year at North Rocks Public School.

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