



BAND NEWS



Welcome Back to all - and a warm welcome to our new families joining the band program this year.

Concert Band 2009

We will have a very large band this year so in order for Mr Hampton, our conductor, to listen to each student (approx 2 minutes each - don't stress!) we will be starting rehearsals over a 2 week period.

Week 1 - Thursday 29th January - members from Concert Band 2008.

Week 2 - Thursday 5th February - members from Training Band 2008 (CB 2008 have a sleep in)

Week 3 - Thursday 12th February - all members of Concert Band 2009

Training Band 2009

- **Week 2** - Tutorials will hopefully start at school. You will be contacted about which day and when your child will have their lesson with their tutor.
- **Week 3** – Band rehearsals for you will start on Wednesday 11th February at 7.30am in the school hall. The first few weeks these rehearsals will be **WITHOUT** your instruments. This is an earlier start than past years but Mrs Nelson your conductor would like some time with you to work on rhythm and other things before you start bringing your instruments to rehearsals.
- **PARENTS** - we will need a Training Band Coordinator. See details below. Your band will not function without someone in this role so don't be shy!

Hired Instruments

- All Concert Band 2009 children hiring instruments should have picked up their instrument from the hall this morning. If for some reason you didn't get the email, please contact Margot Treloar.
- Training Band 2009 children hiring instruments will receive a phone call. It is quite possible we will give you your instrument at your first group lesson next week. Stay tuned.

Committee Positions 2009

- We will have a few vacancies on our committee this year. Our AGM will be held on Thursday 12th February at 7.45pm in OOSH room. We need the following positions filled:
 - **Convenor** - Facilitate running of band program through liaising with parents, conductors and school staff liaison. Contact Sue Corish on 9484 9514 or at suecorish@optusnet.com.au for more information.
 - **Tutorial Coordinator** – Organise group tutorials for incoming Training Band, organise tutors for Band Camp and Workshops. Contact Stephanie Morrison on 9875 4890 or at mrsfloppy@unwired.com.au for more information.
 - **Training Band Coordinator** - open up hall and organise set up of chairs and music stands each Wednesday morning, assist conductor during rehearsals, organise pack up and lock up hall after rehearsals, attend committee meetings once a term, liaise with TB parents. Contact Linda Stenning on 9481 0858 or at lstenning@bigpond.com for more information.
 - **Events Coordinator** - organise food & drinks for events during the year eg Workshops, fundraiser BBQ. Contact Lynne Wainwright on 9482 3662 or at bluntwright@optusnet.com.au for more information.

