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Opera House Choir Update Term 2

Dear parents and students,

I am extremely impressed with student's commitment to rehearsal and how engaged they are in their learning. I hope you are hearing a lot of lovely songs being practiced at home.

We have a busy couple of months learning and performing our songs in the wider community. Let's start with dates for your diary.

Saturday May 21 All members of the Opera House Choir are singing at the Bellinggen Show at 9:00am.

Tuesday May 31 The Opera House Choir will travel to the Life House Church in Orlando Street which is the venue for the Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod.

Monday June 6 our Choir is involved in the Compass Concert and will meet with Schools from the Mid North Coast and the Northern Rivers to perform 4 of the songs from our Opera House Concert repertoire.

Wednesday August 17, we head up to Narranga Public School for a Cluster Rehearsal in preparation for the Opera House.

Tuesday October 18 the choir heads to Sydney!

Wednesday October 19 Choir rehearses and performs in the Opera House

Thursday October 20 Children explore the Sydney Aquarium before they catch the coach back home.

Now, more information, one at a time!

The Show

Please meet at 8:50 for a 9:00am start. I choose an early start as students will be able to shoot off to soccer in time! Children will receive a day/evening pass to the Show for their singing contribution to the vibe. Wearing School uniform to this event is essential so the community can recognize these amazing young singers from BPS. The performance tent is behind the main pavilion. The children will sing 5 or 6 songs.

The Eisteddfod

Careful attention to uniform and shiny hair is extremely important at eisteddfods!

We are singing two contrasting songs and we have a definite in "See the Lights "

The second song could be from our set of Spirituals. You can tell me after the Show, which song you think is our second best! Parents are welcome to come and watch the competition but we are still waiting on the program so I can give you an approximate time of performance, in the morning. There will be a cost for the bus to this event.

The Compass Concert

The Arts Unit is the part of The Department of Education responsible for inspiring the Creative arts like Music and Drama in our Public School system.

Recognizing the difficulty country students have had taking part in metropolitan activities over the past two years, they have brought their expertise to the country. This concert in Coffs Harbour will

involve many schools in choirs, bands and orchestras. The students rehearse during the day and come back in the evening for the concert.

This only involves the Opera House Choir from our school. As information emerges, I will keep you updated. There is no cost associated with this workshop. Travel is also covered.

Cluster Rehearsal

All the schools in the district that are travelling to Sydney to sing in the Festival of Choral Music meet with Ian Jefferson, the Chief Conductor as he checks our readiness for the event. Narranga Public School is hosting this rehearsal. Children will spend the day rehearsing.

The Excursion to Sydney

Every detail, from Opal Cards to catch public transport to lunch choices have been organised. We have two Parent helpers, Woo Morris and Helen Black which is fabulous.

Tickets to the concert come online in August/September and I will have those dates in the next update.

The students are provided with a T-shirt but will need all black shoes and black pants or skirt and tights. It is best to have comfortable black shoes as we wear them all day.

It is wonderful that the children in the choir will have many opportunities to sing together even if the actual trip to the Opera House is out of reach. Each student's contribution so far has been very worthwhile and we, as the choir of 2022 sound beautiful in its fullest glory. The Compass Concert will be just like the real thing, only free.

LISTENING

It is most important that our students are listening and rehearsing with their practice recordings on the Computer or the CD. If you would rather music on a thumb drive, please send a blank one in.

For the Compass Concert please be familiar with;

JOURNEY TO THE PAST

BLACKBIRD

PETE,PETE

EASE ON DOWN THE ROAD

I will be really impressed if you have followed your part in the book and know many of the words.

Alternate Involvement

If you are intending to sing throughout the year but not travel to Sydney, please just send your yellow note back with the email address so that I can send through information and music to rehearse with.

The cost will be \$20 for the Song Book. Your child will be similarly nurtured throughout the year.

Permission notes for each activity are coming next.

If you have any questions, you can email or phone me.

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