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Opera House Choir Update
Term 2

Dear Parents,

Members of our choir have been busy completing homework tasks I set each week to assist with the solid learning of songs in preparation of our concert in the Opera House in Term 3.

PROGRESS

I am happy with our progress but would be even happier if students were taking on more home practice. Please ensure you have a space in your home where your child can rehearse without interruption. They all have a CD, which can be used 'as is' or downloaded and played through the home computer, IPod, X- Box or made into a vinyl!!!

I don't mind, as long as it is played regularly and they sit with their book and work on their songs. They are either singing in the Soprano or Alto section of the choir and their specific rehearsal songs come before the performance song on the CD. (Get them to let you hear the difference)

It is most important to listen and sing at least five times each week to reach the standard required for the Opera House performance.

CLUSTER REHEARSAL

There will be a Cluster Rehearsal for our choir and the Sawtell Primary Choir on Wednesday August 7in the BPS Hall. The Chief Conductor and composer, Ian Jefferson from Sydney will spend a day rehearsing with our students. There will be no fee for this day.

TICKETS

Tickets come on sale in the Opera House Box Office on Wednesday July 31st.

Please mark this on your calendar or pop a reminder in your phone.

There are 700 families on that day all attempting to buy tickets so start early and persist as they can sell out within two days.

I have included a page to assist with seat selection and concert details.

BEST NEWS EVER

Bellingen High School String Ensemble have a Solo Item in **our** Concert. How proud will we be to see our super string players (many coming up from BPS) file out onto the stage and play for us all.

BLACKS
Just a reminder that you need to clothe your child in black pants, black shoes and black socks. Girls can wear black skirts and tights but not leggings only.
A great idea would be if the black shoes are comfortable as well as smart (runners) so they can 'hotfoot it' around Sydney with me. We do lots of walking!

UNIFORMS
School uniform is not required on this excursion.

PAYMENT
Please follow the payment guide in the newsletter. There is assistance available if your family needs help. Please see Mr Harry.

If you have unanswered questions or any queries, don't hesitate to email me.
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Fond Regards,

Elizabeth Scott
Music Coordinator

Dylan Harry
Relieving Principal

SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE

SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE –BOX OFFICE BOOKING INFORMATION
ADULTS $44, CONCESSION/STUDENTS $37

(Booking fees apply)

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HOW TO BOOK

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In Person: Main Box Office counter, Sydney Opera House (opening hours see above)

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TRANSACTION FEE

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