Dear Parents and Carers,

BAND NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events: Claim the DATE

- BAND CAMP (Senior /Performing Band) August 30th to September 1st
- Junior Training Band Blow In : 13 September 2010 (Junior Band Only)
- “Sharks Concert “ Rehearsal and Performance 18 October 2010
- Showcase 2010 : 1 December 2010

REGIONAL BAND - Ongoing COMMITMENTS (Chrystal, Fiona and Oliver)

15 November  Full Day rehearsal – Beverly Hills
25 November - Full Day rehearsal – Beverly Hills
26 November “Schools Spectacular” Sydney Entertainment Centre

BANDFEST Our Junior, Senior and Performing Bands performed in the Engadine BANDFEST. It was wonderful to have such warmth and support from family and friends as the children competed for Gold, Silver and Bronze standards from a strictly adjudicated set of criteria. Our bands performed well with the following results:

Junior Silver Award
Senior Gold Award
Performing Silver Award

These results were very pleasing and the relevant trophies are on display in the school foyer.

PORT FEST Port Hacking High School had invited our school to participate in their festival which was held on Sunday August 1st. Our Senior band attended, including our Regional Band Members, and members of the Senior Choir, who had additional commitments at the Sydney Region Music Fest at the Sydney Opera House later in the same day.

Congratulations to all students who performed. The hall was a cold venue which certainly warmed up with the music the students played. We thank our very supportive parents, families and friends who made the donated part of their weekend for transporting and encouraging the students to perform so well.

Congratulations to Mr Skues and the Senior Band for a job well done. Many thanks to Mrs Hewson who attended to support the group.
WESTFIELD EDUCATION WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Our Senior Band performed at the Westfield Education Week celebrations, together with the Senior Choir. We attended on Tuesday August 3rd and the band performed two items before being asked to perform a further item as an encore. The performance was well attended by family and friends and the students were so pleased to see familiar faces in the crowds which swelled around the group. It was also pleasing to witness one of the students’ tutors there as well. Congratulations to all students who conducted themselves so well, both on and off the stage – you were a real credit to both your parents and the school community. Many thanks again to Mr Skues who prepared the students so well.

WEEKLY TIMETABLES

Please check the attached schedules for timetables of rehearsals and tutorials. You will notice the percussion students have a new tutor, Simon. He comes highly recommended and in having had the opportunity to listen to him working with the percussion students on Monday afternoon, it is obvious that the children will be challenged and entertained, whilst learning so many new things.

All of our tutors have worked well throughout the year so far, ensuring children have the opportunity to be instructed in correct timing and fingering for their instruments. Having the opportunity to listen to their tutoring sessions and hearing the improvements in the children’s application to skills is most pleasing to the ear! If your child is unable to attend a tutorial session, please advise the tutor.