

Band Term 4 update

As of 17th November 2023, there are 174 students enrolled in the Band Program:

Training Band - 52

Intermediate Band - 42

Concert Band - 35

Performance Band - 46

September was an extremely busy month for Penny and our school bands where all bands performed at the Australia School Band and Orchestra Festival on 3rd September, the Intermediate Band performing at Pittwater High for the Northern Beaches Symphonic Wind Concert where they also got to witness Penny Cousil performing with her band on the saxophone, Concert Band retained their Battle of the Bands title when they went up against 3 other bands from the Northern Beaches, Concert and Performance Band performed at the Concourse in Chatswood for the NSWEE Spring Music Festival and Performance band were successful in auditioning to play at Primary Proms at Sydney Town Hall. The Performance Band also has their annual excursion to a musical which, this year, was Wicked at the Lyric Theatre which they thoroughly enjoyed and they will be performing music from the show at the upcoming Christmas concert and Presentation Day. Last week, Training and Intermediate band had a visit to Arranounbai School where they performed a Christmas themed concert for the staff and students which was a great success and they enjoyed a special morning tea.

This morning we have the hold test for Year 2 students interested in joining band and on 17th November there were 38 students who have currently registered their interest.

All bands will perform at the Christmas Concert on Monday 27th November and then all band members will enjoy their annual Pizza Lunch as a thank you for all their hard work this year.

We are still in talks with Sport and Rec at Narrabeen and Julie Organ regarding possible opportunities for band camp next year. We believe this is an essential part of the band program at Manly West and something the children really look forward to and we are trying to investigate ways in which this can continue moving forward so we will keep the P&C updated when we have more news.

A reminder that Band will no longer be using Flexischools for band payments after this year therefore band payments will only be able to be made using EFT from next year.

We would like to openly acknowledge Jo Day, a band committee member and Year 6 parent who's youngest child Erin will be leaving Manly West this year. Over the years, Jo has dedicated a lot of time to volunteering with band activities and the family will be hugely missed. We hope for more parents from the other upcoming bands to join the band committee and assist when they can with volunteering roles and this is something we are going to advertise in the coming newsletters.