

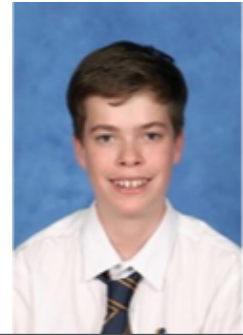
# NEWSLETTER

## JUNIOR CONCERT BAND FIRST PERFORMANCE

Congratulations to our new Junior Concert Band who had their first performance on Wednesday 29th May.

Despite the nerves, every student played really well and wowed the audience with their precision of sound.

The Senior Concert Band also did an amazing job, playing their first jazz pieces from our new books, as well as a Sousa March and a Bach Chorale. Many people commented afterwards on the impressive improvement this group has made.



## ★ CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW ★ CONCERT BAND CAPTAINS FOR 2024

It was a very hard decision this year with so many wonderful musicians within the group but we are thrilled to announce that Thomas Connolly of year 7 will be the Junior Concert Band Captain 2024, and Thao Lai of year 10 will be the Senior Concert Band Captain.

We thank Ethan Pham and Chloe Hoang for their excellent leadership in 2023, setting an example through regular practice, setting up and packing down for rehearsals, and presenting at performances.



## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

MADD DAY OUT 2024  
**FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER**  
**4PM-6.30PM**

## GRANTS 2024

Congratulations to Marko Veteha of year 8 who recently received a beautiful clarinet from The Music Place's annual scholarship programme. Thanks to support from his parents, he was able to put in an application for their annual grant, and last week received his instrument which is really inspiring him to practice even more now!

Each time an opportunity for grants or funding come up, you will receive an email or compass message from us. As a school we have had a great success rate with this so do apply! We are always happy to help with applying.



## PARENTS CORNER

**Playing an instrument makes you smarter** (from Classic FM Article)  
<https://www.classicfm.com/discover-music/reasons-to-play-a-musical-instrument/>

Einstein once said: "Life without playing music is inconceivable to me. I live my daydreams in music. I see my life in terms of music... I get most joy in life out of music".

And as it turns out, Einstein was onto something: many studies show a correlation between musical training and academic success, in both children and adults.

Learning to play an instrument stimulates the brain, improving functions like memory and abstract reasoning skills, which are essential for maths and science.



## THINKING ABOUT BUYING YOUR OWN INSTRUMENT?



There is a huge difference between an Aldi trumpet and a proper instrument! **Please always consult a music teacher before making any purchase**, new or second hand, so we can help you choose something that will play well, last for years, and hold its value.

We have partnered with Fine Music who have set up a web page just for us to help with new purchases. <https://finemusiconline.com.au/schools/SunshineCollege>