

Merimbula Public School



FESTIVAL OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC Opera House Recorder Performance "Banksia Concert" Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Friday, July 28, 2017

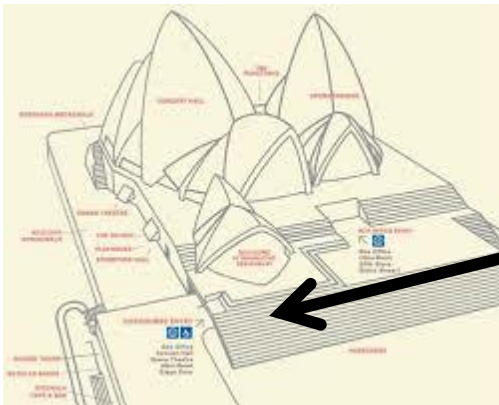
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are so excited to be heading to Sydney in the coming days so that our talented Recorder Ensemble students can take part in the Festival of Instrumental Music "Banksia Concert"!

All students are making their own way, with parents/carers, to Sydney. Safe travels to all and remember to get a good night sleep on Monday night!

Day Rehearsal: 12.00 Noon to 3.15pm

On Tuesday, all students are required to meet Mrs McVeity and Ms Hulme at the ***Sydney Opera House steps AT 12 NOON***, wearing **black pants/black skirt, black shoes, black socks (or black stockings with skirt) and a black t-shirt or singlet top.** All students will be provided the "concert shirt" once their name is marked off. **DON'T FORGET YOUR RECORDER!! DON'T BE LATE!!!**



Our meeting point



Parents/carers will need to inform staff on arrival if their child is unwell and/or taking medication. Medication that needs to be administered by a staff member must be accompanied by a Doctor's letter and instructions. Medication must also be labelled with the child's name. Parents will need to ensure that their **mobile phone is charged and switched on** during the rehearsal, should you need to be contacted. Please inform us of your preferred mobile number on the day.

Once we have met and marked names off, parents/carers can then leave. **DO NOT BE LATE** to arrive as we will need to leave at 12.10pm to **register** with Arts Unit staff outside the glass doors on the box office level.

We can't go there straight away as there will be hundreds of students and we may not find our ensemble. We have also been advised that we need to keep students away from the entrances until Arts Unit staff come to get our group.

As **cloaking** is often an issue, and we can never be sure whether bags can be taken into the Concert Hall as the Opera House rules change regularly, all additional belongings must be left with parents. Asthma puffers, if required, should be kept in your child's pocket.

Please remind your child to observe any instructions given to you by Sydney Opera House **security** staff throughout the day.

It is a special privilege to be part of the performance and rehearsals. Please remind your child that there is to be **NO TALKING** once they enter the Sydney Opera House foyer. In addition there is to be definitely **no recorder playing** in the vicinity of the Opera House. Teachers have been asked to collect recorders in a bag and then distribute them to students once seated.

The **rehearsals should be finished for our ensemble by 3.15pm**. If they are going to take longer, we will post the delay on our Facebook site and/or call you on the number provided earlier in the day. Between 3.15pm and 6.15pm, when we next meet, parents/carers are to collect their child and make sure that they have the opportunity to eat dinner, drink and go to the bathroom.

Evening Performance: 6.15pm Arrival for 7pm Concert

We will be performing in the ***The Banksia Concert: Tuesday 1 August, 7pm***. Please bring your child to the same meeting location (at the steps) **at 6.15pm. They will need to be in their clothing and shirt. They must also bring their recorder with them.**

If you have any questions about the concert/rehearsals on Monday or Tuesday, during the day, please contact the school Administration Office on (02) 64951266. They will get Mrs McVeity or I to contact you. During the concert/evening, no calls can be made as all phones in the Opera House are to be switched off.

Congratulations to every student on your hard work and commitment to rehearsals this year! Have FUN on Tuesday!!! Performing in the Opera House will be an amazing, unforgettable experience. Thank you to the sponsors, Teachers Mutual Bank and Yamaha, for their support of the Festival of Instrumental Music. We are very fortunate to be a part of The Festival of Instrumental Music, participating in a diverse and challenging repertoire, as well as some specially commissioned works by Australian composers, at the Sydney Opera House. I cannot wait to watch this year's performance!

Yours Sincerely,

Ms Michelle Hulme
Principal