



February 8, 2017

Dear Parents and Students,

### Welcome

On behalf of the Music Department I would like to welcome you all back to the RGS Music Department. 2017 will be another busy and exciting year for students and staff, and I am looking forward to the many performances and interactions that make the musical life of The Rockhampton Grammar School so special. You will find a list of all the key events taking place at the end of this letter for Term 1.

### New Staff

This year will see a number of staff changes with 3 new part-time staff members:

- **Miss Peta Horneman-Wren** – Part time - Teaching Speech and Drama lessons
- **Mrs Kirrily Stewart** – String Specialist - Part Time/ Beginner Piano lessons/ String Orchestra/ Year 5 and 6 Strings
- **Mrs Judy Carling** – Percussion/ Drum Kit

### Continuing Music Department Staff List 2017

- **Mr John Evenhuis** – Head of Music, Years 11/12 Music and Year 12 Music Extension, Symphonic Band, Big Band, Secondary Choirs, UK-Paris Tour Band
- **Mrs Rhonda Hite** - Piano Specialist, Year 10 Music, Primary Jazz, Secondary Choirs
- **Miss Danielle Boto** – String Teacher, Piano Accompanist, Primary String Ensemble, Middle School String Ensemble, Year 8 Music
- **Mr Nicholas Cavallaro** – Clarinet - Sax Teacher, Year 7 Music, Year 9 Music, Primary Concert Band, Senior Woodwind Ensemble, Junior Percussion Ensemble
- **Miss Brienna Isokangas** – Flute – Sax Teacher, Year 5/6 & 7 Music, Primary Beginners Band, Secondary Flute Ensemble, Middle School Woodwind Ensemble, Middle School Concert Band, Senior Percussion Ensemble.
- **Mrs Elisa Williams** - Vocal & Choir Specialist, Years ELC, 1, 2, 3 & 4 Music
- **Mrs Christine Netherwood** - Vocal Specialist
- **Mrs Nola Smith** – Speech and Drama Specialist
- **Mr John Hamilton** - Brass Specialist, Primary Jazz, Secondary Brass Ensembles, Middle School Stage Band, Year 5/6 Brass lessons
- **Mr Stephen Kumar** – Guitar, Keyboard, Ukulele Specialist



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### **RGS Music Council (Parent Support Group)**

All parents of Years 5 – 12 Music Students at RGS are very welcome to come and participate in this wonderful organisation which provides so much support and assistance to the Music Department. The Annual General Meeting is scheduled on Thursday March 2 at 7:00 pm in Music Room 2 – Level 3 ILLC and this will be closely followed the general meeting.

### **RGS Music Council – Student 2017 fees**

The RGS Music Council financially supports the Music Department in a variety of ways. This includes subsidising music workshops and visiting clinician's expenses, the purchase of print music, instruments for hire and music folders, as well as hosting music recitals throughout the year and the annual Music Festival.

Primary Band/ Primary Jazz Ensemble/ Primary Rock Band and Primary Percussion Ensemble students will be required to pay a \$45.00 fee to the RGS Music Council.

An invoice will be emailed/ mailed to you within term one from the RGS Music Council Treasurer. These fees are payable to the RGS Music Council, not the school. Details for payment will be provided. All students in a Secondary School Music co-curricular ensemble will be required to pay an \$90.00 fee to the RGS Music Council. The fees are capped at \$180/ family and covers all music co-curricular ensembles your child is involved in.

*Students who are arrears with their 2016 fees, will be advised that their involvement in ensembles will have to cease unless it is paid. If you are in arrears and would like your child to continue their involvement in the Music Co-curricular programme, could you please attend to this as soon as possible.*

### **UK – Paris Music Tour Sept 16 – 29, 2017**

The music tour is shaping up to be an excellent trip for our touring band. The Fund Raising Committee is holding an “**English High Tea**” on Saturday March 25, 2:30 pm in the Memorial Assembly Hall. Tickets for this event will be \$60 which will provide a drink on arrival, entertainment, a trivia quiz and food/ beverages for the afternoon. There will be tables with 10/ table provided. Additional drinks can be pre-purchased. Contact Mrs Muriel Pennisi to book your tickets. Students going on tour will need to be assisting on the day.



## **2017 Music Department Ensemble and Rehearsal times**

### **MONDAYS**

- 7:30 – 8:20 – Beginners Concert Band - Term 2 – Band Room – Level 1 – ILLC – Miss Brienna Isokangas  
7:30 – 8:20 – Beginners String Ensemble - Term 2 – Music Room 1 – Level 3 – ILLC – Miss Danielle Boto  
3:30 – 4:45 – Stage Band – Music Room 2 – Level 3 Islay Lee Learning Centre – Mr John Hamilton  
3:30 – 5:00 – Secondary Choir – Music Room 1 – Level 3 ILLC – Mr John Evenhuis/Mrs Rhonda Hite

### **TUESDAYS**

- 7:30 – 8:20 – Prim. & Middle Percussion Ensemble – Band Rm Level 1 ILLC - Mr Nicholas Cavallaro  
1:10 – 1:50 – Primary Woodwind Ensemble – Music Room 2 – Level 3 ILLC –Mr Nicholas Cavallaro  
1:20 – 1:50 – Year 4 - 6 Primary Choir – Mrs Whitehead’s Room – Mrs Sonya Whitehead  
1:10 – 1:50 – Senior School Percussion Ensemble – Band Rm ILLC – Miss Brienna Isokangas  
3:20 – 4:00 – Primary Jazz Ensemble – Music Room 2 – Level 3 ILLC – Mr John Hamilton and Mrs Rhonda Hite  
3:30 – 4:45 – Concert Band – Band Room – Level 1 ILLC - Miss Brienna Isokangas  
3:30 – 4:30 – String Orchestra – Music Room 1 - Level 3 – ILLC - Mrs Kirrily Stewart  
4:30 – 5:15 – Senior String Ensemble – Music Room 1 - Level 3 – ILLC - Mrs Kirrily Stewart

### **WEDNESDAYS**

- 7:30 – 8:15 – Primary Rock Band – Auditorium - Mr Jason Rooks  
7:50 – 8:30 – Secondary Flute Ensemble – Music Room 1 – Level 3 ILLC – Miss Brienna Isokangas  
10:30 – 11:10 – Small Jazz Ensemble – Auditorium - Dr Phillip Moulds  
12:30 – 1:10 – Middle School Brass Ensemble – Band Room Level 1 – ILLC - Mr John Hamilton  
1:10 – 1:50 – Senior School Brass Ensemble – Band Room Level 1 – ILLC - Mr John Hamilton  
1:10 – 1:50 – Primary Woodwind Ensemble – Music Room 2 Level 3 – ILLC – Mr Nicholas Cavallaro  
1:20 – 1:50 – Year 1-3 Primary Choir – Primary Music Room – Mrs Elisa Williams  
3:30 – 5:00 – Symphonic Band – Band Room – Level 1 ILLC - Mr John Evenhuis  
3:30 – 4:30 – Middle School Strings – Music Room 1 – Level 3 ILLC – Miss Danielle Boto

### **THURSDAYS**

- 7:20 – 8:20 – Primary Concert Band – Band Room – ILLC - Mr Nicholas Cavallaro  
1:10 – 1:50 – Senior School Woodwind Ensemble – Music Room 1 – Level 3 - Mr Nicholas Cavallaro  
3:20 – 4:00 – Primary Jazz Ensemble – Mr John Hamilton/ Mrs Rhonda Hite  
3:30 – 5:00 – Big Band - Band Room – Level Mr John Evenhuis

### **FRIDAYS**

- 12:30 – 1:10 – Middle Sch. Woodwind Ensemble – Music Room 1 – Level 3 - Miss Brienna Isokangas  
3:30 – 4:30 – UK – Paris Tour Band Rehearsals – will commence via email notice – Mr John Evenhuis  
3:30 – 5:00 – Musical Band – Term 2 and early Term 3 only – Band Room ILLC - Mr John Evenhuis



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### **Instrumental and Vocal/ Speech Lessons 2017**

I would like to remind all the parents of students taking individual music lessons, each student must be re-enrolled for 2017. Enrolment forms can be found on the school website under Co-curricular /Core activities/ Music programme/ Music tuition. Please fax, mail or scan/ email the forms to Mrs Muriel Pennisi as soon as possible and by the end of week 1. Her email address is: Muriel.Pennisi@rgs.qld.edu.au. Please note that there will be no lessons held in Term 4 final week.

### **Instrument Hire 2017**

Secondary Students wishing to hire a brass/ woodwind/ guitar or string instrument must complete a hire form found on the school website under Co-curricular /Core activities/ Music programme/ Instrument Hire. The RGS Music Council Hire Fee of \$200 will be required to be paid before the instrument is issued to the student. Instrument hire costs are \$200/year for Brass/ Woodwind and \$50.00/year for String and Guitar. If your child returns it in an earlier term – a pro –rata payment will be returned.

Please Note Year 5 and 6 students will be charged via your school account for any instrument your child is using in 2017 and taking home. Those students providing their own instrument will not be charged.

### **Year 5 and 6 Instrumental Music 2017**

This year all Year 5 and 6 students will be learning a string/ woodwind/brass/ or percussion instrument and will be taking an instrument home to practice each week. The school will bill your school account \$50 for the highly discounted use of this instrument for the entire year. These instruments will be issued by week 5 of term one and the Music Department has send a Year 5 Parent information pack providing all of the necessary information for parents. This exciting development in our programme has been created by the wonderful support of the RGS Music Council and RGS.

### **UK – Paris –Touring Band Rehearsal Schedule Term 1**

1. Week 4 – Friday 3:30 – 4:30pm – Keyboard, Bass, Guitar, Drums
2. Week 5 – Friday 3:30 – 4:30pm – Saxophones, Flutes, Violin
3. Week 6 - Friday 3:30 – 4:30 pm – Trumpets, Trombones, Clarinets
4. Week 7 - Friday 3:30 – 4:30 pm – Whole Band Rehearsal
5. Week 8 - Friday 3:30 – 4:30 pm – Whole Band Rehearsal
6. Week 9 - Friday 3:30 – 4:30 pm – Whole Band Rehearsal



## MUSIC WORKSHOPS WEEKEND ONE - FEB 24 - 26

Time	Friday Feb 24	Friday Feb 24 Music Room 1
3:30 pm		<u>Senior String Ensemble Mus 1</u>
4:30 pm		Break
4:45 – 5:30		<u>Senior String Ensemble Mus 1</u>
Time	Saturday Feb 25 THEATRE	Saturday Feb 25 MAH
8:30 am	<u>Concert Band Rehearsal</u>	<u>String Orchestra Sectionals</u> Violins – Mus 1 Violas – Mus 2 Cellos/ Bass - MAH
9:30 am	<u>Concert Band Sectionals</u> Percussion – Theatre Lower Brass – Band Room Trumpets – Mus 6 Flutes – Mus 2 Clarinets/ Sax – Mus 1	<u>String Orchestra Rehearsal</u>
10:30 am	Morning Tea – own provided	Morning Tea – own provided
11:00 am	<u>Concert Band Rehearsal</u>	<u>String Orchestra Sectionals</u> Violins – Mus 1 Violas – Mus 2 Cellos/ Bass - MAH
12:00 pm	<u>Concert Band Sectionals</u> Percussion – Theatre Lower Brass – Band Room Trumpets – Mus 6 Flutes – Mus 2 Clarinets/ Sax – Mus 1	<u>String Orchestra Rehearsal</u>
1:00 pm	LUNCH – own provided	LUNCH – own provided
1:30 pm	<u>Concert Band Rehearsal</u>	<u>String Orchestra Rehearsal</u>
2:30 pm	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea
3:30 pm	<u>Symphonic Band Percussion</u> Rehearsal – Theatre	
5:00 pm	Rehearsal Concludes	
Time	Sunday Feb 26	Sunday Feb 26
8:30 am	<u>Symphonic Band Rehearsal</u>	<u>Middle School Strings Sectionals</u> Violins – Mus 1 Violas Mus 2 Cellos - MAH
9:30 am	<u>Symphonic Band Sectionals</u> Percussion – Theatre Lower Brass – Band Room Trumpets – Mus 6 Flutes – Mus 2 Clarinets/ Sax – Mus 1	<u>Middle School Strings Rehearsal</u>
10:30 am	Morning Tea – own provided	Morning Tea – own provided
11:00 am	<u>Symphonic Band Rehearsal</u>	<u>Middle School Strings Sectionals</u> Violins – Mus 1 Violas Mus 2 Cellos - MAH



12:00 pm	<b><u>Symphonic Band Sectionals</u></b> Percussion – Theatre Lower Brass – Band Room Trumpets – Mus 6 Flutes – Mus 2 Clarinets/ Sax – Mus 1	<b><u>Middle School Strings Rehearsal</u></b>
1:00 pm	LUNCH – own provided	LUNCH – own provided
1:30 pm	<b><u>Symphonic Band Rehearsal</u></b> Move Percussion to Spaceframe at 2:45 pm	<b><u>Middle School Strings Rehearsal</u></b> Set up on Dais in Spaceframe for Concert at 2:45 pm
3:00 pm	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea
3:30 pm	Set Up in SpaceFrame - seating	Set Up in SpaceFrame - Seating
4:00 – 5:00 pm	<b>CONCERT IN SPACEFRAME AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE PROVIDED BY RGS MUSIC COUNCIL</b>	

## MUSIC WORKSHOPS WEEKEND TWO - MARCH 3 - 5

Time	Friday March 3	Friday March 3
3:30 pm		<b><u>Primary Jazz Ensemble – Band Room</u></b>
4:15 pm		Break
4:30 – 5:00 pm		<b><u>Primary Jazz Ensemble – Band Room</u></b>
Time	Saturday March 4 <b><u>BANDROOM</u></b>	Saturday March 4 <b><u>MUS 2</u></b>
8:30 am	<b><u>Big Band Rehearsal</u></b>	<b><u>Stage Band Sectionals</u></b> Rhythm Section – Mus 2 Brass – Mus 1 Saxes - MAH
9:30 am	<b><u>Big Band Sectionals</u></b> Rhythm Section – Band Room Trumpets/ Trombones – MAH Saxes – Mus 2	<b><u>Stage Band Rehearsal</u></b> <b><u>MUS 2</u></b>
10:30 am	Morning Tea – own provided	Morning Tea – own provided
11:00 am	<b><u>Big Band Rehearsal</u></b>	<b><u>Stage Band Sectionals</u></b> Rhythm Section – Mus 2 Brass – Mus 1 Saxes - MAH
12:00 pm	<b><u>Big Band Sectionals</u></b> Rhythm Section – Band Room Trumpets/ Trombones – MAH Saxes – Mus 2	<b><u>Stage Band Rehearsal</u></b> <b><u>MUS 2</u></b>
1:00 pm	LUNCH – own provided	LUNCH – own provided
1:30 pm	<b><u>Big Band Rehearsal – Band Room</u></b>	<b><u>Stage Band Rehearsal - MUS 2</u></b>
2:30 pm	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea
3:00 pm	<b><u>Choir Rehearsal</u></b> MAH	
4:00 pm	Choir Sectionals	



	Males – MAH Altos – MUS 2 Sopranos – Mus 1	
4:45 pm	<b><u>Choir Rehearsal</u></b> MAH	
5:30 pm	Dinner – Own Provided	
6:30 pm	<b><u>Choir Rehearsal</u></b> MAH	
8:00 pm	<b><u>Rehearsal concludes</u></b>	
<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday March 5</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday March 5</u></b>
8:30 am	<b><u>Choir Rehearsal</u></b> MAH	<b><u>Small Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal</u></b> <b>Band Room</b>
9:30 am	Choir Sectionals Males – MAH Altos – MUS 2 Sopranos – Mus 1	<b><u>Small Jazz Ensemble Sectionals</u></b> Rhythm Section – Band Room Trumpets/ Trombones – MAH Saxes – Mus 2
10:30 am	Morning Tea – own provided	Morning Tea – own provided
11:00 am	<b><u>Choir Rehearsal</u></b> MAH	<b><u>Small Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal</u></b> <b>Band Room</b>
12:00 pm	Choir Sectionals Males – MAH Altos – MUS 2 Sopranos – Mus 1	<b><u>Small Jazz Ensemble Sectionals</u></b> Rhythm Section – Band Room Trumpets/ Trombones – MAH Saxes – Mus 2
1:00 pm	LUNCH – own provided	LUNCH – own provided
1:30 pm	<b><u>Choir Rehearsal</u></b> MAH	<b><u>Small Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal</u></b> <b>Band Room</b> Set up on Dais in Spaceframe for Concert at 2:45 pm
3:00 pm	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea
3:30 pm	Set Up in SpaceFrame - seating	Set Up in SpaceFrame - Seating
4:00 – 5:00 pm	<b>CONCERT IN SPACEFRAME AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE PROVIDED BY RGS MUSIC COUNCIL</b>	



### 2017 Music Department Activities – Term One

- Week 4 - 15 February 9:50 am- **Foundation Day & Leaders Induction Ceremony** Assembly in Duggan Hall – Big Band to perform
- Week 5 – 24th – 26th February – **Music Workshop Weekend # 1** at RGS –Involves the following ensembles: Concert Band; Symphonic Band; Middle School Strings; String Orchestra & Senior String Ensemble. Workshops are during the day and students return home each night. A Sunday Concert will be held in the spaceframe at 4:00 followed by a free sausage sizzle.
- Week 6 – March 2 7:00 pm – **RGS Music Council** (Parent Support Group) AGM & General Meeting - Music Room 2 on Level 3 Islay Lee learning Centre.
- Week 6 – 3rd – 5th March – **Music Workshop Weekend # 2** – at RGS. Involves the following ensembles: Stage Band; Big Band & Small Jazz Ensemble; Secondary Choirs; Primary Jazz Ensemble. Workshops are during the day and students return home each night. A Sunday Concert will be held in the spaceframe at 4:00 followed by a free sausage sizzle.
- Week 7 - Fri 10<sup>th</sup> – Sun 12<sup>th</sup> March – **State Honours Ensemble Programme** – Capricornia – NRSHS.
- Week 9 – Saturday March 25 – **English High Tea Fundraiser for UK – Paris Music Tour** – 2:30 pm – Memorial Assembly Hall – tickets \$60 each or \$600/ table of 10. Contact [mpennisi@rgs.qld.edu.au](mailto:mpennisi@rgs.qld.edu.au) or ring 40 360 626 to book.
- Week 10 - March 29 – 9:50 am - **Formal Assembly Easter Service** – (Secondary Choir to Perform).

Again, I look forward to an exciting year in the Music Department.

Kind regards,

**Mr John Evenhuis**

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