Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome
On behalf of the Music Department I would like to welcome you all back and hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday period. 2016 will be a 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.

New Staff
This year will see a number of staff changes with 3 new full time staff members:

- **Miss Danielle Boto** – Teaching Strings/ Year 8 Music and some piano accompaniment work
- **Mr Nicholas Cavallaro** – Teaching Clarinet/ Saxophone/ Primary-Middle School Percussion Ensemble/ Primary Concert Band/ Senior Woodwind ensemble/ and Year 6/ 7 Instrumental Music
- **Miss Brienna Isokangas** – Teaching Flute/ Saxophone/ Beginners Band/ Concert Band/ Middle School Woodwind Ensemble and Year 5-7 Instrumental Music.

![Miss Danielle Boto](image1)
![Mr Nicholas Cavallaro](image2)
![Miss Brienna Isokangas](image3)

Continuing Music Department Staff List 2016

- Mr John Evenhuis – Head of Music, Years 5, 6, 7, & 11/12 Music
- Dr Michelle Waller – Year 7 Music/ Year 9 Music/ & Year12 Music Extension
- Mrs Rhonda Hite - Piano Specialist Full Time
- Mrs Elisa Williams - Music/Vocal & Choir Specialist, Years ELC, 1, 2, 3 & 4 Music
- Mrs Mary Steer - Piano Specialist – Part Time
- Mrs Christine Netherwood - Vocal Specialist – Part Time
- Mrs Nola Smith - Vocal Specialist – Part Time
- Mr John Hamilton - Brass Specialist – Part Time
- Mr Stephen Kumar - Guitar Specialist – Part Time
RGS Music Council (Parent Support Group)
On Thursday, 4 February, at 7:30pm, the Grammarians Music Council will hold the first general meeting for 2016 in the Music Department level 3, Islay Lee Learning Centre. 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.

RGS Music Council – Student 2016 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 Choir/ Primary Rock Band and Primary Percussion Ensemble students will be required to pay a $40.00 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 Grammarians 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 $80.00 fee to the RGS Music Council. An invoice will be emailed/ mailed to you within term one. These fees are payable to the Grammarians Music Council, not the school.

2016 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
12:30 – 1:10 – Middle School Brass Ensemble – Mr John Hamilton
1:10 – 1:50 – Senior School Brass Ensemble – Mr John Hamilton
3:30 – 4:45 – Stage Band – Music Room 2 – Level 3 Islay Lee Learning Centre – Mr John Hamilton
3:30 – 4:30 – Secondary Choir – Music Room 1 – Level 3 ILLC - Mrs Elisa Williams & Mrs Rhonda Hite
4:30 – 5:00 – Chamber Choir – Mrs Elisa Williams & Mrs Rhonda Hite

Tuesdays
7:30 – 8:15 – Primary Rock Band – Music Room 2 – Level 3 ILLC - Mr Jason Rooks
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
3:30 – 4:45 – Concert Band – Miss Brienna Isokangas
3:30 – 4:30 – String Orchestra – Miss Danielle Boto
4:30 – 5:15 – Chamber Strings – Miss Danielle Boto
Wednesdays
7:30 – 8:20 – Primary & Middle School Percussion Ensemble – Band Rm Level 1 ILLC - Mr N Cavallaro
10:30 – 11:10 – Small Jazz Ensemble – Band Room – ILLC - Dr Phillip Moulds
1:20 – 1:50 – Year 1-3 Primary Choir – Primary Music Room – Mrs Elisa Williams
3:30 – 5:00 – Symphonic Band – Band Room – ILLC - Mr John Evenhuis
3:30 – 4:30 – Middle School Strings – Music Room 1 – ILLC – Miss Danielle Boto

Thursdays
7:20 – 8:20 – Primary Concert Band – Band Room – ILLC - Mr Nicholas Cavalaro
3:20 – 4:00 – Primary Jazz Ensemble – Mr John Hamilton/ Mrs Rhonda Hite
3:30 – 5:00 – Big Band - Band Room - Mr John Evenhuis

Fridays
12:30 – 1:10 – Middle School Woodwind Ensemble – Music Room 1 – Level 3 - Miss Brienna Isokangas
1:10 – 1:50 – Senior School Woodwind Ensemble – Music Room 1 – Level 3 - Mr Nicholas Cavalaro
3:30 – 5:00 – Musical Band – Term 2 and early Term 3 only – Band Room ILLC - Mr John Evenhuis

Instrumental and Vocal Lessons 2016
I would like to remind all the parents of students taking individual music lessons, each student must be re-enrolled for 2016. 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 1 Week 1 or Term 4 final week.

Instrument Hire 2016
Students in years 6 – 12 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 Grammarians Music Council will email/ mail an invoice for the instrument hire which will be required to be paid before the instrument is issued to the student. Instrument hire costs are $200.00/year for Brass/ Woodwind and $50.00/year for String and Guitar.

Year 5 Instrumental Music 2016
This year all Year 5 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 account $40 for the highly discounted use of this instrument for the entire year. These instruments will be issued by week 6 of Term 1 and the Music Department will send a Year 5 Parent information pack shortly to provide 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.
2016 Music Department Activities

The following is a list of the key events taking place this year:

**Term One**

- Week 1 – Wednesday and Thursday 3:30 – 4:30 – Big Band rehearsing for Found. Assembly.
- Week 2 - Instrumental Lessons and some CoCurricular Ensembles commence
- Week 2 – Wednesday Feb 3 – 2:30 – 3:10 – CoCurricular Expo in Space frame
- Week 2 – Thursday Feb 4th 7:30pm – RGS Music Council (Parent Support Group) General Meeting - Music Room 2 on Level 3 Islay Lee learning Centre
- Week 4 - 17 February 9:50am- Foundation Day & Leaders Induction Ceremony Assembly in Duggan Hall – Big Band to perform
- Week 5 – 26th – 28th February – Music Workshop Weekend # 1 at RGS –Involves the following ensembles: Secondary Choir/ Chamber Choir; Primary Concert Band; Concert Band; Symphonic Band; Middle School Strings; String Orchestra & Senior String Ensemble. Workshops are during the day and students return home each night.
- Week 6 – 3rd March 7:00pm – RGS Music Council (Parent Support Group) AGM & General Meeting - Music Room 2 on Level 3 Islay Lee learning Centre.
- Week 6 – 4th – 6th March – Music Workshop Weekend # 2 – at Ritamada Camp. Involves the following ensembles: Stage Band; Big Band & Small Jazz Ensemble. Students to stay at camp for entire weekend returning home on Sunday evening.
- Week 7 - 8th March 200pm – 5:00pm – Theatre - String Orchestra to workshop with the Australian Chamber Orchestra.
- Week 7 - Fri 11th – Sun 13th March – State Honours Ensemble Programme – Capricornia – NRSHS.
- Week 9 - 23rd March – 9:50am - Formal Assembly Easter Service – (Secondary Choir to Perform with Strings accompanying).

**Term Two**

- Week 10 – 14th April - 7:30pm – Grammarians Music Council Meeting – Music Room 2 – Islay Lee Learning Centre.
- Week 10 – Fri 15th April – Year 12 Formal – Stage Band and Big Band extras to play at the Arrival from 5 – 6pm.
- Week 11 – Fri 22nd April – 9:30am - Anzac Day School Service – (combined Symphonic and Concert Bands).
- Week 12 – Mon 25 April 8:30am – 11:00am – Anzac Day Community March - (Symphonic and Concert Bands).
- Week 12 – Thurs 28 April - Rockhampton Eisteddfod – Piano Sections commence.
- Week 13 – Thurs 5 May 7:30pm – Grammarians Music Council Meeting – Music room 2 – Islay Lee Learning Centre.
- Week 13 – 2nd – 5th May - Rockhampton Eisteddfod – Instrumental Sections.
- Week 13 – Sat 7th May – RGS Race Day Callaghan Park – (Participants to be confirmed).
- Week 13 - Friday 6 May – Sunday 8 May – Generations in Jazz Big Band Tour – Mount Gambier South Australia.
- Week 14 –Sun 8th May – Rockhampton Eisteddfod – Dance Sections commence.
- Week 15 – Sun 15th May – Rockhampton Eisteddfod – Speech & Drama Sections commence.
- Week 16 – Sun 22 May Rockhampton Eisteddfod – Vocal Sections commence.
- Week 16 – Fri 27 May 7:00pm – Grammarians Music Council Recital #1 (drinks/ wine & cheese on top floor of Islay Lee Learning Centre followed by recital in Memorial Assembly Hall).
- Week 17 - Thurs 2nd June 7:30pm - Grammarians Music Council Meeting – Music room 2 – Islay Lee Learning Centre.
- Week 18 - Saturday 11th June 6:30pm – 2017 Music Tour Jazz & Shiraz Evening Fundraiser at Rowing Club proposed.
Term Three
- Week 1 - Thurs 21 July 7:30pm - Grammarians Music Council Meeting – Music room 2 – Islay Lee Learning Centre.
- Week 3 – Thurs 4th Aug 7:30pm – Grammarians Music Council Meeting – Music Room 2 – Islay Lee Learning Centre
- Week 3 Sat 6th August – Musical bumps in to Pilbeam Theatre.
- Week 4 – 8th – 11th August – Musical Rehearsals at Pilbeam after school – 10:00 pm.
- Week 4 – 12th – 14th August – Musical Performances at Pilbeam Theatre.
- Week 6 – Friday 26th August 7:00pm - Grammarians Music Council Recital #2 (drinks/ wine & cheese on top floor of Islay Lee Learning Centre followed by recital in Memorial Assembly Hall).
- Week 7 – Thurs 1st September 7:30pm - Grammarians Music Council Meeting – Music room 2 – Islay Lee Learning Centre.
- Week 8 – Fri 9th – 10th September – Primary Musical at Pilbeam Theatre.

Term Four
- Week 10 - Thurs 6th October 7:30pm Grammarians Music Council Meeting – Music room 2 – Islay Lee Learning Centre.
- Week 11 - Saturday 15th October 6:30pm – MUSIC FESTIVAL – Pilbeam Theatre.
- 23 October – Leadership Ceremony – (String Orchestra to perform).
- Week 12 - Fri 21 October – Sports Awards Evening – (Stage Band to perform).
- Week 13 - Sat 29th October – Cultural Awards Evening – Theatre.
- Week 16 – Sunday 13th November – Carols in the Frame – (Jazz bands/ Primary/ Secondary Choirs to perform).
- Week 16 – Tuesday 15th November – Year 5 & 6 Classroom Music Concert – Theatre.
- Week 17 - Wed 23rd November – Primary School Speech Night – (Primary Choirs, Primary Concert Band and Secondary String Orchestra to perform).
- Week 17 - Thurs 24th November – Middle and Senior School Speech Night – (Symphonic Band, Big Band, Small Jazz Ensemble and Secondary Choir to perform).

Again, I hope that the summer holidays were restful and safe and I look forward to seeing you all.

Kind regards,

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