Dear Parents and Carers

Music is a powerful way to extend your child’s learning and enhance their confidence, social skills and extra curricular opportunities. An interest or love of music is a gift for life that provides opportunity for self expression and individuality. Learning an instrument is one of the many opportunities that Homebush West Public School offers students.

The school currently provides tuition for the following instruments;

- Violin
- Guitar
- Trumpet
- Keyboard/piano
- Flute
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Drums

If there is sufficient interest, then the school may also consider offering lessons for;

- Voice
- Cello

Please notify Mr Debnam if you are interested in having lessons for an instrument NOT listed above.

Please note that ALL lessons will only commence if there are a sufficient number of students.

Homebush West provides access to instrument hire (see separate page), as well as tuition.

Lessons
Lessons are scheduled before or after school hours, on site. This year we will trial some in school times as available. Tuition is coordinated directly between parents and the tutor. Homebush West Public School teachers do not supervise tuition and do not take responsibility for the supervision of music students/tutors.

Tuition Fees
Students will be charged according to the style of lesson chosen. There are two lesson options as follows;

- Private, individual lessons $35.00 per lesson
- Double, in pairs $20.00 per lesson

Tuition fees are paid directly to the music tutors and not to the school. Each term the music tutor will notify parents of the fees owing via invoice.

Mrs E Southall, Principal

Mr J Debnam, on behalf of Music Committee
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Tuition Commitment
Students who undertake music tuition through the school are expected to remain in the program for the whole school year. This ensures that our music tutors can make a stable commitment to the school and allows school programs to be met.

Music Books, folders and sheet music
The music tutor will inform parents of any music book or folder that students will require for their lesson. These are parents’ responsibility and cannot be purchased through the school. In 2014, all students will be required to keep a practice diary, which will be signed by their teacher each week.

Music Lesson/Tuition Policy
• Tuition sessions will usually be scheduled for before and after school time.
• Tutors are not expected to refund lessons for student’s absence from lessons due to illness.
• Parents are expected to pay full term fees, despite any holiday absences.
• A term will usually be 8 weeks of tuition.
• Your child’s music tutor will attempt to provide make up lessons for lessons missed, where possible.
• Any lessons missed due to school programs, public holidays or special events, will be made up or fully refunded.

Payment
Full payment of fees is expected prior to lessons commencing, preferably by term. Please make all payment arrangement directly with tutors. You should ALWAYS receive a receipt from the tutor for all payments.

Performance Opportunities
Students at Homebush West Public School have numerous opportunities to represent their school. Opportunities may include;

• Performances at school assemblies, and school functions.
• Participation in the school orchestra and chamber orchestra.
• Participation in the Twilight Concert.
• Participation in the Opera House Music Festival and or Granville Spectacular.

If you would like your child to learn an instrument please complete the EXPRESSION OF INTEREST form attached.
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**Expression of Interest 2014**

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1. **Please circle the instrument/s you are interested in...**

- Violin
- Cello
- Keyboard/piano
- Flute
- Clarinet
- Guitar
- Voice (singing)
- Saxophone
- Drums (percussion)
- Trumpet

2. **Will you need to hire an instrument?**

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3. **Which style of lesson are you interested in?**

- Double  
  $20.00 per lesson
- Private  
  $35 per Lesson

4. **Please indicate the musical level of your child...**

- Beginner
- Intermediate
- Advanced

5. **Please sign this form and return it to school.**

- I would like my child to receive music tuition for 2014.
- I understand that tuition should be undertaken for a whole year.
- I understand that tuition payment and instrument hire fees are due in advance each term.
- I agree to the conditions of instrument hire and tuition.
- I agree to commit to support the music program at HWPS in 2014.

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