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For BRPS P&C management committee: Wed 17<sup>th</sup> August

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## **Report of the BRPS P&C Band subcommittee**

### **August 2016**

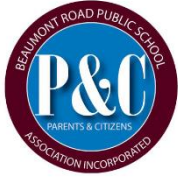
#### **1. BRPS P&C management committee actions**

Band Jam (workshop) was held at the school Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June & SB performed at the NSW School Band Festival Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July. Band reports were provided to all families at the end of term 2. Parent and child survey was conducted for feedback on the Band Jam/Tutors and the program in general.

#### **2. Work undertaken to date**

The bands have been working hard, all running smoothly. Some special points to mention include:

- 2.1. Regular assembly performance opportunities continue for all bands
- 2.2. Band workshop held at the school afternoon of June 19. Children experienced private tutorials in instrument groups, a rhythm workshop and 2 band rehearsals followed by a short concert for parents. Lunch and afternoon tea was provided and the Tutors performed for an audience over lunch. The vibe of the afternoon was very positive, children worked hard, excellent behaviour and a really good audience turnout for the short concert at the end.
- 2.3. Parent survey on Band Jam evaluation and seeking tutor feedback. Generally very positive. A children's survey was also done on the band jam with very positive feedback. No issues noted and results were discussed at recent band meeting.
- 2.4. Instrument audit done at Band Jam. A few instruments "missing" for but most of these seem to be old instruments or not accurate entries into the database. The Database is continually being updated and acts as a really good record of instruments loaned, condition and maintenance. A highly valuable tool.
- 2.5. All bands are rehearsing well and no problems noted.
- 2.6. All tutorials and tutors are working well. Again no problems noted.
- 2.7. Upcoming SB performance at All Saints Fete (Sat 13<sup>th</sup> August)
- 2.8. New keyboard was purchased for use in the SB. Cost of this was \$800. This to be purchased using finances from the 2015 Band Fundraiser: Tedeschi concert. A plaque will be put onto the keyboard "Donated by Simon Tedeschi August 2016)
- 2.9. BRPS Band Folders to be sourced and ordered ready for use next year. Aim of this is to provide a smart looking folder where photocopied band music can be neatly stored and then handed back when children leave, avoiding loss of music. Also planning to catalogue music books with library codes and these are then "borrowed" in hope to not lose music and keep a better track of it.



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- 2.10. Instrument maintenance has been high, already \$2000 but we now have many working instruments in store. There are other instruments that require maintenance but we will only do these as required, depending on demand.

### **3. Recommendation or request**

- 3.1 Date for end of year band concert planned for Thursday 1st December at 7pm.  
3.2 Term 4 will start planning 2017 bands. Information night for 2017 new band members Thursday Nov 3. Would envisage we have enough instruments for 2017.  
3.3 Great news is that Annelise Woo Ruiz has kindly volunteered to take on the Band Committee chairperson from 2017 as Jane Stormon will be leaving BRPS.

### **4. Ongoing work**

- 4.1. Term 3 band assembly performances & SB Fete performance.  
4.2. We are enjoying the calm before the storm! Term 4 is busy so will soon start planning for end of year band concert, planning for 2017 Junior band/band numbers and instrument requirements and filling other soon to be vacant 2017 committee positions.