



20 December 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Please see below for important information about the Southwell School Performing Arts Department in 2019.

Online Enrolment Form and Information Booklet for Instrumental, Voice and Speech & Drama lessons:

The enrolment form for Instrumental, Voice and Speech & Drama Lessons for 2019 is to be completed online via [this link](#). Please fill this in no later than Wednesday January 30th if you require your child to start lessons the following week. Please note that we accept enrolments at any point in the year however places cannot be guaranteed. If you are unsure about which instrument your child should learn, please attend the Information Evening as outlined below.

Itinerant Performing Arts Information Evening

On Thursday 31st January from 6.30pm till 7.30pm we will hold an 'Itinerant Performing Arts Information Evening' in the Foyer of the Performing Arts Centre (PAC) for any students who want to take up, or continue learning an instrument while at Southwell School. This is an opportunity for parents to communicate directly with Itinerant Teachers, to view the range of instruments they teach and then sign their children up for lessons. All Performing Arts staff will be there to answer any questions that arise about anything to do with Performing Arts. Shearer's Music Shop will also be there to help with sizing and hiring of instruments and resources. At 7pm we will have a short seminar about the Suzuki method for those who are interested. Although music lessons start from Monday 4th February, you can enrol at any point throughout the year. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the event.

Music Groups:

We have many music groups at Southwell School which your children may be interested in being a part of:

- Girls' and Boys' Choir of all Hallows Chapel (Years 5-8)
- Junior Choir (Years 3-4)
- Symphony Orchestra (Grade 3 and above)
- Jazz Band (Grade 3 and above)
- Wind Band (beginner to Grade 2)
- String Orchestra (beginner to Grade 2)
- Chamber Ensemble (Advanced students)

All of these groups are auditioned so students are put into the group that best suits their current level of ability.

Choir auditions are on Monday 4th February during class time, and students are required to sing the English words of the National Anthem. If your child is successful at the auditions they will be required to attend a further selection workshop on Sunday 10th February from 9am till 3pm.

Instrumental auditions are on Tuesday 5th February during class time and students need to come prepared with a piece to play. Rock Band auditions are from 1.50pm till 3.10pm (unfortunately it is very possible that not all students will be placed into a Rock band). All auditions will take place in the Music Room in the PAC. I will send a runner to collect any interested students. Music Group lists will be put up the day following auditions and all rehearsals start in Week 3.

Here is a list of all music group rehearsal times for 2019:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School 7.45am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys' Choir in the Music Room till 8.30am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jazz Band in the Music Room till 8.45am Girls' Choir in the Music Room till 8.30am String Orchestra in the Great Hall till 8.30am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symphony Orchestra in the Great Hall till 9am Ribbon Training in the Music Room till 8.30am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wind Band in the Great Hall till 8.45am Boys' Choir in the Music Room till 8.45am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jazz Band in the Music Room till 8.45am Junior Choir in the Drama Room till 8.30am
Lunch time 1.05pm till 1.45pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rock band with Jeremy in the Music Room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chamber Ensemble in the Music Room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jazz Band in the Music Room Ribbon Training in the Music Studios 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rock band with Sam in the Music Room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ribbon Training in the Music Room
After School 3.30pm till 5pm			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls' Choir in the Music Room 		

I look forward to seeing and hearing your children realise their musical potential in the coming year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions (Julia.mcintyre@southwell.school.nz)

Kind regards,



Julia McIntyre
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