



14 December 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Please see below for important information about the Southwell School Performing Arts Department in 2021.

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

The enrolment form for Instrumental, Voice and Speech & Drama Lessons for 2021 is to be completed online via [this link](#). Please fill this in regardless of whether your child is returning to classes this year, or if they are new. Enrolments can not be accepted any later than Monday, 25 January 2021 *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. An information booklet on instrumental, voice and speech and drama lessons can be found by [clicking here](#).

**Itinerant Performing Arts Information Evening**

On Thursday 28 January from 6.00pm till 7.00pm we will hold an 'Itinerant Performing Arts Information Evening' in the Foyer of the Performing Arts Centre (PAC) for any students who are unsure which instrument to begin tuition on. 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 MusicWorks will also be there to help with sizing and hiring of instruments and resources. At 6pm we will have a short seminar about the Suzuki method for those who are interested.

Although music lessons start from Tuesday 2 February, you can enrol at any point throughout the year. Please note, parents do not need to attend, unless you wish to meet the instrument teachers.

**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, invitation only)

*In addition, we have the following groups that use itinerant teachers therefore are charged:*

- Junior Rockband (Years 4-6) NEW in 2021
- 3 Rockbands (Years 6-8)
- Guitar Ensemble (Years 5-8) only 8-10 students - NEW in 2021

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 Tuesday, 2nd February during class time, and students are required to sing the English words of the National Anthem. I will send a runner to collect any interested students. A list will be put up the following day. Rehearsals start in Week 3.

**Instrumental auditions (all other groups)** are on Wednesday, 3 February during class time until lunchtime and students need to come prepared with a piece to play. Rock Band auditions are from 1.50pm till 3.10pm (unfortunately it is 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 by the end of the week and rehearsals start in Week 3.

Here is a list of all music group rehearsal times for 2021 (returning students, please note there have been some changes):

### MUSIC GROUPS TIMETABLE 2021

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Before School starting at 7.45am</b>	Boys' Choir in the Music Room until 8.30am	Girls' Choir in the Music Room till 8.30am	Voice for Life Ribbon Training (For Choristers) in the Music Room till 8.30am	Boys' Choir in the Music Room till 8.30am	Junior Choir in the Music Room until 8.30am
	Symphony Orchestra Sectionals in The Great Hall until 8.30am	Wind Band in the Great Hall until 8.30am	Symphony Orchestra in the Great Hall until 9am	String Orchestra in the Great Hall till 8.30am	Jazz Band in the Great Hall until 8.30am
<b>Lunch Time (1.05pm till 1.45pm)</b>	Dan Cosgrove's Rock Band A	Jeremy Badger's Rock Band	Jazz Band in the Great Hall	Dan Cosgrove's Rock Band B	Junior Rockband
	Voice for Life Ribbon Training (For Choristers)	Guitar Ensemble			Ensemble in the Music Room
<b>Afterschool 3.30pm till 5pm</b>			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](mailto:julia.mcintyre@southwell.school.nz))

Kind regards,

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