

Players' Notes



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WELCOME TO TERM TWO

Director's Message

St. George Players School of Music has obtained nine Kinder clarinets and can now start a new beginner instrumental music class teaching 6+ year olds who



Kinder clarinet

want to learn to play a wind instrument. our aim is always to start them young. The purpose is to create a link between a person and their instrument that is so strong that the instrument feels like another limb and that can only occur if learning an instrument begins early. A recent survey of one of Australia's top orchestras, the Australian Chamber Orchestra showed half of their members began playing at six years old or younger. None of them started later than 10 years old. There has never been a problem with the strings as violin can be made in little sizes to suit children as young as five year olds. We have been running string class for the very young children for many years very successfully. Wind instruments are another problem. If a wind instrument is made small enough for little people, the pitch changes so it cannot be played

with normal instruments. The "Kinder Clarinet" a small clarinet for very little children. Read about it and see a British virtuoso perform on a similar instrument when he was just six

at; <http://stgeorgeplayers.com.au/kinder-clarinets/>

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Saturday timetable.

The new Saturday afternoon timetable is working very well, but PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE TO YOUR CLASS. Late arrivals disrupt the class for students who arrived on time. It is great to see new people in the Choir, but we would like to see even

more. Choir is the only way to seriously improve your aural skills which in turn WILL improve your playing.

St George Players Website

Our new web site is working really well and Jan is constantly improving it. For the latest news, make sure you

check out our Facebook page which was invaluable, for instance, when wet weather caused the cancellation of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Check out Flickr as well as we can put up far more photos than we could ever print out.

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Term 2 Dates

This is a 9 week term. Lessons start in the week commencing on Monday 2 May with the first band and orchestra rehearsals on Saturday 7 May. The last day of term is on Monday 4 July 2011. Term three starts on Monday 25 July 2011 after a three week holiday.

AMEB exams

The November series AMEB examinations close in the first week of term three. This means that we will have to collect enrollment forms and examination fees in the end of term two. If you

There is just one public holiday this term on Monday 13 June. Private lessons on this day will be made up on Monday 4 July.

Please carefully check the attached invoice which is based on last term's enrolment. If there are **any changes, or apparent errors**, please ring Jan immediately so that we can amend it. **Please note- all**

changes to the timetable (including makeup lessons) can only be approved by David; not your teacher.

Concerts

Term 1 concert

The Chamber Music concert was very successful and will be repeated next year. It gave the students the opportunity to prepare and rehearse items by themselves with only very minimal teacher involvement. A special thanks to the senior string students who organised this concert and the afternoon tea.

First major concert

There is a major concert at the Maso's Club, Mortdale, on Sunday 22 May 2011. If you are in a Saturday group or the Monday Kid's Music Class, we expect you to attend and perform in this concert. All music groups are just like team sports, and concert performances

played at our Solo concert in March you may be eligible to sit for an AMEB examination. Please talk to your teacher and be prepared to complete our enrollment form and pay the examination fee in the week of 20 June. **PLEASE NOTE THE EXAMS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN 12 NOVEMBER AND**

10 DECEMBER.

Unfortunately there is no way to ask for a date or even to get a specific date for the accompanist rehearsal. There are so many demands on good accompanists that we have to take whatever time they can give.

don't work effectively unless all the members of that group performer at the concert. Also note – if you are renting one of our instruments, the two major concerts are compulsory. If you feel unable to make this commitment, then we would ask you to return our instrument and hire a replacement from a commercial hire company (see David for details).

The helpers who set up the hall and ran the concert last year were brilliant! Anyone who wishes to do this again please contact Jan.

St. George's Day—Sunday 15 May.

In the afternoon, The Senior Strings are playing Celtic dances and the jazz band is performing on this celebration of our local St. George. Come along

to the Olds Park in Peakhurst for some Celtic fun. Bring your instrument and \$5 you will be able to busk in the Fair and keep any profits you make.

Mortdale Community Fair on Saturday 28 May.

Again, the Senior Strings are playing Celtic music for the Scottish Dancers. This gig is from 10 to 11 am which gives everyone the opportunity to get to the normal Saturday classes. The Scottish Country dances really appreciate the addition of live music to their dancing and send their thanks to all our fiddlers.



Photographs term 1



IMPORTANT DATES :

Please check the ones relevant to yourself
and put them in your diary.

There will be other concerts, especially for the string groups, that will be advised during the year.

DAY	DATE	EVENT	VENUE	COMMENTS
Saturday	9 April	End of term 1		3 week holiday
Saturday	23rd April	Royal Easter Show Street Parade	RAS, Homebush	Grainger Band
Monday	2 May	Start of term 2		9 week term
Sunday	15 May	St Georges Day	Olds Park	Senior Strings, Jazz plus busking for all
Sunday	22nd May	Major Concert	Masos Club	All players who are part of a group
Saturday	28th May	Mortdale Community Fair	Mortdale	Seniot Strings
Sunday	19th June	The Moving Picture Show	Masos Club	Silent film mayhem with our top 20s orchestra. Come and enjoy
Saturday	2 July	End of term 2		3 week holiday
Monday	25 July	Start of term 3		9 week term
Sunday	11th September	Major Concert	Masos Club	All players who are part of a group
Sunday	18th September	Spring Fesiival	Gannon's Park	Jazz Band and senior strings
Saturday	25 September	End of term 3		2 week holiday
Monday	10 October	Start of term 4		9 week term
Sunday	30th October	Solo Concert	Masos Club	All having private lessons expected to perform.
Sunday	20th November	The Moving Picture Show	Masos Club	Silent film mayhem with our top 20s orchestra. Come and enjoy
Saturday	10 December	End of term 4		Christmas holidays

