OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL BAND PROGRAM

Dear Parents and Children,

The time has come to enrol for the 2016 Band program. We have been proud of our bands this year and it will soon be time for some of the Training Band members to move on to the Concert Band and for some new Training Band members to take up the stage. We are encouraging applications from this year’s Year 2 class up to Year 5, who would like to learn an instrument. We look forward to the involvement of as many children as possible in the music program.

On Tuesday 1st of December there will be auditions for new band members who have returned a form, to see what instrument they are best suited to.

Could all existing Concert and Training Band students also complete the registration form below and return it to the school by Tuesday 1st of December.

Kind regards,

Janella Fyfe

2016 BAND INFORMATION FOR NEW AND EXISTING MEMBERS

After the band applications have been received, the children will be assessed for suitable instruments. This is a two-step process:

1) Familiarisation with the instruments and mouthpiece tests. The reason for this is that different instruments are played in different ways and children may be more suited to one particular style of instrument.

2) Noting of children’s preference for the instrument they would like to play.

Instrument allocation is made in conjunction with the children’s own preference after they have seen and briefly tried all the available types of instrument and the band conductors expert opinion.
A brief overview:

- Joining the band requires no prior knowledge of music by children or parents.
- Available instruments are trumpet, trombone, euphonium, saxophone, flute, clarinet and percussion.
- Instruments are available for hire from the school. Those with access to their own band instrument are equally welcome.
- Rehearsals for band are one morning a week (day to be confirmed).
- Children need weekly instrument lessons and tutors are available to give these lessons during school time. Cost is $35 per lesson.
- The band performs at a variety of events during the year, including The Spring Festival and Warringah Mall Spectacular.

**BAND AND INSTRUMENT EXPENSES FOR 2016**

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These annual fees cover the Band Directors salary and the cost of instrument repairs and servicing as well as music purchase.

**MUSIC IS FUN. MUSIC IS A GIFT FOR LIFE.**

**REGISTRATION FORM OLGC BAND PROGRAM 2016**

Please return this form to the school office by Wednesday 1st of December.

I would like my child______________________________________ in year _____________ to **continue/join** the band program in 2015.

New student instrument preference: ________________________________

I would like to hire/continue to hire a school instrument  Y/N

Parents name: _________________________________________________

Signature: _________________________________________________