POUTSVILLE BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOL
MUSIC PROGRAM (PBPSMP)

Enrolment Information for 2012
Open to students in Years 3 - 6

Monday 14th November, 2011

Dear Parents,

We are very excited to be able to offer the opportunity for students who are interested in learning a band instrument to join PBPSMP next year. PBPSMP started this year and we are looking forward to the program growing as we enter the 2nd year of the program. The Concert Band has already become a regular fixture at school events and has even ventured outside the school to perform for the residents at Sea Breeze Retirement Village. The program will continue to offer students quality tuition on band instruments within school hours and the chance to be part of the Concert Band.

Our band programme has been run and taught this year by Nicky Cooper and she has done an excellent job of establishing the program within the school. Unfortunately Nicky is unable to continue with the program next year owing to family commitments however she will assist with the ‘transition’ to a new teacher and will continue to take an active interest in the program. While we are disappointed to see Nicky go, we are very lucky to have found a new teacher and band director in Sarah Alexander. Sarah is a very talented and well qualified musician and teacher -she teaches and plays woodwind, brass, percussion and piano as well as loving singing and playing in bands. We are sure that our students will enjoy learning with her next year.

This is a great opportunity to join the programme, learn an instrument and have some fun!

Learning music at school helps develop students’ self discipline, confidence, self-esteem, team skills and even helps them make positive life choices. Plus there are well established links between learning music and the development of children’s literacy and numeracy.

Next year we will be able to offer tuition on the following instruments:

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Percussion - untuned percussion (eg.drums and other percussion instruments)

PBPSMP fees are: Tuition: $100 per term

At this stage of the programme, students will need to be responsible for hiring or buying their own instrument. We are able to provide you with advice as to the best value for money brands (including good second hand instruments) and where to hire or buy them, so please check with us before you purchase anything if you are unsure. There are a lot of substandard (and therefore cheap) instruments available but these instruments are difficult to play easily and often unrepairable and will not make learning as enjoyable and easy for your child as it should be.

If your child is interested but unsure of which instrument to learn, then we will try them out on several instruments before the end of this term and let you know which one they are best suited to.

If your child is interested in learning an instrument next year, you need to fill in the attached expression of interest form (see over page) and return it to the office as soon as possible – remembering that places in the programme are limited.

We are looking forward to another great year of music in 2012. If you have any questions or would like further information about PBPSMP, please contact the school office with your details and we will contact you.

Steve Dean
Deputy Principal