Dear Parents/Care Providers

MANNING MYALL MUSIC CAMP 2013

Students attending government schools within the Manning, Myall, and other Lower North Coast regions are invited to attend the Manning-Myall Music Camp to be held during Term 1, 2013 at Camp Elim, 7km south of Forster, on the Lakes Way. Please note that this camp is usually held during Term 4. The camp will run for three days: Monday morning, 8th April until Wednesday evening, 10th April. Participants experience three full days of intensive musical tuition, sleeping in a dormitory situation and eating in a ‘mess’.

For instrumentalists, the ‘camp’ experience includes tutorials, instrumental ensemble work and the experience of playing in a concert band. For vocalists, the camp offers tutorials, ensemble work, singing harmonies and vocal exercises. The camp ends with a concert where all students sing in a massed choir, perform as an ensemble, and play as a big band. All items demonstrate something of what they have learned over the duration of the camp.

The camp offers participants social interaction with students from different schools who share an interest in music. This is of great value as it addresses the isolation felt amongst some budding instrumentalists living in regional areas. The tuition is of a high standard with tutors Conservatorium graduates and/or working in the music industry either teaching and/or performing. Being away from home is at times challenging, both socially and emotionally. Our camp ‘mum’ is employed to cater for those students who at times need support and encouragement.

The 2013 Music Camp, for the first time, has been listed as an event for selection of candidates for the State Junior Wind Band. This extension is an opportunity should students wish to further their playing experience.

ALL TUTORS ARE SUBJECT TO A BACKGROUD CHECK BY THE POLICE.

Before each meal the students are invited to sing ‘grace’. Please be aware that this is an invitation and not a requirement and students are free to exercise their right not to participate.

The cost to attend the camp is $250 being supported and heavily subsidised by the Department of Education and Communities and Arts NSW. Parents are asked to make a lump sum payment, pay a deposit then the balance or pay in instalments. All payments need to be made during school hours either in cash at the school office or by cheque. Please make cheques payable to Tuncurry Public School, for the Manning Myall Music Camp 2013. The school’s address is Tuncurry Public School, P.O. Box 111, Tuncurry NSW 2428.
For parents wishing to pay by instalments, please consider the following payment schedule:

1. December 7 2012 $50.00
2. February 8 2013 $50.00
3. March 8 2013 $75.00
4. March 21 2013 $75.00

Please understand that this schedule is only a suggestion as payments can be made at your convenience. Should you have any questions about payment please call Tuncurry Public's, School Administration Manager, Janet Hubble (02 6554 6463) to discuss other payment options. Please direct all other enquiries to Kerri Knight (02 6554 6463).

Participants need to arrive and depart from the camp by private transport. Some co-ordination at the school level will be of assistance. **Different from other years, campers for the 2013 camp are asked to arrive at 8:45am on the Monday morning having already eaten breakfast.**

Another change is the pickup venue at the end of the Camp. On Wednesday, 10th April, parents are invited to meet the students at about 5:00 pm at the Tuncurry Bowling Club. At this time campers will have their belongings read to be packed away. Campers and their families are then asked to eat dinner and return to the auditorium by 6:40pm for a 7:00pm concert. To enable efficient serving of meals and staffing arrangements, could you please indicate on the registration form if you will be eating at the club. Eating at the club is recommended as it is convenient and time efficient. The meals are an excellent standard and reasonably price. This meal is **not** included in the cost of the camp. Should you wish to change your dinning arrangements between registration and the concert night, please ring Kerri Knight a week before the camp begins. This will be a great help with organizing the catering.

**CAMPERS MUST BE SEAT IN THE AUDITORIUM BY 6:40PM FOR A 7:00PM START TO THE CONCERT.**

In the interest of your child’s safety written permission is required for any person to take any child not their own from the camp or Tuncurry Bowling Club. Should arrangements change from the registration form, written permission needs to be handed to the Camp Coordinator prior to the final concert.

The Music Camp Registration form is **NOW** in schools. Parents and carers are also invited to access the school web site for the same information.

Many thanks

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