



GRACEVILLE STATE SCHOOL

Established 1928

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Dear Parents/Carers

Our school has a Junior Choir for students in years 2 -3 and a Senior Choir for students in years 4 – 6. Rehearsals will begin in week 4 in the school hall and there is no audition process. The choirs are open to any interested students in years 2 – 6.

Choir rehearsals are as follows from week 4 (15 February):

Junior Choir – (Year 2-3 students) Monday mornings in the hall from 7:45am (starting 15 February).

Senior Choir – (Year 4-6 students) Tuesday mornings in the hall from 7:45am (starting 16 February).

Please note that there is no organised supervision prior to the rehearsal starting time, so if your child needs to be at school prior to the beginning of the choir rehearsal, they should be enrolled in OHSC and can join the choir rehearsal at 7:45am.

Last year some guidelines were developed for choir rehearsals, which require students to be physically distanced from each other when they are singing and these currently remain in place. For this reason, rehearsals will be held in the hall and performances will be recorded to be shared at school and with families, until there is a change in the guidelines and students are not required to be physically distanced at rehearsals. Please refer to the Newsletter in the music news section or emails sent to families of choir members for recording/performance dates as they are scheduled throughout the year and updates/reminders about rehearsals. Please ensure that your child is able to commit to regular rehearsals and prioritise any events/recordings or performances. Being a member of the choir is like any team and requires all participants at rehearsals/recordings/performances.

Students should not attend their choir rehearsal if they are displaying any symptoms of illness. If your child is unwell or unable to attend a rehearsal, please let me know via email. From week 4, rehearsals will continue throughout the year from the first week/day back each term, until the last recording or performance of the year, unless we inform you otherwise via a message, email or Newsletter article E.g. due to illness or staff commitments. Students joining the choir for the first time are requested to complete an SRS contract and return it to the office. SRS forms will only need to be completed by new choir members as students who are continuing completed these last year. These forms will be handed out at the first rehearsal. Involvement in the choral program is \$45 annually and we request that full payment is made by Friday of week 6 (5 March). All students are requested to complete the slip below and bring it to their first rehearsal, the music room or the office.

The aim of our choirs is to provide an opportunity for children to sing together, perform or share recordings at school and community events and further develop their musicianship and enjoyment of singing. Please contact me if you would like any further information (nclos1@eq.edu.au) and return the slip below to school or at the first choir rehearsal. An email contact list will be developed for each choir from the information currently held at the school so please ensure these details have been updated with the office if they have changed. We look forward to starting choir rehearsals and sharing our music with the school community during the year.

Yours sincerely

Naomi Lindh
Choral Conductor

Lisa McKeaten
Deputy Principal

(All choir students please return the slip below to the music department at your child's choir rehearsal.)

I acknowledge the commitment for my child to be regularly attending rehearsals and performances/recordings and support their involvement in the Junior/ Senior Choir for 2021.

Student's name _____

Class _____

Name of contact parent/s or guardian/s _____

Signed _____ Date _____