



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Our Holy Family Junior Band will commence formation in Term 2. If you would like your child to try out an instrument for the Junior Band, please fill in the Expression of Interest form.

There is no experience needed to join the Junior Band. Any child from Year 3 up, with no experience in playing their instrument can join the Junior Band.

The school band is a great way for your child to experience music in a structured, social setting. It requires commitment and practice. Working together to create a beautiful sound gives students a feeling of satisfaction, achievement and confidence in their abilities. They hear the power of teamwork by working as individuals, each taking responsibility for their own part in their team.

The Junior Band will be given opportunities to perform for their school peers and parents from time to time, which helps them set goals and work towards something tangible.

The Junior Band rehearses once a week in the school hall.

The exact cost of band depends on numbers, but generally expect to pay about \$120 per term. The band cost is paid through the Qkr app.

Like the Senior Band, the Junior Band is parent run, so once formed, junior band parents will be asked to assist in its operation. A Co-ordinator will be required. This role is best fulfilled by at least two people, thus spreading the task load.

The list of instruments played in the band is on the Expression of Interest form. If your child currently plays an instrument *not* listed below and is interested in joining the band, please let us know and we can see if our conductor can accommodate them.

“Blow Tests” as they are called, will be conducted at school in Term 1, Week 10 on Monday 29 March. All that is required of you is to fill out the attached form. Your child can then try out any instrument indicated on the form.

Our conductor Rob Mackay and an assistant will test each child for suitability and make decisions based on results of blow tests, the child's preferences and the balance of instruments required in the band.

Please know that giving first preferences will always be endeavoured, however where this is not possible, everything will be done to make sure the child is happy with the instrument they are allocated. Because of this, it is a good idea to have at least a couple of instruments chosen as options.

If you already own a particular instrument, please indicate this on the form.

You will be informed of the results as soon as possible, following the blow tests.

Once your child's instrument is decided, you can work towards hiring or purchasing that instrument. Ebay, Gumtree, Marketplace etc are good starting points to purchase instruments. A second-hand instrument to start off with makes a lot of sense. Be aware that quality and condition can vary.

A Tutor will be required for your child. The Band Committee has a list of tutors, or you may know of one already. Those details will follow after instrument allocation.

Please return the Expression of Interest form to the Holy Family office by Wednesday, 24 March.

Holy Family Band Committee
holyfamilyband@gmail.com

Expression of Interest in Junior Band

Blow Tests conducted on Monday 29 March, 2021

Please return this form to the office by Wednesday 24 March.

Child's name: _____ Year: _____

Parent's name: _____

Parent's signature: _____ Date: _____

Instrument	My child would like to try the instrument/s indicated (please tick)	Preference order (not essential)
Flute		
Saxophone		
Clarinet		
Trombone		
Euphonium		
Trumpet		
Percussion		
Other		