



# Chisholm Catholic Primary School

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## MUSIC AT CHISHOLM

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Dear Parents and Carers,

In music lessons in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2, students are introduced to music appreciation of different types of music. Every lesson they have the opportunity to play percussion instruments and bucket drumming will be introduced next term. They are learning about beat and rhythm and Year 2 has been introduced to rhythm notation which is the forerunner to reading music.

From Term 2, students in Years 3 and 4 will be learning recorder and Years 5 and 6 will be learning to use Launchkey keyboards (small piano keyboards that connect to the laptop) with Garageband. The school has purchased 12 Launchkey keyboards. On Tuesdays, we are privileged to have Mr. Phil Rooke, the Music Teaching Educator from CEDP assisting myself and the students with their learning.

In the lunch hour on Tuesdays we will be offering all students the chance to join the Chisholm Ensemble. Some students who are having music lessons outside school have the opportunity to share their skills and love of music with other students. We plan to have more than just recorders in the ensemble.

Recorders are interesting musical instruments that have been around for 500 years. Plastic ones are relatively cheap to buy and when played well are pleasant to listen to. There are actually five different recorders: sopranino, descant, treble, tenor and bass. There is a lot of suitable music that can be used for recorders to play in ensembles.

Next term all students will attend a concert in the MPA arranged by Musica Viva and performed by Japanese Taiko drummers.

At the end of the year there will be a music concert for students to showcase their skills.

Yours sincerely,

Marilyn Hancock  
Religious Education Co-ordinator and Music Teacher