



GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOL

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To Year 2 Parents 2018

Greenwich Public School Recorder Program 2018

THE RECORDER

The recorder is a great instrument for children to begin their musical experience playing an instrument individually and in a group environment.

The descant recorder is small, light, inexpensive and fairly easy for immature finger co-ordination. Recorders have a wonderful sound when played well and are exciting when we play in parts with the soprano, descant, treble, tenor and bass recorders – all of which we use. It requires only a gentle breath to produce sound.

The recorder has a long history, being one of the most important early wind instruments. There has been a recent resurgence in its use by composers in different genres. It is an examinable instrument with the Australia Music Examination Board (AMEB) and Trinity Guildhall. It can be used for the HSC Music Examination and in tertiary education. The recorder also leads to easier learning of the orchestral wind instruments.

LESSONS

There are two half hour lessons per week for Year 2 – Tuesday and Friday 8.30 – 9.00am; Year 4-6 Thursday 8.00 – 9.00am and Year 3 Wednesday 8.00 – 9.00am. Intermediate and advanced groups have one hour lessons. Lessons for Year 2 start next Tuesday 13 February in the ESL room.

EQUIPMENT

Students need a descant recorder and folder, both with their names on them. The plastic display folder needs to fold flat and have metal not plastic spiral binding. The plastic breaks easily. Office Works sell them for about \$5.00.

Yamaha Descant Recorders are available for about \$13 at:

In Tune Music	47 Atchison Street, St Leonards
Big Music	85 Alexander Street, Crows Nest
Ad Lib	Station Street, Chatswood

PERFORMANCES

The highlight of our performing year is being part of the Department of Education fabulous Instrumental Concert at the Sydney Opera House where we play with over 700 other recorder players from around NSW. The school's recorder group first auditioned successfully to participate in this prestigious concert over ten years ago. We have consistently maintained our high standards and continue to be invited to be involved in the popular program. This is a truly memorable event for players and their families alike. Each year, players consistently demonstrate their enthusiasm and ability to learn quite complex pieces, taking them to a level of musicianship and ensemble playing of which they can be deservedly proud. This is available for Year 3 and up, not beginners.

We also play at the school performing arts concerts, special assemblies, open days, presentation days, Greenwich Community Carols and other occasions that arise.

FEES

Fees are paid per term and cover the cost of tuition for one hour per week and include musical pieces, conductor attendance at performances, special group rehearsals and a 1 day teacher workshop.

Beginners	\$120 – Year 2
Intermediate and advanced	\$130 – Years 3-6

CONDUCTOR – Mrs Bev De Luis

Bev received her musical training at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and was for many years a high school music teacher. She has been a piano/musicianship/theory teacher for a long time and is accredited with the NSW Music Teachers Association.

She began her recorder association with Greenwich Public School when her now adult children were students at the school. Since those early days, the schools' recorder program has grown to achieve consistently high standards with children enjoying learning to play and read music in an ensemble environment.

Please return the permission note to the School Office, Kingslangley Road Campus by Friday 9 February.

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Principal

PERMISSION NOTE

I would like my child to participate in the Greenwich Public School Year 2 Recorder Program 2018

Student's Name _____ Class _____

Parent's Name _____

Email address _____
(Please print carefully)

Phone _____
(Please print carefully)

Signature _____