



The South Australian Public Primary Schools' Choir

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Hi All,

Welcome back everyone to the last term of 2018 ... where did the year go?

From our conductors ...

We hope you all had a lovely break during the school holidays – particularly after such a busy last 2 weeks of the term for many of you.

It was so lovely to see the choir students last night. Their singing is amazing at the moment – even after a 4 week break from choir!

As conductors, we often look back to the beginning of the year and reflect on just how far the choir has come. We mentioned to them last night that we are so impressed with the way they take on board our suggestions about how they can 'fine tune' their singing. They are singing extremely challenging song material at a very high standard, and their presentation and confidence just keeps on getting better.

We would like to take the opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to parents and caregivers for supporting the choir by getting your children to rehearsals and concerts. Attendance at both have been **unbelievable** this year, and this has meant we have been able to participate in a wide variety of interesting performances – often at quite short notice! Without your dedication this would not be possible – **THANK YOU!**

We are both looking forward to the term ahead with your wonderful kids, and the different performance opportunities that we have planned.

Warm regards
Cathy and Gaby

DATES AND EVENTS

Rehearsals

- As usual until 10 December, when there is an End of Year Celebration outing instead, at Cross Road Bowl. More details to come.

Recording

- For Recording groups only: Group 1, Week 2 Term 4, 22- 23, 25- 26 October (with a rehearsal this Friday) and Group 2, Week 3, 29-30 October, 1-2 November (with a rehearsal on Friday 26 October). Recording students are excused from rehearsal in the week of their recording.

State Opera Schools Launch- Wednesday 24th October

- The venue is SA State Opera headquarters, 216 Marion Rd, Netley.
- We are singing *Lost the Plot*, *Glorious* and *You Me and the Wide Open Sky*.
- We are **meeting** at 5.15pm for a sound check at 5.25pm. The launch will begin around 5.45pm and we will sing at 6pm. A chat and a couple of opera performances will follow, then refreshments. Parents are welcome to stay and watch.
- Finish and **pick up** is at 7.30pm.
- **Please wear:** Full choir uniform of black pants (NO LEGGINGS), **black mid length sox**, black shoes, polo top, and a black jacket. Please have hair tied back from faces and ensure that coloured ribbons and headbands are not worn.
- **Please bring:** Your drink bottle. Also bring medication as required – please hand this to me at the beginning of the night if your parent is not staying. Eat some healthy food before you arrive.
- I have 30 students or so attending at the moment. If you want to perform at this gig and you have not already responded, please feel free to email me by this Sunday 21 October.

Goodie Night

- On Monday 5 November, W4. The parent committee and hopefully a couple of other parents will provide cupcakes, savoury muffins, chocolate crackles, honey joys etc for sale for either 50c or \$1 (correct money only), at the beginning of rehearsal. If you are able to help with baking (I'm giving the honey joys a go!) please let me know.

Carclew Christmas Dusk markets

- **TBC** Tuesday 27 November, performing sometime between 5:30pm and 9:30pm.

End of Year Concert

- Sunday 9 Dec, 1pm for 2.30pm @ Burnside City Uniting Church finishing around 3.45pm.
- We plan to hold another goodie basket raffle, similar to the Winter Concert. Hopefully parents will again be happy, to donate an item or two that can be put into baskets. Some suggestions are
 - ❖ Bottles of wine
 - ❖ ***Non-perishable*** food products
 - ❖ Chocolates
 - ❖ Beauty products
 - ❖ Vouchers. It could be that some of you have connections to a business that might be happy to give a store voucher. The last raffle was fabulously supported by so many of you and in particular Timms Real Estate, Fran's Creative Cakes and Moo Premium Foods. Thank you!

Please send along donations on 26 November & 3 December. The committee will be sorting out and wrapping baskets on 3 December during the rehearsal.

FACEBOOK and CHOIR PHOTOS AND VIDEO

The SAPPS Choir now has a Facebook page for parents of the choir. It is a closed group and is moderated. Membership is by request. Members of the Primary Schools Music Festival team may also be part of this group.

- ✓ Please put *SAPPS Choir* into the Facebook search bar.
- ✓ A *join* box will appear on the page, click on this, it will change to *pending*.
- ✓ You will be asked a question “*are you the parent of a current SAPPS chorister?*”, and “*do you agree that you will not share any multimedia to any third party outside the SAPPS Choir group, at any time?*” Children have a right to privacy and we have an obligation to ensure their safety.
- ✓ The request comes to me and you will be notified of your acceptance.

2019

We are holding auditions for next year in W4 & 5. We need to know how many places we can offer. **Please let me know by this Sunday 21 October, if your child/children will not be returning to SAPPS next year ... thanks.**

Existing SAPPS choristers do not need to re-audition.

MUSIC COLLECTION

All music is to be returned by 26 November, having checked that every page for all music is included, there are no dog eared pages and all pencil marks have been rubbed out. If all the year's music has been returned in good condition and your child is leaving the choir at the end of this year, the music levy refund is due to be returned to you. Alternatively you may wish to donate the \$30 to the choir. If your child is returning the levy will roll over to next year.

Kind Regards,
Deb, Cathy, Gaby and Cheryl

