10th August 2016

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Auditions for interested students to try out for the “South Australian Public Primary Schools’ Choir” (The SAPPS Choir) are to be held on Tuesday, 8th November and Wednesday 16th November for 2017 membership.

- This choir is a showcase choir for Public Primary Schools.
- We provide an opportunity for talented singers in Year 5, 6, and 7 who enjoy singing, music and performing.
- We challenge and extend students’ vocal skills and techniques, sing a wide variety of repertoire and provide performance opportunities beyond that offered in most schools.
- We have been the main recording choir for the 2007 - 2016 Festival of Music CD’s.

The Conductors are Cathy Lange and David Jackson

Cathy Lange is the deputy conductor of the Festival of Music as well as the conductor of the SAPPS Choir. She was the assistant conductor for the SAPPS Choir in 2013 and 2014. Cathy taught music at Pulteney Grammar School for 18 years, was Musical Director of The Adelaide Boys Choir for 20 years and has done some relief accompanying and conducting work with Young Adelaide Voices over several years. For about 17 years, Cathy held various roles in the Junior Schools Choral Festival, including conducting and co-ordinating the event.

David Jackson has been involved in training children’s choirs for many years. He was a conductor of the SA Festival of Music Choirs for 20 years, conducting over 150 Festival of Music Concerts. He has also conducted several community choirs.

Rehearsals:
We rehearse at Unley Primary School every Monday during the school term, from 4.45 – 6.15pm. There are no rehearsals when public holidays fall on Mondays.

There is an overnight music camp in March, and possibly one or two full day rehearsals, usually on Saturdays. Recording of the Festival of Music CD, in Term 4, takes four days during a week and a couple of weekend days for those who are selected.

Costs involved in the SAPPS Choir:
Fees this year were $170 - great value for money as it is a fraction of the cost of most children’s community choirs. Any change in costs for next year will be minimal.
Financial assistance may be available to eligible students. (eg. Social justice issues or Country travel) School Card reduced rates were $130 this year.

**Performance uniform:** a bright coloured, embroidered with the SAPPs Choir logo, polo shirt (approx. $32), smart long black pants, black socks and black shoes. The shirts are bulk ordered at the start of the year. The rest you purchase yourselves.

**Extra Costs:**
There is a music levy of $30.00 to be paid at the beginning of the year and refunded in full when all music is returned in good condition. The camp will cost about $120.

**Performances**
We may perform 10 to 12 times throughout the year at various venues around Adelaide.

*Entry is by audition only.*

Your Child has been selected by the school Choir Teacher to audition.

**Auditions**
Your child can audition on either Tuesday 8th November or Wednesday 16th November at Unley Primary School, in the Music Room, (a Bluestone Villa) on Wattle Street, Unley.

**The half hour times available are:**

- 4.00pm - 4.30pm
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Please telephone Helen: 7007 1139, for a half hour audition time. Please leave your name and number and your call will be returned. Alternatively you may email me with your preferred date and time, your child’s name, school and year level as well as a contact number.

For further information contact Helen (Administrator) at helenhall@adam.com.au.

There is a maximum of 10 students per half hour audition. Cathy and David will lead some group warm-ups and exercises to test vocal range then ask the students to sing ‘Happy Birthday’. We aim for the process to be very straightforward and non-threatening.

**Your child needs to bring his/her best singing voice and a drink of water.**

As there are only limited audition places you are encouraged to make the most of this opportunity.

**Either ring or email, to book an audition time.**

Kind Regards,

Helen Hall
Administrator