



MANLY VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL BAND COMMITTEE

AGENDA FOR MEETING TUESDAY 28 July 2020

Online via Zoom

COMMENCING AT 7 PM

1. Attendance: Turia Mako, Helena Edgerton, Tina Lee, Ben Dickson, Carlos Villanueva, Chris Nicholls, Suzanne Burton, Glenys Beaumont, Katie Meyer, Cath Adelbert, Ruimei Zhang

Apologies: John Logan (sick), Hannah Taylor, Emily Sussanna, Chris Smith,

2. Recording sessions in Week 3

- The bands have been preparing 3 pieces each to play. The teachers will record the sessions with the iPad and a tripod.
- This recording can be used to help promote the school, in lieu of Open Days which cannot take place this year.

Action Point – Ben to assist Carlos at the Junior Band recording session, with the brief recording of each instrument to use at the Band Info Evening for parents.

3. Performances Term 3

- strict policies still in place at school due to Covid19 and so visitors (parents, tutors for tutorials) still not allowed at the school. A CAPA afternoon, as discussed last meeting, a Band Workshop Day and Busking @ Café Owl cannot take place this term. It might be possible to hold these events in Term 4.
- It was agreed that band fees for Term 3 will be deferred and issued beginning of Term 4 instead. By then we will know if the Band Workshop day will be able to go ahead in Term 4 or not and whether to include tutorial costs from this day into the fees. Normally there are no fees in Term 4. This also gives temporary relief to parents from fees for this term.

4. Junior Band 2021 Recruitment:

- Junior Band will play to Years 2 and 3 at 9am on Thursday 20th August, (week 5), directly after their band rehearsal.
- Senior Band will play at Banner assembly 9am Friday 21st August, (week 5).
- Ben and Carlos will record a presentation about the MVPS band programme to present at a Virtual Band Information Evening for parents of prospective band members (wk 6). They will also hold a Q&A session for parents as part of the evening.
- Cannot allow usual instrument allocation tests this year, as can't share mouthpieces of instruments. Instead Ben and Carlos to hold 5 minute interviews, (starting Week 7?) with each prospective band member

5. Treasurer's report and Treasurer 2021 update

- Welcome Ruimei Zhang! Ruimei, mother of Anna Zhang in Junior Band, has volunteered to take over as Treasurer of our Band Committee next year. This is fantastic news as we can now ensure a proper handover from Turia before the end of this year. Ruimei has 20 years' experience in accounting and is a Chartered Accountant of Australia.

Action Point – Turia to contact Tony Sherlock in P&C to get Ruimei approved and set up on Zero etc.

6. Senior Band Update

- Senior Band is going well and Ben is pleased and relieved that we have not had students pull out of band, since the band cannot perform this year. It is harder for each band member to stay motivated and focused but the Senior Band members are proving resilient.

7. Junior Band Update – Carlos Villanueva

- Junior Band progressing very well and students still having fun and enjoying the band.
- Carlos has concerns over 4 students who are falling behind, as they have not been having regular tutoring on their instruments.
- Without the band tutorials that normally happen in Term 2 and at band camp, it is hard for Ben and Carlos to check the progress of individual band members. It was agreed that in Week 10, Junior Band rehearsal on Tuesday 22 September will be cancelled. Instead, Junior Band will attend the Senior Band rehearsal on Wednesday 23 September.
- Each Junior Band member will be paired up with a Senior Band member of same instrument and get a mini tutorial from the Senior Band member, 7.45 – 8.45am. This will help inspire Junior Band and help cement knowledge of Senior Band members. Then 9am – 9.30am, Junior Band and Senior Bands perform to each other.

8. Action Points from last meeting

- Instrument Purchase with \$5000 from P&C

Ben has now got quotes from 2 suppliers for: 3 x trumpets, 2 baritones, (1 school baritone needs to be retired and no longer hired to students) and percussion instruments to expand our percussion section. Total comes to just under \$5000. Carlos also wants to get mouthpiece puller for brass instruments due to mouthpieces getting stuck in students' trumpets. Ben adding that to the quotes.

Action Point: Need to decide if school purchases instruments as an asset, which avoids GST but does entail paper trail of the instruments being borrowed / returned / serviced etc. Then P&C refunds school. Or band committee pay and P&C refunds band directly or P&C pay directly.

Action Point: Ben to send final quotes through