Stage 2 – Recorder Music Program

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our music program, all children in Stage Two (Years 3 & 4) will learn to play the recorder.

The Recorder is the perfect instrument for teaching music literacy, sight reading, composition and improvisation skills, and score analysis. While developing these skills during music class, students discover the joy of performing solo, in small groups and large ensembles on a real woodwind instrument.

Musical training enhances brain function by training the brain to organise and work on many activities at once. When you read a note on the page, your brain has to relate that note to the way you need to hold your fingers. The note also tells you how long to play it. Now you have to co-ordinate your lungs, your fingers and your tongue. When you are first learning, this sounds complex. But the process of mastering these things develops links within the brain between many unrelated areas. The more links, the more intelligence develops.

Did you know that music training causes long term enhancements in the brain’s wiring that develop abstract reasoning skills more effectively than the best computer programs? Music training also helps improve verbal and reading skills as well as encouraging self-expression, self-discipline and persistence.

We will be ordering recorders from Harmonikos Music Shop but are aware that some students may already have recorders. If you are not sure about the sound quality of the recorder your child has then just send it in so that we can complete a sound check.

The Yamaha Recorders will cost $13.50 per student. Could you please fill out the note below and return to your child’s teacher with a payment as soon as you can.

We thank you for your support and can’t wait to start performing at different times throughout the year.

Regards,

Cheryl Owens
Recorder Coordinator
4-2-16

Peter Hanlon
Assistant Principal

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Child’s Name: _______________________________ Class: _______________________________

☐ Enclosed is $13.50 being payment for a Yamaha Recorder.

☐ My child already has a recorder.

Parent/Carer Signature: _______________________________ Date: ___________________________