



Maribyrnong Primary School

Music Overview- Term 3



Term 3 Learning

The music program at Maribyrnong is based on a combination of the Kodaly and Orff method of music teaching and aligns with the Australian Curriculum. Both Junior and Senior School programs include activities such as listening, moving, dancing and the playing of tuned and untuned instruments. The students are given opportunities to work in small groups and perform for their classmates if they feel comfortable.

Even with the craziness of this year, we have been able to start our schools first Woodwind band. The year 5 band students have been practicing hard, as they learn to play their new instrument. I am very proud of the resilience they have shown, the improvement they have made, and we look forward to one day being able to perform for you.

This term we will focus on:

Kindergarten – where and why people play music, beat/rhythm, pitch direction (going up or down), in-tune singing, deriving, notating and playing simple rhythmic patterns found in the known song material.

Year 1/2 – where and why people play music, beat/rhythm, pitch direction (going up or down), same/different sounds, in-tune singing, deriving, notating and playing simple rhythmic patterns found in the known song material. Students will also be learning some notes on the music staff.

Year 3EG/4 – investigating the elements of music (e.g. rhythm, pitch, dynamics), composing a song to a well-known tune and perform it to the class. Students will continue learning to play the recorder, xylophones, glockenspiels and boomwhackers to accompany some well-known songs. Students will also be learning to read and write music on the music staff.

Year 5 – Band students are learning new pieces of music and theory each week. We are looking forward to attending a combined band practice with another school, later this term. Non-band students have an alternative music program running during band times including ukulele lessons. Both groups are looking forward to being able to perform for you when we can.

How you can support learning

- Ask your child to share with you the songs and games we are learning in music lessons.
- Encourage your child to join the choir if they love to sing.
- Expose your child to a range of different music styles.
- Attend some free live music performances around Canberra.
- Be enthusiastic about hearing your child practice their instrument at home, if they play one... even if it sounds interesting. 😊

Key Dates and Activities

Choir (K-6)

Wednesdays at B1 in the Music Room

Year 5 Band

Monday 10.15-11am Hall

Wednesday 2-2.45pm Hall

Week 8 – Combined Band Session (TBC)

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Monday - Thursday