



Maribyrnong Primary School

Music Overview- Term 1



Term 1 Learning

My name is Rowena King and I am the Music teacher. 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.

This will be our second year working with the Instrumental Music Program (IMP). We are excited to have a Year 5 and a Year 6 Woodwind Band this year. This fabulous program will be available to selected year five and six students and is a two-year commitment, which can be continued in high school. Non-band students will have an alternative music program running during band times.

This term we will focus on:

Kindergarten - beat/rhythm, high/low sounds, in-tune singing and an introduction to percussion instruments.

Year 1/2 – beat/rhythm, deriving and notating simple rhythmic patterns found in the known song material.

Year 3 - learning to play the recorder, xylophones, glockenspiels and boomwhackers to accompany some well-known songs. They will also be learning to read music from the music staff.

Year 5 – band selection process, introduction to their new instrument/alternative music program for non-band students – ukulele lessons.

Year 6 – band will be continuing from our work last year. Learning new notes, music theory and repertoire.

Small group classes - beat/rhythm, deriving and notating simple rhythmic patterns found in the known song material and in-tune singing. Some senior students will be learning to play the recorder.

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

Tuesday 10-11am Hall

Thursday 2.30-3pm Hall

Year 6 Band

Tuesday 9-10am Hall

Thursday 2-2.30pm Hall

Contact

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Monday - Thursday