



Concert Band

With great excitement (and perhaps just a little bit of anxiety!) our school concert band has commenced. Thirty-eight students and teachers have come together to form our band. Many of our musicians are learning an instrument for the first time—and they are doing a marvellous job!

Congratulations to everyone for getting to band on time! Once we are all in the habit of getting to school early—it won't be such a struggle! Remember to help set the chairs and stands up before organising your instrument. Also please remember that we do not want any instrument cases around the chairs—please place these against the wall at the back or along the side (where the door lifts up).

Thank you!



To our marvellous parent helpers! They have been coming along in the morning and helping us to organise chairs and music stands and to pack them away again once band is finished.



To all of those staff who are learning alongside the students—reminding us that you continue to learn new things even as an adult.



To Antony Bottero, who helped to catalogue the instruments and organise our music stands for easy access.



To the teachers who join us at band, to help the students work out how to play a note, hold their instruments and play a rhythm. You certainly help band flow smoothly.

Miss Dobson showing Mrs Thomas the correct way to hold the tenor saxophone.



Instrument Lessons

Please remember that all students in band **must** receive instrument tuition. You will find a list of possible tutors in the band booklet. Lessons usually cost somewhere between \$15-\$35 per half hour lesson.

When your child has lessons, they will learn the correct way to play their instruments. During band time, we focus on the group as a whole and cannot devote a lot of time helping students with this.

If after school lessons are too much to fit into your schedule, Ramos Music visit our school each Tuesday and do music lessons during class time.





Lily and Marianna setting up and getting ready to play.

Reeds for Sale

Reeds are now available at the office.

Clarinet	\$3.20
Alto Saxophone	\$3.85
Tenor Saxophone	\$4.65
Bass Clarinet	\$4.65

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Practice, Practice, Practice

It is evident that students (and teachers) have been practising their instruments! The sound that the players are producing as a band is very pleasing! A passer-by would not realise that many of the players only began playing 3 weeks ago!

Please make sure that you put a little bit of time aside each day—even just 10 or 15 minutes to practise. This will help to improve your tone, remember the fingering for your notes, help you to read your music and make sure that you are prepared for band each week.

Some very brave students have been along to the Tumut Town Band. Band meets each Tuesday from 6pm. I recommend that our new players just stay for the first half an hour when band is warming and playing easier pieces. You may not play many notes to begin with, but each time you go you'll play a little bit more.

Matt's euphonium is almost as big as he is!



For the first week of band we focused on finding our seats and watching the conductor. We all know how the chairs need to be set out now and where we