

Emmanuel Christian School: Music



Itinerant Teachers

We are fortunate at Emmanuel to have some highly skilled Itinerant Music teachers and the programme is thriving! Please contact Louise Morrison at the school office if you are interested in having your child enrolled in any of the following Music lessons:

- Anne Robinson and her team from the Christchurch School of Music oversees the string programme and offers both violin and cello lessons. Many of our students are also playing in the Orchestras at CSM – a huge opportunity! There are spaces available for a few more students to be involved in the string programme, lessons are in school time on a Wednesday.
- Maree Par is our flute, clarinet and saxophone teacher. She also comes to us with years of experience behind her and her students are flourishing! She also has spaces for more students, lessons are on a Tuesday.
- Adrian Dalton is our trumpet and trombone teacher, he is head of the Norwest Brass Band and students learning from Adrian also have the wonderful opportunity of joining his Brass Band! Spaces are available for more students, lessons are on Tuesday morning.
- Daniel Hitchens is the creator of the Monster Music programme and he and his team offer drums, guitar and ukulele lessons. Students in this programme are often involved in performing in many of the amazing concerts that Daniel and his team organise! Lessons are on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Haram Lee teaches piano and is in school on a Thursday and part of a Friday. Haram is extremely patient and is an excellent teacher.

Extra – Curricular Groups

- Senior Choir – Tuesday 9.20 – 10.50 (extra practice Tuesday 8.10 – 8.45) all welcome
- Junior Choir (Year 1 – 6) Friday 9.30 – 10.00, Year 5 and 6 extension group 10 – 10.40
- School Orchestra – Term 3 and 4 – all students who have been learning for a year or more are encouraged to join. Tuesday 2.00 – 2.45
- Ukulele Group – Term 2 working toward the Strum, Strike and Blow Concert (Year 5 – 10) Tuesday 2.00 – 2.45
- Marimba/Xylophone Group – Tuesday lunch (Year 7 – 10 students)
- Recorder Club – Monday lunch (Year 3 – 10) Extension group – Wednesday before school

Assembly Performances



On Friday in the Junior Assembly, students who are learning an instrument are encouraged to perform in front of their peers when they have a piece ready to perform. We have had some outstanding performances so far this term and while this is brilliant training for the performer it is also trains the audience in polite etiquette - sitting quietly and listening to the performance. For those who are too scared to perform in front of such a large crowd, opportunities are given for students to perform in front of their class. Later in the year classes will also perform in Assembly items that we have been working on in class.

House Competition



Following the success of the 'Jerusalema' House Dance off competition, we are planning a House 'Sing off' in Week 10 of Term 2. 'Singabahumba' is a South African Folk song which like Jerusalema, focuses on what we have to look forward to in future – Heaven!

Performance Opportunities 2022



Strum, Strike and Blow held at the Horncastle Arena on Wednesday 10th August. This is a fun-filled 90 minute concert involving over 2000 students from other schools in Christchurch. This year we have all three groups involved which is very exciting – a senior marimba/xylophone group, a big ukulele group (year 5 – 10 students) and a recorder group (Year 3 – 10) Mrs Carter takes the recorder group and all are welcome. Practices for advanced players will be before school on Wednesday and for beginners, halfway through lunchtime on a Friday.



The Lions Christchurch Schools' Music Festival (1 – 4 November) is an annual school choir event and this year more than 90 schools are participating. It is held in the Christchurch Town Hall for 4 nights. The performance for the Emmanuel Choir is on Tuesday the 1st of November. Due to limited space, we are only able to take 20 students in Year 5 – 8 to participate this year. In the first week of Term 3 we will be starting the repertoire for this event. If you are keen for your child to be involved please encourage them to come to the meeting about it on the first Friday of Term 3 at 10am. Tickets must be booked online for this evening performance and can be accessed through the website <https://musicfestival.school.nz/> Please get in early so that you don't miss out on this wonderful evening!



Voices Festival – (TBC -September) This involves the Senior Choir. We have the wonderful opportunity to participate again this year and to enjoy what looks to be a performance evening of a very high caliber! This Festival is partly organised by Ravil Atlas. Ravil enjoyed a distinguished and varied career in opera, musical theatre and concert for more than 25 years. He has starred as the leading tenor in more than 70 professional opera productions in six countries, appeared in several long-running Broadway musicals including *Les Miserables* and *The Phantom of the Opera* and has taught many other professional singers and actors at the highest level. This is an exciting experience to perform in front of other choirs and to learn from their performances.

Mall Performance – (December) – an opportunity to take a group of students involved in the various extra-curricular Music groups to perform in the Mall, an informal performance of Christmas items.

Classroom Music



At Emmanuel starting in Harakeke, your child will learn the basic elements of Music. Over the years they will learn Recorder, Ukulele, Xylophone, Keyboard (senior option) Bucket Drumming, Cup Rhythms, Singing and Composition using computer programmes. They will be involved in end of Term Performances, Easter and Christmas Services and Productions – gaining valuable skills in performing!

Please encourage your child to be involved in the Music Programme at Emmanuel! I have spoken to various adults over the years who wished that they had been involved in Music when they were younger and couldn't due to financial constraints, lack of opportunity or commitment. There are many opportunities that your child can join for free at Emmanuel which will give them an experience they will remember all their lives!

Any Music Inquiries: Please feel free to come in and see me in the Music Classroom if you have any questions about the school Music Programme or send me an email: naomi@emmanuelchristian.school.nz

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