

Music Opportunities at Emmanuel - 2023



Theory classes will run for 10 weeks, starting in Week 9 (June 20) of Term 2 running through to Week 9 of Term 3.

This will be on Tuesday afternoon from 2:55 – 3.30 in the Music class at Emmanuel. (Times may vary after the first lesson if I cannot get through enough material in this set time.)

Because this class is a specialist music class - independent of the school, there will be a charge associated with these lessons of \$50/person for 10 weeks.

These extra lessons are for any students (Year 5 – 10) who are learning an instrument and sitting practical music exams. The 10 lessons will cover the basics through to about Grade 3. They advance quickly and students will be required to do some work outside of the class to be able to keep up. Very few of our Emmanuel students in the past have gone on to study Music at NCEA level 1, 2 or 3.

These lessons will enable students to take Music at NCEA level 1.



Senior Choir (year 7 – 10) will now be run outside of school hours on a Tuesday morning from 8.15 – 8.45 commencing this Tuesday (June 6th) in the school Hall. This is an opportunity for students to learn to sing in a smaller group, in a 'specialist' environment.

Students will be further trained to hold a harmony (singing acapella), to sing as a group (listening to each other) and if able to, to sing as a soloist – learning to project their voice. If your child is interested in being part of this, please encourage them to be on time and to attend weekly. There is no cost associated with this and students will be given various opportunities over the next two terms to perform with this choir.

Junior Choir (year 1 – 6) This choir is for all-comers in the Junior School and involves basic singing lessons as part of a large group, learning to pitch notes, to sing a melody confidently and to begin singing in harmonies. The repertoire is fun! The choir will run for about 30 – 40 minutes for the remainder of the term after the Junior Assembly on Friday morning. If you would like your child to be involved in this, please encourage them to stay behind after Assembly on a Friday or let their teachers know that you would like them to be part of this choir, so that they will know to make sure your child stays behind when they leave with their class. This choir will run for 10 weeks only.

Strum, Strike and Blow – (Ukulele, Recorder and Marimbas)

Wednesday 6th September in the Christchurch Arena (7pm – 8.15) – a one-night performance with about 1000+ students from Christchurch schools – massive fun!!

Junior recorder group is up and running with Mrs Carter and Mrs Langford on a Friday lunchtime – ALL students welcome!! Students from year 2 upwards are learning to play the recorder in Music class, this is the first step in being able to learn the flute, clarinet, and the saxophone.

Senior Recorder group – this is a wonderful opportunity to learn advanced parts, play the soprano, alto, tenor and even a bass recorder! Students will meet with Mrs Carter in a lunchtime starting in the next few weeks.

Ukulele group meets on Tuesday at 2pm in the Hall. Students in Year 4 and upward are learning to play the ukulele in Music class – all are welcome to join the Ukulele group performing in the Strum, Strike and Blow concert.

Marimba group will start in Term 3, involving approximately 7 senior students who learn an instrument and are able to read music confidently.

Christchurch Schools Music Festival: Wed. 1st November 7pm Town Hall Auditorium.

This involves thousands of primary school children and runs for 4 nights in the Town Hall. This year 20 Emmanuel students in Years 5 - 8 will audition at school to be part of the Emmanuel choir singing in the festival. Please encourage your child to try out, it is a one-off experience and something they are unlikely to forget! The music is fun and rehearsals on Friday are stress free! Auditions will be on the first Friday of Term 3.

We had a large group of students auditioning for the representative groups – Junior and Senior Choir, Orchestra and Concert Band. Congratulations to all brave students who auditioned, we look forward to receiving the results early in term 3.

Junior Worship Band is up and running on a Tuesday lunchtime! Any students learning an instrument and keen to be involved in learning how to play as a group in a 'Worship Band' setting and playing each week in the Junior Assembly, are most welcome to join in. We are working toward getting a band together to enter the Bandquest Christchurch competition in August next year! We are needing some electric guitars, bass guitars and amps for this band – if you know of anyone who could possibly help with this, could you please let me know!

Any questions about any of the groups, please don't hesitate to ask!

Kind Regards,



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