

## Emmanuel Christian School: Music 2024

### Itinerant Teachers – Music lessons in school time:

We are fortunate at Emmanuel to have some highly qualified and 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 limited spaces available for a few more students to be involved in the string programme, lessons are in school time on a Wednesday. Music examinations are offered.
- 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 limited spaces for more students, lessons are on a Tuesday. Music examinations are offered.
- 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! Lessons are on Tuesday morning before school.
- 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! Drum lessons are in-school on Monday, Guitar/Uke lessons are in-school on Thursday.
- Haram Lee teaches **piano** and is in school on a Thursday and Friday. Haram is extremely patient and is an excellent teacher. Music examinations are offered.

I cannot emphasise enough the amazing Musical opportunities that students are privileged to receive at Emmanuel, these tutors are all highly qualified and many provide amazing performance opportunities for students outside of our Emmanuel School programme. Students also have ample opportunities to be fully involved in the school extra-curricular activities, many of which very few primary schools offer.

### Extra – Curricular Groups at Emmanuel:

**NOTE:** If your child is learning an instrument, it is very beneficial to join a choir. This helps to train their ear so that they can pitch their notes more accurately on their instrument. Please encourage them to join either the Senior Choir or the Junior Choir.

- **Senior Choir** – Tuesday 8.15 – 8.45 all welcome. *Benefits = Learning to be comfortable with expressing themselves through singing. Working together in a supportive group situation, making friends, part singing.*  
*Training confident church song leaders.*
- **Junior Choir** (Year 1 – 6) Friday 9.30 – 10.00, Year 5 and 6 extension group 10 – 10.40 (**Starting in Term 2**) Children wanting to be in junior choir must stay behind in the Hall after Assembly.
- **School Orchestra** – Term 1: Tuesday 2 – 2.45, starting week 5. Unfortunately due to limited in-school time, Orchestra will be run on a Tuesday directly after school from 2:55 – 3.40. We are looking into the possibility of entering the Aurora Festival (5<sup>th</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup> September) with Maree Par and her Lincoln primary students to fill our gaps in trumpet, horn and clarinet players. For our students, this would be an incredible opportunity to perform, compete and be tutored by some of Christchurch's top

conductors. This will only be possible if we have enough students who are willing to commit for Term 2 and 3 to after school practices.

Orchestra would take a break after the competition, to re-commence in Term 4 in-school time with non-stressful Christmas programme! If you are interested in your child being involved in this, please email me as soon as possible so that I can see whether this competition is going to be feasible – we need to get our entry in quickly. Places are limited.

### **Strum, Strike and Blow: Term 2/3**

- Ukulele Group – **Term 2/3** (Year 5 – 10) Tuesday 2.00 – 2.45
- Marimba/Xylophone Group – Tuesday lunch: **Term 2/3** (Year 9/10 students)
  - Recorder Club – Monday lunch (Year 3 – 10) **Term 2/3** Extension group – Wednesday before school
- Junior/Senior Worship Band – Tuesday lunch practice with Mr Robb and Mrs Langford **Term 1**. Please remind students to bring their instruments, practices are limited due to time restraints! Friday morning, all students playing in the band in Junior Assembly on Friday need to be at school with their instruments set up by 8.30 so that we have time to rehearse the Assembly songs.

### **2024 Performance Opportunities:**

**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. This is brilliant training for the performer and it 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. Parents are welcome to come to assemblies, we are limited for space but



**House Competition:** This year all students at Emmanuel will be singing and dancing to: 'My God'. This is a house competition where the students are required to wear their house colours and while supporting each other and other teams, they are competing to win the title of 'WINNERS OF THE DANCE/SING OFF' 2024. Parents are invited to watch this competition, date still to be

determined but it will be while the weather is still warm enough to participate outside!



**Strum, Strike and Blow** held at the Horncastle Arena on **Thursday August 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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– 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. Last year in all 3 groups we had students who auditioned and successfully secured solo spots, a huge honour and opportunity for our school!



**The Lions Christchurch Schools' Music Festival – year 5 - 8 (22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October)** 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. Due to limited space, we are only able to take 20 students in Year 5 – 8 to participate. 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!

**PLEASE NOTE:** For years now we have had many of our talented students successfully audition and secure a spot in the Orchestra, Concert Band, Senior Rep Choir and Junior Rep Choir. Please check the website <https://musicfestival.school.nz/> and enter your child to audition if they are keen and brave. All details and requirements are on the website. This is a fantastic and very unique opportunity to play or sing beside some of Christchurch's top talent in the Primary School age group, however, it is also a big commitment of hours of practice, so please read it all carefully!

### **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 Monday, Tuesday or Friday if you have any questions about the school Music Programme or send me an email:

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Kind Regards,

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