



# INFORMATION ABOUT JOINING BEACON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL BANDS IN 2010

This week your children listened to a demonstration of our school band and the instruments available for them to learn to be a part of our school band program.

At Beacon Hill we have developed a very successful band program over the last 14 years. Students in years 3 and 4 on 2010 are invited to join our wonderful program.

Junior Band is for students with no or little prior musical experience.

In band practices each student is taught to read music and play in the band.

Each student needs also to take a private lesson per week with a specialist on that instrument.

A list of tutors will be issued when the instruments, books and other equipment is issued early in 2010.

## List of Instruments

Applicants for the Junior Band may apply to play the following instruments. No previous musical experience is expected. Instruments are allocated by the Band Director based on the preferences of the applicant and the need to achieve a balance of sound in the band.

Flute	French Horn	Drums
Clarinet	Trumpet	Glockenspiel
Alto Saxophone	Trombone	Percussion
Tenor Saxophone	Baritone	Bass Guitar
	Tuba	Keyboard

## Playing in a band can contribute to a student's non-musical development in many ways. These may include:

- Increased concentration and focus
- Increased self-confidence, self-esteem, self-discipline
- Leadership skills,
- Striving for excellence
- Creative problem solving
- Participation in bands equates with higher, maths, science and language results



## The Aims of the Band

The main aims of the band program are:

- To ensure that all students' participation in the band is a happy and memorable experience
- To give every student the opportunity to play a musical instrument regardless of their musical experience
- To help students develop an appreciation and understanding of a wide range of musical styles
- To encourage social interaction with fellow students of various ages.
- To encourage a sense of responsibility and commitment to themselves and the band



## Rehearsal Schedule

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Before School 7.45 - 9.00 am</b>	Junior Band	Concert Band	Jazz Band	Concert Band	
<b>Lunchtime 12.55 - 1.40 pm</b>				Junior Band	

All rehearsals are held in the band room (beneath the Year 1 classrooms)

## Band Fees

Band fees are levied to cover the various costs of running the band including director's fees, instrument purchases, new music, instrument maintenance and general administrative costs. Fees are \$90 per term per child, that works out at \$ 4.50 per rehearsal. Instrument hire is \$30 per term.

## Band Camp

Band camps are one of the highlights of the year. The band members learn an amazing amount of music and at the same time have a great social experience.

The cost of camp in 2009 was \$190, which includes accommodation and intensive tutorials.



# BEACON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL BAND APPLICATION FORM FOR THE 2010 JUNIOR BAND

We ask that this form be completed by **all prospective band members** and be returned to the black bandbox (held in the school office), or to the Band Director, as soon as possible so that the band numbers and structure for 2010 can be planned.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Class in 2009 \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument preferred (subject to availability): 1st choice: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> choice: \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> choice: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to hire this instrument: Yes / No

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

INVOICES and other correspondence to be sent to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Parents:** Below you can provide **optional** information that may help us. You can suggest areas in which you feel you might like to further assist the band Program:

Does either parent play an instrument \_\_\_\_\_?

Which instrument/s? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any skills or services that you would be able to contribute to the band?

E.g.: organizing, join the committee, be the rehearsal co-coordinator, move instruments to concerts, help with recording/filming, sewing repairs, or other general help?

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