

ROD HERBERT - Big Sound Music Newsletter. December 2016

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News December 2016

Term One, Two, Three and four have been busy for all

- Congratulations to our students who sat for the recent AMEB 1st Metropolitan Exams. The examiner Mr Peter Walmsley, made all students feel relaxed and confident.

Congratulations to my wonderful hard working Year 12 HSC..

Music students. All worked very hard and achieved there best!

Many marks in the 80-89 range..

Special mention to Vocalist Alex with 95! Willoughby Girls Trombonist Lauren received 94! Well done to all

- East Lindfield Year 6 student Justin received A+ for 5th Grade Tuba, playing some very high pieces and overt 20 different major, harmonic minor and chromatic scales. Justin has also won a Tuba Scholarship to attend Sydney Conservatorium High School.
- HSC Music 2 extension student from Willoughby Girls High School, Lauren, performing Cadenza XII by Australian composer Eric Gross for her HSC Music Performance Exam.
- HSC Music 1 student from Marist College North Shore, Jordan, playing Cellar Cool by William Rimmer and Cavatine by Camille Saint Saens.
- Knox student Luke received A+ for 2nd Grade Trombone.

- **St Mary's Primary School student Max received B+ for 3rd Grade Euphonium.**
- Congratulations to our students who sat for the recent AMEB 2nd Semester Metropolitan Exams.
- **St Mary's Primary School student Olivia received A for 2nd Grade Euphonium.**
- **Neutral Bay student Max received A for 2nd Grade Tuba.**
- **North Sydney Boys High student Martin received A for 5th grade Tuba.**
- **Pymble Public student Kellan received B+ for 3rd Grade Trumpet.**
- **Willoughby Public Lauren French Horn A for 3rd Grade.**
- **Manly West Student Cameron received A for 2nd Grade Trombone.**
- Congratulations to Manly West Primary School and Castle Cove Primary School ensembles on their recent successful Gold performances at NSW School Band Festival.
- Congratulations to St Mary's Primary School on their performance at NSW School Band Festival where they received a Silver Award. They were conducted by Rod Herbert and gave a premier performance of Herbert original composition "Snake Of Azkabar" and "Groove Scooter".
- Marist College North Shore Concert Band Workshop and Gala performance of original Australian Composition "Exuberance" by Adrian Hallam. It was wonderful to have Mr Hallam conduct a workshop rehearsal with Marist Band. Their sound changed amazingly after spending an hour with the composer conducting his own composition!

2015 has been a very busy year for many musicians both young and old!

- Congratulations to many people for your hard work.
- Kilara High trombone student, Brendan for his recent HSC Trombone recital of Advanced repertoire including Paul Hindermith Trombone Sonata, Shostacovich Four Preludes and Australian composition Concert Suite by Michael Forsythe.
- Barker College Tuba Student, Lucas for his recent place of second in the NSW Band Championship Solo Competition for Tuba.
- St Mary's Primary, Euphonium student, Max for his recent 2nd Grade AMEB music is exam.
- Trombone students Lauren and Jordan on their recent Year 11 performance exams playing Galliard Sonata and Eclectus by Australian Composer Brendan Collins.
- Castle Cove Primary trombone student, Vanessa for her recent 3rd Grade AMEB music exam.

- Northern Beaches Christian School trumpet student, Jack for his recent Concert Band Tour to Tasmania.
- Roseville French Horn student Jarred on his successful Dr Who performance.
- Marist College North Shore Marching Band for the Sydney ANZAC Day, Easter Show March and their amazing performance at Marist Spring Music Festival.
- Marist College percussion ensemble for the recent performance of Drama production "Lord Of The Flies" performing original music score for six percussionists playing marimba, vibes, timpini and gongs. The music was composed and conducted by Rod Herbert. Great performance gents!
- Congratulations to Manly West Primary School and Castle Cove Primary School ensembles on their recent successful performances at NSW School Band Festival.
- Congratulations to St Mary's Primary School on their first ever performance at NSW School Band Festival where they received a Bronze Award. They were conducted by Rod Herbert and gave a premier performance of Herbert original composition "Groove Scooter".

Rod Herbert Crazy Facts:

Did you know ?

..... Rod performs on vintage brass instruments, his sousaphone is a Boosey and Hawkes built in 1946 and came from the British Air Force and performed at US President Lyndon B. Johnson inauguration!

.....Rods tenor trombone is a 1945 Besson Academy Trombone that was owned by the last man to be hung in Australia, Ronald Ryan!

..... Rod studied music at the famous Sydney Conservatorium of Music University of Sydney. He studied Bachelor of Music Education for four years studying trombone bass trombone conducting and education, then two years studying Associate Diploma of Jazz Studies "Jazz Course" Jazz performance and composing.

.....Since the age of five then up into his twenties Rod and his Father , Grand Father, and Uncles, were involved in Surf Life Saving at North Cronulla Surf Club. Rod used to row Surf Boats and do long distance swimming! That must be where the big lungs come from!
The family tradition is now continued with his Sons six year old Tiam and Ten year old Shaan involved in Junior Surf Lifesaving "Nippers" at South Curl Curl Surf Club.

.....Since 1999, Rod has been Classroom Music Teacher and Director of Bands at Marist College North shore. He has also been a HSC Music Performance Examiner since 2007. He has been a professional trombonist and brass performer since 1988.

Music Practice Tips

- Get a metronome to use in your practicing. write down everything you practice in a journal including the speeds.
- Divide all your large number of scales into sets to be played each day. Major, Harmonic Minor, Chromatic scales.
Day one, day two, day three, day four.
Each day do a few harmonic minor scales, major scales, and chromatic scales.
- Practice double and triple tongue. Use this to develop very fast scales and melodies.
Say "Ka Ka Ka Ka" then say "ta ta ta ta".
Then say either double "Ta Ka Ta Ka" or triple "Ta Ta Ka".
Start with chromatic scales slowly getting faster and faster and faster!
- Buy Arbans Famous Method Book for all brass instruments. Use this regularly in your practicing.

Cool YouTube Links

- DO YOURSELF A FAVOUR: Search these wonderful recordings
- Wonderful jazz brass Stan Kenton Orchestra "Prelude - This Is An Orchestra" including Trumpet Maynard Ferguson high high trumpet playing!
- Amazing jazz trombone Frank Rosolino with Stan Kenton "Frank Speaking", so fast,
- French Horn Genius Barry Tuckwell - Mozart Horn Concerto.
- Tuba and Trumpet "The Carnival Of Venice " written by Arban and played by all brass players.

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