



## PRIMARY SCHOOLS PROGRAM

### Newsletter No 1., Term 3, 2017.

#### What's Going on in Our Schools?

##### Our new programs

Aberdeen PS	Choir
Broke PS	Stage 2 choir*
Denman PS	Choir; Special Education class* Year 3 Ukulele class* Infants singing program*
Muswellbrook Sth PS	Choir
Muswellbrook Christian School	Choir; strings
St James	Year 3 ukulele class*; choir
St Joseph's Denman	Strings*
Sandy Hollow PS	Stage 2/3 classroom music* ES1/Stage 1 classroom music*
Scone PS	Special Education class

We welcome Merriwa Central School and St Joseph's, Merriwa in term Four!

\*Lessons conducted in class time come with a written program for your school's documentations

#### From the Director:

We have had a very successful first term with our new primary schools program, and wanted to share some of the exciting things we have been doing in local schools. Perhaps this will give you some inspiration for future projects in your school?

We are currently planning for term 4 – will your school be part of the Combined Primary Schools Choir performing at the Christmas Spectacular? If you are part of the Choral program, your students are invited to sing at this community event on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 at Muswellbrook Racecourse. Your students will be transported to UHCM for combined rehearsals on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December, and will be provided with a t-shirt for the event. This is courtesy of the grant from Muswellbrook Shire Council and Mt Arthur Coal – we hope you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!

We are currently timetabling for term 4, so if you are wanting to make any changes to the program at your school, please contact me as soon as possible,

With warm regards,

Dr Wendy Brooks

## STRINGS PROGRAM, ST JOSEPH'S, DENMAN

On Thursday 20th July the students in Years 3/4 & 5/6 at St Joseph's, Denman, began the 'Flipped Music' Strings Program. This is a pilot program that forms part of our Primary Schools Programs, and is funded by our grant from Muswellbrook Shire Council and BHP - Mt Arthur Coal, and the school's P and F Association. Each week the students will receive class instruction from teachers from the UHCM in violin, cello and double bass.

At the launch, both classes joined together to learn about the instruments and to start their musical journey. For some, it was the first time they had picked up an instrument. For others, it was an opportunity for extension or to try a new instrument.

All the children were excited and engaged across the entire day and are to be congratulated for their efforts.

The day was facilitated by the creator of the Flipped Music program, Phil Rooke. He was assisted by our Director, and our new schools program teacher, Chris Costaganna.

We are delighted that the program will continue to run into Term 4 and beyond!



### Save the date!

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR CLASSROOM TEACHERS

Accredited courses to increase confidence in facilitating classroom music activities

K-2: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 4-6 pm

3-6: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 4-6 pm

Registration details will be sent to schools prior to the end of term