



From the Director

It's hard to believe that it is already Term 4. The last few weeks of Term 3 seemed to go past like a blur. Thanks to everyone who supported the many events that took place in this period.

Term 4 for me is a Term of great enjoyment, I especially look forward to scholarship auditions and Term 4 Student Concerts. I hope to see many students auditioning for scholarships as it provides a great opportunity for students to show their stuff. Best Wishes for a safe and happy term.



The Power of Music is Magnificent

What an event! On Sunday 7th September 400 performers descended on Singleton Civic Centre for an afternoon of rehearsals and two performances.

The Civic Centre looked like a far off fantasy world thanks to the imagination of our director, Mary Ross.

The Conservatorium would like to thank the Power of Music program director for his vision and enormous contribution to the Power of Music. We must also thank Mark's band of helpers, who travelled long distances to assist, in particular his wife Jo.

Thanks must also go to Val Istomin and the people at Xstrata Coal for their support of this program and students of the Upper Hunter.

2009 Scholarships

Auditions for 2009 scholarships will be held on the weekend of 25th and 26th October at the Conservatorium building in Muswellbrook. This year's adjudicator will be Peta Dries, a violinist from Newcastle.

Application forms are available from your teacher or from the conservatorium office. Applications close Monday 20th October.

2008 Orchestra and Chamber Music Camp

This years Orchestra and Chamber Music camp was held on Monday and Tuesday, 29th and 30th September. Conducting the orchestra this year was Tor Fromyhr, head of strings at the Canberra School of Music. Tor is an experienced performer and conductor and shared with the orchestra his wealth of knowledge. Accompanying him for his visit were his wife, and three young children who gave everyone some laughs.

Tutors at this years camp were: Steven Lavis, Janelle French, Alison Murhpy, Trevor Mee, Anthea Scott-Mitchell and David Tracy. Jennifer Kershaw was once again camp director and also acted as a string tutor.

Thank you to Shanelle Thomas and St James school for allowing us to use their facilities for this fantastic event. We are already looking forward to next years camp.

A Celebration of Strings

One week before our orchestra camp, the string department had the opportunity to shine in a concert "A Celebration of Strings". The concert gave us the chance to hear the wonderful sounds of the St Albans Church organ, played by UHCM chairman Bruce MacFarlane.

The programme comprised solos and ensembles for students of all ages, and concluded with a massed performance by many students not normally involved with our ensembles. Making a special appearance was the UHCM Choir, thank you to Rose and the members of this choir for performing in the concert.



Calling all Pianists!

Have you ever thought about learning the organ? The upper hunter is fortunate to be blessed with several very fine instruments in our churches, but there is a lack of people taking up the challenge to learn this instrument. If you are interested in taking up this instrument, or even just having a go please contact the conservatorium and we can arrange with churches for this to happen. Churches from Singleton and Muswellbrook are interested in fostering some new organists so please give us a call.



Orchestra Concert

In Term 4 the UHCM Orchestra will join forces with the Muswellbrook Shire Concert Band to present a joint concert. The concert will feature performances by both groups separately and then as a finale both groups will join together to present two works.

The Orchestra will present works by Shostakovich, Stravinsky, Dvorak and John Williams.

Sunday 30th November

3:00pm

Muswellbrook High School

Term 4 Student Concerts

Dates for Term 4 student concerts have been set, please see the table below for further information. These concerts are a great way for students to perform in a relaxed and caring environment. It is also a perfect opportunity for students to see others performing on their instruments. Please call the office or talk to your teacher about performing in one of these concerts.

Day/Date	Time	Location	Who
Monday 17/11	6:30 & 7:30	Muswellbrook	R Thompson, J French, L Llewelyn, A Murphy
Tuesday 18/11	6:00 & 7:30	Scone	All
Wednesday 19/11	7:00	Muswellbrook	D Harvey, J Vadas
Monday 24/11	7:00	Denman	All
Wednesday 26/11	7:00	Merriwa	All
Monday 1/12	6:30 & 7:30	Muswellbrook	J Kershaw, R Roberts, G Miles
Wednesday 3/12	7:00	Singleton	All
Monday 8/12	7:00	Muswellbrook	A Wills, T Bradley
Wednesday 10/12	7:00	Muswellbrook	R Wallin, C Sheng



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