



Instrumental and Vocal Lessons 2016

Dear Parents

All students at St Matthew's will be encouraged to develop their musical talents by participation in choir, orchestra, ensemble groups and a variety of other cultural activities.

We are extremely fortunate to offer a good range of instrumental and vocal tuition from our team of experienced itinerant teachers who are expert practising musicians in their own right. Lessons are held throughout the school day and girls are released from class to attend these lessons, however it is important for them catch up on work missed. We encourage all new girls to learn an instrument or singing at school. Instrumentalists are highly sought after in school events such as the annual House Music Competition, where they can use their skills to good advantage accompanying their house on the piano or playing as a member of a band.

We would like girls who are learning singing to be in the choir as this builds on the work done in singing lessons and reinforces reading notation.

Girls who are learning the clarinet, flute, saxophone or violin are encouraged to join the orchestra when they have been learning for a term. It is an excellent way to develop their reading and ensemble skills. The orchestra plays in key school events such as Prizegiving and Carol Service. Wind instruments may be hired at reasonable cost through KBB music.

Girls who are learning the guitar, bass or drums will be encouraged to join a band, which will be coached by Mr Heath and Mr Marks. More advanced players will have the opportunity to join the jazz ensemble.

Please note that girls who wish to learn piano must have access to a piano or keyboard at home on which to practise. Girls must buy a guitar if they enrol in guitar lessons.

Itinerant Instrumental and Vocal Teachers for next year:

- ◆ Mr David Heath (drums) is a drummer, expert in many styles.
- ◆ Ms Kate Marshall (piano & flute) is a pianist with international training and experience. She is also a violinist and flautist in local bands.
- ◆ Mrs Andrea Thomson, BMus (singing and piano) has a degree in vocal performance from NZ School of Music in Wellington. She teaches singing and piano at several Masterton schools and has experience in choral singing, opera and musical theatre.
- ◆ Ms Marguerite Tait-Jamieson (singing) BA (Mus), registered singing teacher (NZATS), President of the Hutt Valley Competitions Society, vocal convener of the Dame Malvina Major Wellington Aria. Marguerite teaches at four Wairarapa colleges and is the director of the St Matthew's Junior Choir.
- ◆ Mrs Ruth Eckford (clarinet & saxophone) is a pianist, accompanist, conductor and teacher in the Masterton area. She conducts the Wairarapa Youth Concert Band as well as our orchestra at St Matthew's.
- ◆ Mr Saali Marks (guitar & bass) is a qualified, experienced music teacher and an expert in many styles of guitar playing, specialising in Jazz, Rock, and Blues. He is a member of several bands in Wellington and the Wairarapa and is a regular performer in these regions.

Each individual itinerant charges differently, but generally the lessons range from \$25-30 per half-hour lesson.

In order to assist with planning for next year would you please complete the form on the reverse and return to the School by Monday 01 February 2016.

Yours sincerely

**Kiri Gill
Principal**



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NAME: _____ YEAR: _____

I would like my daughter to study the following musical instrument/s (please circle):

PIANO

CLARINET

GUITAR

VIOLIN

SINGING

CELLO

DRUMS

SAXOPHONE

FLUTE

BASS GUITAR

I would like her to study with:

_____ (Please state the teacher if you have a preference)

She is a **BEGINNER / EXPERIENCED**
(Please delete)

Examinations completed (with grades) or if a non-exam student give some indication of pieces played with fluency.

- Students must attend the lessons. The Tutor is not obliged to go and look for a student. If she is not at the lessons she is automatically charged.
- Term are payable in advance at the beginning of the term
- I understand that if I wish to withdraw my daughter from lessons I am required to give one term's notice in writing. If this is not forthcoming, the whole term is to be charged.

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian)

Contact telephone number: _____

Email: _____

Physical address: _____