Dear Parents/Carers,

For the first time ever, the Central Coast Choral Festival will be hosting a Boys’ Choir Workshop. The workshop aims to promote skills and enthusiasm for boys in primary school choirs and is sure to be a fun day! During the full day workshop, attending students will have the opportunity to work with conductor Peter Lehner on vocal warm-ups, vocal techniques, ensemble singing and exciting repertoire.

Peter Lehner is a well respected musician, conductor, actor and performer. He has worked with a variety of ensembles as musical and choral director. These include many acapella choirs, jazz quartets, and groups for festivals around the state such as the Lismore Lantern Parade for many years. He has also been the Musical Director and Coordinator for the Sydney Street Choir, including performances with Delta Goodrem, Ricki-lee, Normie Rowe, Jonathon Welch and Deborah Cheetham. Along with this he has been the coordinator and manager of the Sydney A Cappella Association. Peter has conducted many music and performance workshops around NSW. His work has involved working with many different sectors of the community including Aboriginal/Indigenous groups, Glee clubs, Hip Hop choirs, Disadvantaged groups, and Special Needs groups. Peter has worked on many short independent films. He has also appeared in many different theatrical productions and television roles in shows such as Home and Away, A Country Practice, Rafferty’s Rules, Come In Spinner and Candid Camera. He has been the recipient of several awards including “Living for Others” (2009, Universal Peace Federation), “Top 100 Influential People” (2009, Sydney Morning Herald) and an Australia Day award for Services in Community (2011, Lismore Community).

The Boys’ Choir Workshop is an opportunity not to be missed!

At the conclusion of the workshop, participating boys are invited to join a special Boy’s Choir group that will perform at all six performances of the Central Coast Choral Festival in October (matinee and evening performances on Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October). They will perform by themselves and also have key roles in some of the massed choir songs, including some rap. **Students wishing to participate in this choir will need to attend extra rehearsals at Holgate Public School on the following Wednesday afternoons from 3.30pm – 4.30pm:**

- 6th May, 10th June, 25th July, 2nd September, 7th October, 14th October.

Please indicate on the attached permission note if your child would like to participate in the Boys’ Choir group that will perform at the festival.
Please return the attached permission note to **CHOIR TEACHER** no later than **Wednesday 4th March**, as we need to confirm numbers of students attending.

**Central Coast Choral Festival Boys’ Choir Workshop**

**What**: Central Coast Choral Festival Boys’ Choir Workshop

**When**: Monday, 16th March

**Where**: Holgate Public School hall

**Time**: The workshop will start at 9.30am and conclude at 2pm.

**Transport**: Students will need to make their own way to and from Holgate Public School.

**Cost**: $15. Please pay to your school office.

**What to bring**: Students will need to bring recess, lunch and a water bottle.

**Supervision**: Central Coast Choral Festival staff (all DEC teachers) will supervise on the day. For further information, contact Amy Ball (Production Manager) at Holgate PS on 43677444 or email amy.ball1@det.nsw.edu.au.

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**Central Coast Choral Festival 2015**

**Boys’ Choir Workshop**

(Please tick)

☐ Yes, my child ________________________ of class __________ will be attending the Central Coast Choral Festival Boys’ Choir Workshop at Holgate Public School on Monday, 16th March. I have enclosed $15 for the workshop.

☐ I will be driving my child to and from the workshop.

☐ Yes, my child ________________________ will participate in the Boys’ Choir group that will perform at the six Central Coast Choral Festival performances (over 3 days, 2 performances per day). I understand that he will need to attend rehearsals on the listed Wednesday afternoons from 3.30pm – 4.30pm at Holgate Public School and that I will need to arrange private transport for him to and from the rehearsals.

Child’s name: ___________________________ Child’s school: ___________________________

Please list any medical conditions/allergies: __________________________________________

Parent’s name: ___________________________ Parent’s signature: ______________________

Parent’s email: ___________________________ Parent’s phone: _________________________

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Please return this note to **TEACHER** no later than **Wednesday, 4th March**.