CENTRAL COAST CHORAL FESTIVAL 2015

Dear Parents / Carers,

Central Coast Primary Schools have been planning a special musical event for 2015, the Central Coast Choral Festival. Some of our 3/4/5/6 choir are being invited to perform at this event with a combined schools choir of approximately 300 students. This exciting series of concerts, that will involve 41 Central Coast public schools in total, will take place at Mingara Recreation Club Auditorium during October. Our performance will be on Thursday 22nd October.

All participating students are asked for a payment of $20.00 to cover administrative costs of the festival such as venue hire, scaffold hire and sound and lighting. Students will also receive a 2015 Central Coast Choral Festival t-shirt and bag that they will get to keep. (We have around 40 students in our choir but can only invite around 30 to the Choral Festival, so participation will be on a first paid, first in basis.) Payments need to be made by the end of this term. If you are having difficulties with payment but would like your child to participate, please contact the school office.

In preparation for this performance, three combined rehearsals with other participating schools will take place. The dates of our three rehearsals will be advised as soon as they are confirmed. Where possible, we will car pool to the rehearsals outside of our school to minimise costs. However, if sufficient transport cannot be organised, a bus would need to be booked and students charged a fee accordingly. Permission notes will be sent out for rehearsals closer to the dates.

This year’s festival will also feature a special opportunity for your child. We have been fortunate enough to book well-renowned Australian composer, Ian Jefferson. The Choral Festival will be sponsoring this event, and as such, there will be no additional fee for the students. Again, further information on this workshop will be given to you closer to the date, but this is most definitely a once-in-a-life time opportunity not to be missed! The workshop will be half a day on Monday, 20th July.

The festival will also be featuring a Boys’ Choir Workshop for the first time this year! Well-known Australian musician Peter Lehner will run this workshop on Monday, 16th March. Boys in the choir will receive a separate note about this.

Details of rehearsals and performances will be given to you closer to the date. Parents will be able to purchase tickets for the concert and will need to collect students after the performance from Mingara in the evening. Tickets will go on sale around one month before the performances and details concerning ticketing will be communicated in the future.
This is a special event, and open to students by invitation only. As such, students need to be committed to practices and performances. This includes weekly school lunchtime choir rehearsals. There are 14 songs to learn and we will be representing our school as a team. Therefore, if a student misses 3 choir practices in one term a note from a parent/carer giving a valid reason for their absences will be required. Participation will also be dependent on the students’ appropriate behaviour at school.

To indicate commitment to the Choral Festival, we would like all participating students and their parents to fill in the attached form, and return it with the $20.00 participation fee to Mrs Juliet McLoughlin, or the school office, no later than Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} April (last day THIS term).

Thank you for supporting your child in this fantastic performance experience! If you have any questions regarding the Choral Festival please don’t hesitate to contact: Mrs Juliet McLoughlin.

Mrs McLoughlin, Mrs Clarke and Ms Gilmour.

Choir Teachers

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I hereby give permission for my child __________________ of class _____ to take part in the Central Coast Choral Festival for 2015, including rehearsals, with details to follow. I understand there is a $20.00 participation fee involved.

Signed: ___________________________ Parent/Carer       Date:____________________

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I ___________________ of class _____________ would like to take part in the Central Coast Choral Festival for 2015. I understand that I will need to attend ALL Tuesday lunchtime rehearsals, plus any additional rehearsals that are scheduled.

Signed: _________________________ Student