**Term 3 Dates**

**Monday 25th July**
Victorian School Music Festival - Concert Band (Junior Section) Hawthorn Arts Centre, 1.30pm - 4.15pm

**Wednesday 27th July - Friday 29th July**
School Production - “The Wiz”

**Tuesday 9th August**
Victorian School Music Festival - Choir (Open Secondary Choir)

**Wednesday 17th August**
Vocal Night, Hall, 7pm

**Monday 22nd August**
Victorian School Music Festival - Wind Symphony (Intermediate Section) Hawthorn Arts Centre, 2.15pm - 5.15pm

**Wednesday 24th August**
Victorian School Music Festival - Stage Band (Intermediate Jazz Ensemble)
The Australia Institute of Music, King Street, 10am - 12.45pm

**Thursday 1st September - Friday 2nd September**
Royal South Street Eisteddfod, Ballarat - Stage Band and Wind Symphony

**Tuesday 6th September**
VCE Solo Performance Evening

**Tuesday 13th September**
Senior Music Night

**Jazz Night TBA**
Featuring the Stage Band
Past Performances Review

Term 1

The year began with the Year 7 Music Information Evening where students listened to the Wind Symphony perform and had the chance to listen to all instruments on offer for tuition and try them out. Before the night, all year 7 students attended a performance by Shrewd Brass. The ensemble is a Brass Quintet made up of some of Melbourne’s finest musicians. We then had 90, Year 7 students signed up for Instrumental Music Tuition. 190 students are now involved in instrumental music lessons across all year levels.

Congratulations to all the students who performed at this year’s Parliament House Open Day. The Wind Symphony and Stage Band performed in the gardens on a beautiful day with many parents and friends attending the performance. Families then had the opportunity to look through Parliament House and enjoy the many activities during the day. Thanks to Mr Corcoran and Mr Watson for preparing their ensembles so early in the year and helping produce some fine performances. Music Performance students from Year 11 and 12 had the privilege of attending Top Acts Music at the Recital Centre at Southbank on Thursday 10th March. There were 13 students performing on the day and were a fantastic example for our passionate music students. Thanks to Joanna Arena for organising such an enlightening and entertaining excursion.

Term 2

Term 2 began with performances by the Stage Band, Year 12 Jazz Ensemble and VCE class perform at the Open Night. The Stage Band lit up the stage in the Hall and entertained parents and students while the smaller group performed outside the library in the gallery. Many people passing by commented on the musical talents of the student ensembles as they collected information about our fine school.

Wind Symphony and Concert Band members gathered in Mt Evelyn for the annual Band Camp. Students attended many rehearsals but were also able to participate in many activities such as candle-making, flying fox, crate climb and a visit to the reptile house. The theme this year was “The Movies” where students dressed up and competed for prizes.

Congratulations to Ella for her amazing portrayal of Katherine Hepburn, Emily for her incredible “Mad Hatter” costume and Iona, Rebecca, Kim and Monique for their characters from the ‘80’s classic “The Breakfast Club”. The camp ended with performances from both bands which reflected time well spent. Thank you to all the students and staff for helping make the camp a great success.

There were 28 students from Box Hill High School participating in this year’s NEVR (North East Victoria Region) Regional Concert, called “Music of the Masters” on Tuesday 24th May. The concert, held at Hamer Hall, gathers music students from across the Region and gives them the musical experience of a lifetime. There were 11 groups, including Concert Bands, Stage Bands, Choirs and Orchestras who performed after only two or three rehearsals. The concert relies on the extra commitment of music staff who conducted, managed and tutored groups in the lead up to the event. Congratulations to all students who took part in the concert. We are looking forward to seeing even more students take advantage of this event in 2017.

Troy Rogers
Director of Music
**An Incredible Musical Experience – Nicholas M.**

Congratulations to Nicholas for participating in the Australian Youth Orchestra Young Symphonists 2016. Nicholas spent a week in Sydney at the Kings School, North Parramatta where he met many like-minded musicians. 70 musicians from all around Australia came together to form the Orchestra which was conducted by head Viola player for the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, Roger Benedict. Students rehearsed in a symphony orchestra with Shakespeare themed repertoire - Tchaikovsky’s Romeo and Juliet overture, Dvorak’s Othello Overture, Serenade to Music by Vaughan Williams and Capriole Suite by Warlock. The week culminated in a concert on the last day in Riverside Theatre in Parramatta.

During the week, Nicholas also played in a Chamber Music Quartet, had several professional development sessions including a session on Shakespeare from the director of the Bell Shakespeare Company and a visit from the physiotherapist who takes care of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra when they’re on tour. Orchestra members also attended a concert at the Sydney Opera House.

What an amazing experience for any aspiring musician. An incredible week of music-making that Nicholas will never forget.

**2016 Music Captains**

Congratulations to Neve, Lachlan and Vivienne on becoming the 2016 Music Captains! We are looking forward to seeing them help out at musical performances, writing articles for the school newsletter and representing the music department.

**Learning Tasks – Instrumental Music**

Instrumental music students will complete three learning tasks for Instrumental Music this year. There will be two ‘performance’ tasks and one ‘practice’ learning task. The performance tasks will be completed during the normal lesson time. Each student will play two pieces and play through some technical work. Each teacher will set the task during lessons, leading up to the performance date and enter it on Compass. Year 7 students will perform for five minutes and students in Years 8-10 will play for ten minutes. The Practice learning task will be a twenty one Day Practice Challenge. Students will record their practice and have it signed by a parent. There will also be three prizes attached to this learning task for those who did the most practice in the three week period.

**Learning Task 1 - week 8 (week starting Monday 30th May, Term 2)**

**Learning Task 2 - week 4 (week starting Wednesday 2nd November, Term 4)**

**Learning Task 3 - week 7 (week starting Monday 14th November, Term 4)**

**New Teachers**

Our music program is continuing to grow at a rapid pace and we welcome two new teachers for 2016. Joanna Arena is teaching Voice and Classroom Music and is involved in the Musical Production, “The Wiz”. Joanna has already made an amazing impact at Box Hill High School on students and staff and we look forward to working with Joanna throughout the year. Ingrid Miceli is our new Cello and Violin teacher and will be teaching our beginner Year 7 students. Our String program, in only it’s second year, is growing quickly and it is great to have Ingrid as a part of our team.
Winter Concert