Gifted & Talented
Choral Program

PARENT INFORMATION PACKAGE

Please read Student Information Form, fill out and bring to our first rehearsal on Tuesday 12.2.2013. Uniform Order forms and money are due the following week on Tuesday 19.2.2013.

Thank you, Annie Devine
Cessnock East Public School
Dear Parents,

Congratulations on your child being selected for inclusion in the Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools’ Choir for 2013.

The Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools’ Choir is a Gifted & Talented Choral group of students from public primary schools that feed into Cessnock & Mount View High Schools. The choir is supported by the Principals of the participating schools, and performs at a wide variety of community functions and events throughout the year. It competes at a range of choir competitions including Abermain Eisteddfod and the Hunter Valley Gardens School Choir Competition.

The choir is directed and conducted by Miss Annie Devine, an experienced choral conductor, singer and performer. She is assisted with the management of the choir by Mrs Vicki Osborn, Mrs Kim Gorton, and Mrs Kim Sweeny, Principal, of Cessnock East Public School.

There are many things for you to consider before accepting this offer for your child.

The values that we practice are:

- Punctuality [4 to 5:30pm]
- FULL COMMITMENT at ALL practices and ALL performances
- Full participation and engagement during practices
- Respectful and Responsible behaviour whilst visiting other schools, during practices and when representing us in the community at performances.
- Striving for Excellence in performance and appearance
- Teamwork and friendship – working with and caring for each other
- Leadership – as an older student and when asked to take on a particular role

CONSIDERATIONS

1. This is a whole year’s COMMITMENT – weekly practices and performances right up to Christmas. This can become difficult.
2. Tuesday afternoon practices from 4 - 5:30pm, Term 1 is at Cessnock East Public School. Please consider the impact of sport and dance commitments.

3. There will be a whole day workshop each term at a designated school. Parents will be required to transport and pick up their child during school hours for these workshops. Parents can organise car pooling.

4. More than 2 absences in a term may mean that your child’s position may be reviewed, exceptions are for family holidays, illness, own school activities. If your child is going to be absent, please ring Cessnock East School to let us know. [49901549]

5. Some of our performances will be in school time. Others will be evening and weekend performances.

6. Where possible plenty of notice will be given of performances, but occasionally notice will be short.

7. Choir members will be given a CD of our songs and the music to practice at home for a cost of $5. An hour and half a week doesn’t give us a lot of time to learn the words of the songs and the techniques. Students will therefore have homework.

8. Uniform: All choir members will need to purchase a black t-shirt with our logo, black pants and a black polo fleece jacket (unless your school uniform has a black jacket). They will need black shoes and socks. Black t-shirts are worn for some performances and choir practice. [see order form]

9. The choir members will be provided with a white performing blouse/shirt. These need to be returned after each performance for laundering. There will be a cost of $5 a year for laundering. [see order form]

10. Students can arrive at 3:50pm ready for a 4pm start. There will be no supervision until this time, 3.50pm. A drink bottle is essential.

11. Notes/newsletters will regularly go out of coming events and will be handed out at rehearsals. In addition, so that everyone is well informed, all schools, principals, choir teachers and parents will be e-mailed ALL notes and newsletters.

Choir commences on Tuesday

12th February, 2013 at

Cessnock East Public School
Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools Choir

STUDENT INFORMATION FORM

Student’s Name: ___________________________ DOB: ________________

School: ___________________________ Year/class in 2013: ________________

Home Address: ___________________________

Parents’ name: ___________________________

Parents’ Daytime Phone: ___________________

Parents’ MOB: ___________________________

Parent’s Email: ___________________________

Emergency Contact: ________________________

If there are cancelations due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. weather), you will be contacted by e-mail.

Would you prefer your newsletters e-mail to you? yes/no

Medical Information: _______________________

I give permission for my child ___________________________

of ____________________________ Public School to be photographed for promotional purposes for the Cessnock Community of Great Schools Choir.

Parent’s Name: ___________________________

Signature: ____________________ Date: ____________

Other information:

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To be returned to Miss Devine by Tuesday 12.2.13
Uniform Order Form

Student’s Name: ........................................................................................................................................................................

Student’s School: ........................................................................................................................................................................

T-shirt size (same as school t-shirt size): ................................................................. Cost: $23

Jacket size (similar to school jumper size): ............................................................. Cost: $27

Laundry Fee: $5 (for white performance shirts that students will use at more formal events)

CD & Lyrics Booklet Fee: $5

(Money to be paid with order form on the second week of choir, Tuesday 19.2.13. It is extremely important that orders are in by this date as students will need to have their uniforms ready for their first performance which is in early March)

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Enclosed is $_______ for the following items: ____________________________________________

Parent’s Name: ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

Phone: ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,