Dear Parents/Caregivers,

**re: ST. ANTHONY’S INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM, 2015**

This year at St. Anthony’s, classroom Music and Drama lessons will be held from Years 1 – 6.

In addition to the classroom Performing Arts program, private and small group instrumental lessons and Speech and Drama lessons (different to the classroom syllabus) are available during school hours with qualified, experienced instrumental tutors. These lessons are at extra cost, paid directly to the tutor each term. Timetables are rotated each week so that children do not miss the same classroom work.

**TUITION IS AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING INSTRUMENTS:**

**PIANO:** Mrs Cathy Payne has been teaching at the school for a number of years and offers private piano/theory lessons. Lessons are in the school hall on Mondays and are available to students from K-6.

**Cost:** Kinder/Yr 1/Beginners = $18/20 mins; 30 mins = $27.
For more information phone Cathy on 0403 806 181.

**GUITAR:** In 2015, Mr Mark Payne will be teaching private and group lessons for students from Year 3 onwards. These will be timetabled throughout the school day and students will be able to use guitars in the Music room for lessons. For further information please contact Mark directly on 0447 381 985.

**Cost:** Group lessons: 30 minutes $135/term; Private lessons: $270/term (10 wks).

**SPEECH AND DRAMA LESSONS:** are held in the school hall on Fridays with a maximum of six students per group and is available for students in Years 1- 6. This is a separate program to the classroom Drama lessons and students are able to participate in eisteddfods and there is also a possibility of taking Speech and Drama exams in 2014.

Our teacher is Mrs Kim Shepherd who can be contacted on 0408 764 993.
For general lesson enquiries please contact Naomi Middlebrook of Take 3 studios on 0408 981 393. Email: take3studios@hotmail.com. Classes will commence on Friday 13th February.

**Cost:** Group lessons: 30 minutes = $135/term.

**SINGING:** We are very fortunate to have Joanne Buckley as our singing teacher. Joanne has been teaching at Kingscliff Performing Arts for over six years and brings a wealth of performance and teaching experience to our school. Joanne will be teaching small groups and individual lessons during school time.

Joanne can be contact directly on: 0405 368 871

**Cost:** Group lessons: 30 minutes $135/term; Private lessons: $270/term (10 wks).

**DRUMS/PERCUSSION:** Mr Mark Payne is our Drums/ Percussion tutor.
Mark will be teaching students from Years 3 – 6. Lessons for Drums will take place during school hours in small groups (or privately if requested) on Wednesday mornings. Before school lessons can also be organized if
preferred. Please complete a blue form available at the office to secure your place. For further information please contact Mark directly on 0447 381 985.

Cost: Group lessons: 30 minutes $135/term; Private lessons: $270/term (10 wks).

GENERAL INFORMATION:
FEES: are payable directly to the teacher concerned who will provide you with an invoice each term. It is appreciated if the full term is paid within two weeks of the initial lesson. If this is a concern, please discuss another payment option with the tutor directly. Unpaid fees will result in the child’s tuition being cancelled.

ILLNESS: please advise your teacher by SMS if your child is unable to attend his/her lesson due to illness so lessons can be made up.

HIRING: We suggest hiring instruments from Musicorp. (musicorp.com.au).

PERFORMANCE GROUPS:
CHOIR: This year there will be an Infants Choir (Years 1 & 2) and a Primary Choir (Years 3 – 6), with rehearsals scheduled each Thursday morning during class time (students will not miss any curriculum work). Mrs Owen will be conducting these choirs with rehearsals taking place in the Music room. Choir members are committed for the duration of the semester with a two week trial period. Primary Choir members are also encouraged to sing at the school-led Sunday Masses once a month and at special celebrations (e.g. Confirmation, First Eucharist etc).

Ensembles: There will be opportunities for all instrumentalists to be involved in ensemble performances at special school events throughout the year.

Recital evenings: Each private tutor is encouraged to hold at least one recital evening showcasing their students’ talents during the year in the school hall.

Performance opportunities: Students are encouraged to share their talents at school and in the wider community. Such opportunities include performing at school assemblies and other school events, providing music for Masses, in local nursing homes and competing at the Murwillumbah Eisteddfod.

If your child is interested in instrumental music lessons or ensembles, could you please complete the form attached and return to the school office in order to organise lessons as soon as possible. Please feel free to contact the tutor directly to enquire about availability.

Many thanks,

Mrs Emilie Owen, Music Co-ordinator.

Please detach and return to the school office

NB. If you are continuing with the same tutor from last year, there is no need to complete a new form
as enrolments continue from 2014.

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My child ____________________________ in class___________
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would be interested in learning: (please circle appropriate instrument/s)

Piano  Guitar  Singing  Speech and Drama
Drums

Private lesson  Group lesson  Beginner/ Intermediate/ Advanced

Parent/carer contact name ________________________________

Mobile phone no__________________ Home Phone: __________________

email: ____________________________

(This information will only be given to the relevant tutor or used by the school office).