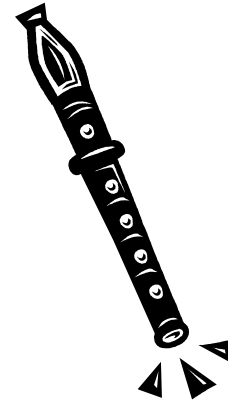
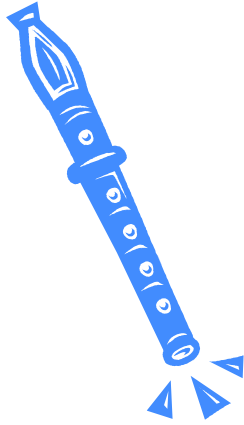


KEGWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

MUSIC PROGRAM



RECORDER HANDBOOK

2019





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHICH STUDENTS CAN JOIN A RECORDER GROUP?

Beginner Recorders is for players of any year who are new to the Recorder and to ensemble music. Students can join this group at any time in the year.

Students generally progress to Senior Recorders in their second year of playing the instrument, after the Opera House Concert. Senior Recorder students are welcome to attend both groups.

DO STUDENTS NEED PRIVATE LESSONS WITH A TUTOR?

Students do not require private lessons in order to join a recorder ensemble. All knowledge and skills required will be taught to the students during practice.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

Membership of Recorder Ensembles is free (no term fees). However, there are participation fees and transportation costs associated with NSW Arts Unit Festivals in which the Kegworth Recorder Ensembles may be participating in.

WHERE DO THE RECORDER GROUPS PERFORM?

The Beginner Recorder group plays rounds and two-part music on descant recorders and performs at assemblies where possible, as well as other special events such as the Mother's Day morning tea.

The Senior Recorders' main repertoire is the music set each year for the Sydney Opera House concert. The group also performs at various school events such as Kegworth's annual Music Night, school events and assemblies whenever possible.

WHAT WEEKLY TIME COMMITMENT IS NEEDED?

Recorder students are required to:

- Attend weekly lunchtime rehearsals.
- Attend performances during the year.
- Practise regularly at home.

DO STUDENTS REQUIRE THEIR OWN RECORDER?

YES – your student will require a recorder so they can practice at home. They should bring it to school for their lunchtime rehearsals, although there are a small number available to lend to students if needed. A descant recorder can be bought for around \$20.



WHY JOIN AN INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE?

*Band involvement can be fun, hard work and exciting.
Students can develop musical skills and gain valuable social skills,
becoming an integral member of an ensemble.*

- ★ Part of learning an instrument is performing to an audience. An ensemble provides a less threatening performance opportunity for children.
- ★ An ensemble provides a comfortable environment where children can work towards challenging yet attainable goals as part of an ensemble.
- ★ An ensemble provides opportunities to develop self-confidence and higher self-esteem.
- ★ Children make friends across the grades and from other schools.
- ★ Being in an ensemble helps children develop responsibility and self-discipline as they practice their instrument and attend rehearsals.
- ★ Public performances motivate a sense of purpose for the ensemble members and enhances the school community when they represent their school.
- ★ Music participation enhances problem solving, team work, goal setting, self-expression, co-ordination, memory skills, self-confidence, physical skills and concentration.

Find out more about the benefits of Music Education here:

www.musicaustralia.org.au/discover/parental-engagement

Find out more about choosing an instrument here:

www.musicaustralia.org.au/discover/parental-engagement/choosing-an-instrument-for-your-child



KEGWORTH MUSIC COMMITTEE

The Kegworth Music Committee is a parent volunteer sub-committee of the P&C and assists the school in the organisation of the valuable Music Program.

WHEN - WHERE - WHY?

The Music Committee AGM is held at the beginning of the school year and regular meeting times are advertised in the School Newsletter.

Music Committee Meetings are held in the School Staffroom on the first Monday of each month at 6:30pm

The Music Committee is made up of volunteer parents who are working to achieve the best they can for the Music Program at Kegworth. It relies on assistance from parents and caregivers.

Without parent and caregivers volunteering their time for key roles and supporting their child's ensemble, the Kegworth Music Program cannot run successfully.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Each ensemble requires at least one parent to support the group throughout the year. The role of the Parent Coordinator is:

- Liaise and communicate with the Music Committee,
- Communicate relevant information with Ensemble parents throughout the year e.g. reminders of upcoming events via email,
- Help the Music Committee to organise school or external music performances,
- Co-ordinate parent rosters to assist with performance transportation, setting and packing up;
- Check and record student attendance at weekly rehearsals,
- Attend Music Committee meetings, where possible.

Kegworth Music Committee also offers executive roles such as President, Treasurer and Secretary, and other roles to liaise with tutors, organise instruments, and coordinate communications.

Parents are most welcome to join the Music Committee at any time throughout the year and we would love to have your input!



NSW DoE FESTIVAL OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Confident Senior Recorder players who attend practices regularly may be invited to perform in the DOE's Instrumental Festival of Music at the Sydney Opera House each year. Information on this concert, including music downloads, can be found on the NSW Arts Unit website.

Students, who participate in these performances, will be required to pay a Festival participation fee (approx. \$36 - \$40). This participation fee provides students with entry to the Festival. Students may also need to pay for a Concert T-shirt, which is required for all students to wear at their final rehearsal and evening performance.

Participation and T-shirt costs are invoiced to you during Term 1. This fee is required to be paid by the invoice due date for your child to continue in the Recorder program.

This cost does not include student transportation costs for rehearsals and evening performances. Information regarding these additional costs will be forwarded to you closer to the rehearsal and performance dates.

Note: Places at the Sydney Opera House concerts are limited and the school cannot guarantee all students will be able to attend. The best way to secure your child's position at this concert is to ensure that he / she attend all practices regularly, in addition to practising the required repertoire at home.



TIMES AND COMMITMENT

Recorder groups rehearse at lunchtime from 11:30am – 12:00pm.

Rehearsals days are:

- | | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| ★ Senior Recorders | Wednesday lunchtime | Miss Vaccaro's classroom |
| ★ Beginner Recorders | Tuesday lunchtime | Ms Watkin's classroom |

FOLLOWING UP AT HOME

Support is a key element in your child's musical success.

You can help your child by:

- ★ Providing a quiet place in which to practice
- ★ Remaining nearby during practice times as often as possible
- ★ Scheduling a consistent, daily time for practice
- ★ Praising your child's efforts and achievements
- ★ Encouraging your child to discuss what they are learning with you
- ★ Making sure your child's instrument is in good working order
- ★ Not using practice as a punishment

If your child loses interest, please discuss this situation with your child's teacher. Remember to discuss your concerns with your child to determine why their interest is declining and encourage your child to stick with the instrument for a set amount of time.



WHAT DO I DO NOW?

If your child wishes to join the Recorder Ensemble in 2019, you need to fill in the attached application form and return it to the school front office by **Friday 7 December 2018.**

If your child was part of a recorder ensemble in 2018 it is not necessary to resubmit a form. They will be invited to return in 2019.

Rehearsals for 2019 Recorder Ensembles will begin early in Term 1.

Thank you for your interest in Kegworth Public School's Recorder Ensembles!

- Should you have any further queries, please feel free to contact the School Office, Recorder Teachers or Music Committee for further information.
- Please contact the School Office at kegworth-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

KEGWORTH MUSIC PROGRAM - 2019
RECORDER ENSEMBLE APPLICATION FORM

This form is due to the school front office no later than **Friday 7 December 2018**

Student name: Class:

Parent/carer name:

★ Has your child had any previous musical experience? **Yes** **No**

Please give details (musical experience is not necessary)
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★ Are any immediate family members involved in musical activities? **Yes** **No**

Please give details:
.....

PLEASE INDICATE IN EACH BOX BELOW:

*We have read the information booklet and understand the commitment required in joining Kegworth's Recorder Group - **especially student attendance & punctuality at rehearsal and performances.***

We understand that as parents we are required to support the Music Program by taking on key roles and responsibilities of the Music Committee and assist in running events such as music workshops and fundraising etc.

I / we are available to take on a role within the Music Committee to support the school's Music Program.

Parent email address:

Student signature: Date:

Parent signature: Date: