

# MusicNotes

CHURCHLANDS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

MUSIC PARENTS' COMMITTEE

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## Singing Out



Photo: Naki Kurunsulu

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# Coordinator's Cadenza

Tracey Gralton, Music Parents Committee Coordinator



Term 3 is over and it has been a mammoth effort for students, teachers and parents starting with the homecoming concert for the touring party and finishing with the Junior ABODA festival.

So much different and beautiful music was made by our wonderful array of students this term. There is no one 'model' of music student. They are varied in their particular interests and abilities; and they change and grow as they progress through school. One thing that is certain is that their contribution matters and is valued; and another is that their musical experiences will have a positive impact on their lives in some way, be it large or small, sooner or later.

And music parents are the same- so many different talents support the music program and so many hours are given. The ABODA festivals are our biggest fundraiser and our biggest project each year. The students, visitors and the School of Music all benefit from our efforts. This year around 100 people volunteered to help out with the ABODA festivals, generating a profit of approximately \$8000! Congratulations and sincere thanks to all who

assisted in any way - and in particular to key team members who serve well beyond expectations, time after time. \$8000 is a significant amount of money that will be put to good use. Our kids benefit from the quality of resources we help to provide.

The best thing about the festivals was hearing volunteering music parents make comments like *This is a great community . . . This is really enjoyable . . I'm meeting some other parents for the first time.*

It's true - it's fun, it's worthwhile and every little bit helps. I encourage you all to join in where you can - to lighten the load for us all and to enjoy the special community we have.



# From the Director's Desk

Glenn Robinson, Director of Music



Term Three is the most exciting period on our calendar, featuring four major concerts (Welcome-Home Tour Concert, Senior, Intermediate, and Junior Concerts) and 16 school ensembles at seven statewide festivals - a feat achieved in just eight weeks. Having attended nearly half of our festival performances, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to ALL our young musicians and their supportive parents. I am very proud of how you represent our school and music program. Of course, our senior students accomplished this, having just returned from the fabulous music tour of Japan.

And if that wasn't enough, Term Three also featured the Year 12 Recital Night, Year 12 Practical and written exams, the final round of GATE auditions, and the Ensemble Placement auditions involving nearly 500 students (managed adroitly by Kristel Hawksworth and Caron Walker!). Our dedicated music team, generously supported by our exceptional music parents, makes these accomplishments possible. Thanks, particularly, to the School of Music Leadership group: André Bourgault du Coudray (aka The Instrument Whisperer), Jessica van de Ploeg, and Claire Chesney, who keep us on the straight and narrow, or at the very least, entertained.

We welcomed the Windjammers, our latest ensemble, which debuted this term. They are an extension

ensemble for primary school concert band students, fostering their instrumental and ensemble skills and providing a crucial boost before high school. Thanks to Ms. Malone and Mr. Parry for their vision and energy in getting this dynamic little group up and running! I am sure they will go on to be as successful as our Tapestry string ensemble.

The term also had a sombre note, as one of our beloved Year 11 music students, Gabriel, passed away during the holidays. Throughout the term, his peers found various ways to commemorate his memory. He will be missed.

Long-time staff member Anne Hanrahan had her final performances as an ensemble director at Churchlands. While Anne plans to focus more on being a grandma, keep your eyes peeled at our concerts next year; you may see her in a supporting role on stage.

Happy holidays, and see you all back in Term Four in your new bands and orchestras!

## Save the Dates! Term Four 2023

- Mon 9 October Students return to school
- Wed 11 October Music Presentation Night 7pm
- Mon 16 October Music Parents' Committee (MPC) Meeting 7:30pm in Choral Studio
- Wed 25 October Chamber Ensemble Concert 3:45pm
- Sun 5 November Vocal Festival
- Mon 13 November MPC Meeting 7:30pm in Choral Studio
- Fri 1 December Christmas Concert 3.30pm
- Thu 14 December End of Year for Students



## IN MEMORY

Music staff and students were shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Gabriel Krzak during the Term 2 holidays. Gabriel was a Gifted and Talented viola student who joined our program in Year 7 2019. He was an outstanding musician who showed great promise as a composer. He was studying ATAR Music, learning viola and studying Composition as part of the course. He was a reliable and valued member of the Symphony Orchestra and the Chamber Orchestra, always punctual to every rehearsal. He is very much missed amongst students and staff and we will remember him fondly. Our sincere condolences are extended to his family, who are always welcome in our music community.







Photos: Naki Kurunsulu

## Music Tour Welcome-Back Concert

After an amazing journey of cities and sights in Japan, the tour group got together to show families and friends the repertoire they had performed to Japanese high schools and public venues.

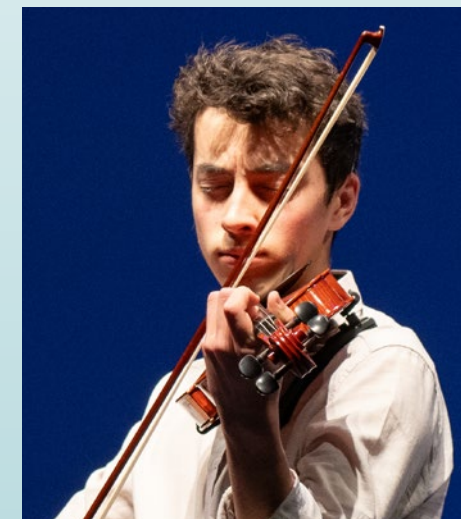
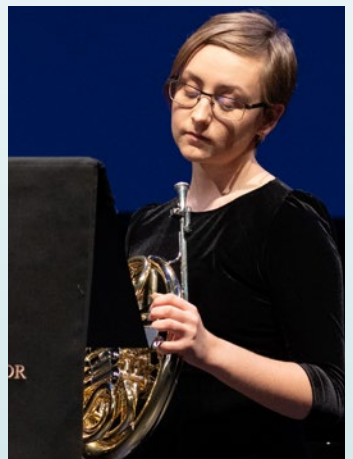
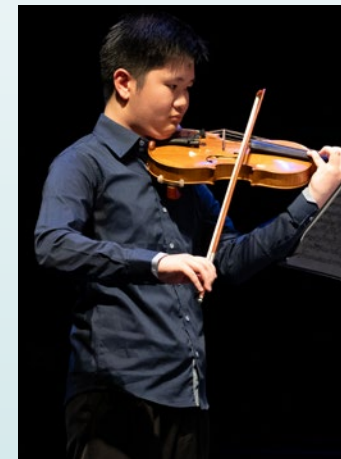


## Year 12 Recitals Night

Every year the Year 12 ATAR Music students are invited to perform one of their recital pieces in the Taryn Fiebig Concert Hall in preparation for their final performance exams.

On 8 August 2023, students performed their solos for their peers and an appreciative audience of family and friends. All were amazed at the level of skill and accomplishment of these talented Year 12s and we wish them well for their ATAR assessments.

Photos: Matt Stack





# Senior Concert

Photos: Naki Kurunslu / Matt Stack

As the last concert fixture for the graduating Year 12s, this wonderful evening showcased the pinnacle of achievement for those completing their School of Music journey.

The Senior staples were complemented with plenty of special treats. Chamber Orchestra followed their wonderful set with Bach's *Air on a G-String* as a moving tribute to their departing conductor Anne Hanrahan, who will retire this year. Jesse Gibson crooned some Connick Jnr with *Birdland*, an All-Star Brass Ensemble took up Quidditch, Marcel Howell's special Wind Quintet treated us to Totoro and the Senior Choir closed out with classic Beatles tunes. As is the tradition, the Year 12s then turned the tables on their teachers, who had to prove their mettle in an outlandish Olympiad.

It was a fantastic and memorable concert and the school community are incredibly proud of the 2023 graduating class







## Intermediate Concert

*Photos: Scott Arnold-Eyers and Naki Kurunsulu*

Middle school ensembles were in top form at the Intermediate Concert on 24th August 2023, tackling some ambitious repertoire in wind, strings and fretwork. Colla Voce reassured us You'll Never Walk Alone and Galahs took us on Bellafonte's Banana Boat.

Ever-versatile, Mr Bourgault stepped-in with a crowd-pleasing rendition of Mack the knife with the Blue Notes Swing Band.





# Junior Concerts

Photos: Naki Kurunslu

Great work by our up-and-coming musicians. The many highlights included the introduction of the Windjammers ensemble, a new pathway for talented primary school brass and reeds players to get familiar with the Churchlands School of Music.

Dooverlackies charmed with 'Penny Lane', crowd-favourites Larrikins explained how 'Daddy Wore a Mullet' while our very own Matildas were 'Defying Gravity'





# Noticeboard

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To keep up to date with all the news, join the CSHS Music Parents' Facebook group.

[www.facebook.com/groups/CSHSmusicparents/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/CSHSmusicparents/)

## CSHS SCHOOL OF MUSIC ON YOUTUBE!

The School of Music has its own YouTube channel! Go to youtube.com and search for "Churchlands SHS School of Music". It's a perfect way to share some of your child's musical achievements with friends and family.



## MUSIC PARENTS

Do we have your preferred email address? Help us keep you in the loop with events and other MPC happenings!

[mpc@churchlandspc.com.au](mailto:mpc@churchlandspc.com.au)

## MUSIC RESOURCE

The School of Music has an ongoing subscription to an online music education resource for students' use. Check it out at

[learning.e-lr.com.au](https://learning.e-lr.com.au)

Student login: student.cshs.wa Password: cornet

## JOIN THE MUSIC PARENTS COMMITTEE

All music parents are welcome and encouraged to join in and help the committee support the CSHS School of Music. It's a great way to connect with other music parents and get involved with your child's music school journey.

Please come along to the Term 4 MPC meetings on Monday 16 October (week 2) and 13 November (week 7) 7.30pm in the Choral Studio. Sign up for updates at [mpc@churchlandspc.com.au](mailto:mpc@churchlandspc.com.au)

## INSTRUMENTS WANTED

Unloved, spare or surplus musical brass, woodwind or string instruments for children at a disadvantaged school wanting to experience the magic of making music. Please drop playable or easily serviced instruments off to the Music Office marked:

**"Attention Mr Robinson: Donation!"**

## YOUR MUSIC NOTES

Music Notes is a newsletter for parents, by parents! We would love to feature your contributions of short articles and photos

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