

ROCK BANDS UNITE!!!!

SMA TERM 4 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

The SMA students are getting so excited for the concert this year at their school. SMA has always been well known for its concert theme for its concert and this year is no exception with the theme for the concert being *Thriller/Rocky Horror/ Halloween*. From the hard work they have put in during lessons for the first three Terms they are ready to show the audience at this years SMA Rock Concert how far they have come as empowered musicians.

Band Grouping

- For Terms 1, 2 & 3 of this year all students have been working diligently to master their chosen Instrument.
- Term 4 we place them into bands so they get to experience the thrill of playing in a real Rock Band on stage.
- Students have been placed into bands according to school curriculum timetable, their ability levels and friendship groups.
- We also encourage a mix of different students from different classes so students make new friends and develop new appreciation for other students in the school community.

Song Allocation

- Songs are chosen with consideration to the preference of the band, the learning involved, the difficulty of the song and the value of the song as a connection to the students peer group and pop culture.

Singing Opportunities

- SMA concerts offer a safe supportive environment for students to challenge themselves with singing.
- If a student shows interest in singing, can sing in key and puts in extra work to sing a song we develop the vocal part of the song as we work towards the concert performance.

Improvisation Opportunities (Instrument Solos etc)

- We extend bands by adding new aspects to their performance song when they have reached a certain level of playing confidence and musicianship.
- To give the students experience in original song writing each band looks at aspects of making the song they're performing for the concert their own by adding instrumental melodies or changing the structure of their song.
- This is one of the fundamental first steps in learning how to compose music.

Performance Nerves & Butterflies Myth Unveiled

- Through SMA's Empowerment & Personal Development Teaching Strategies students are taught the real truth about the emotions of 'nerves and butterflies' and the emotional effects the individual experiences leading up to a performance on stage.
- Students are given empowerment techniques to build their confidence and learn to enjoy the emotions and excitement of performing in front of a crowd by encouraging each other and mastering their emotions.

Costume Theme Empowerment

- Our concert themes are designed to celebrate individuality and uniqueness.
- The costume theme brings in so many theatrical elements to SMA concerts.
- The biggest benefit is the enjoyment friends and family get from making and dressing up together for a concert.

- The costume also helps to empower our students to get into the role of Rock Gods, Rock Goddesses and Warriors of Sound adding to the performance element and visuals for the audience.
- The Costume Theme also empowers the students helping them to overcome their fear of what others think.

Concert Benefits

- SMA sees it students engaging in a performance environment as an integral part of their development as young creative musicians.
- The concerts are designed to give students experience in working together as a team towards a their performance goals.
- The concerts focus on Bands Performances while highlighting the performance of each member in the band.
- Performing also introduces students to the opportunities the stage offers as a place to be heard and to celebrate their musical achievements with family, friends and the school community.
- Students also get a tremendous experience from watching other students of varying abilities perform inspiring them for later concerts.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at this year SMA Rock Concert.

Yours Sincerely
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