

Ardtornish Primary School

 - Adelaide Festival of Music -

**Student name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **Soprano / Alto**

 August 2023

Dear Parents

This letter is to inform you of all the information and procedures that you will need to know for our choir performance at this year’s Festival of Music at The Festival Theatre. Please read this letter carefully with your child as there is a lot of important information for our concert.

We will be singing in Row 3 on Thursday September 14. The concert starts at 7:30pm.

Our Signing students will be performing in Advance Australia Fair on the same night as which is very exciting!

I would like to congratulate Ava, Jasmine and Lucas who are performing with the performance troupe in 5 of the 10 concerts. Ava is a soloist for one of the songs. They are to be commended on their hard work and dedication.

The information in this letter will cover the following:

* Rehearsals and Concert Date & fridge reminder
* Food Options
* Excursion Form
* Clothing Requirements
* Media consent and Health info
* Ticket Information

Rehearsal and Concert Dates

1st Rehearsal at Morphettville

Friday 18 August – travel by private cars

This rehearsal is in the morning. We will depart school at 8:50 and return about 2:30pm. Students are to bring recess, lunch and water bottle. School uniform is to be worn. School bags are not necessary and can be left in cars. Thanks to the parents who have volunteered. There is a special form for you to fil in and return.

Festival Theatre

Concert #2 Thursday September 14

Our rehearsal is the day of our concert. We will be travelling by bus to The Festival Theatre leaving school at 11:30am. Students need to be dressed in their choir Performance Uniform outlined below. Our rehearsal will run during the afternoon, and we will be staying at the theatre right through until after we’ve performed. It is compulsory for all students to attend this rehearsal as they will be receiving a lot of important information for their performance that night. **The Bus cost is $3 (part already paid in participation fee). Payable on QKR!, due September 10.**

Between the rehearsal and the concert all students and adults will be staying at the Festival Centre. Students have the option of bringing their own dinner or can choose to buy a prepared Vilis dinner box for $15 which will contain a sandwich, a muffin, a fruit box, cheese and crackers or a muesli bar. The meal can be ordered through QKR! and orders close on Monday August 14 at 4pm.

**Anyone with specific dietary needs must bring their own food.** Students can also bring a healthy snack in a disposable bag and a drink bottle. No school bags are to be brought. Arrange for siblings/friends to take them home or don’t bring it on that day.

The concert is expected to finish at approximately 9:30pm and students will be dismissed to their parents after the concert from the theatre foyer at our allocated dismissal point for Row 3.

Please fill in and return the attached forms for the rehearsal/performance excursions by Monday August 14.

No food orders can be taken after this date. This consent form is important and will be kept by the teachers. Please be aware that the contact number on all consent forms needs to be a number that **you can be reached during the rehearsal and concert**.

**Clothing / Hair**

For our performance students will need to wear:

* long black leggings, jeans or slim track pants with no branding, stripes, tears, rips or other colours
* coloured choir t shirt (will be given out a week before)
* plain black shoes and black socks (no gaps/skin showing)
* school jumper/jacket can be worn for warmth
* long hair must be tied back and off the face (braids are best)
* no jewellery or makeup is to be worn

**Medication**

For both the rehearsal and concert medications will be organised and kept safe by the supervising teachers. Parents will provide information for specific student needs.

**Media Consent**

Each concert is recorded and shared with all schools/families as a download. It is not for sale. Students and schools are not named individually from the stage but first name and initial is in the program. Soloists and Troupe members and Signing Schools are fully named. If you do not consent to your child being filmed please let me know as they may not be able to perform.

**Festival Theatre tickets**

Tickets will be on sale through **Ticketek** from Monday August 7 from 4pm. Please note students performing do not need a ticket. **Tickets will be $48 each.** Each booking incurs a fee of $9.95 (enforced by Ticketek) so I encourage you to get together with friends/family to make one booking.

I would encourage all parents/caregivers to come and watch your child perform in this iconic event. It is the culmination of months of dedication and hard work from your child and school community.

The Festival of Music is an amazing and exciting opportunity for students to be involved in, one which they will remember for a long time to come. It is wonderful to see the buzz of excitement from both students and family members after each concert. If you have any queries about any of this information, please do not hesitate to contact me via email. **Mrs. Nat Hall** will be accompanying our student on both rehearsals as I will already be there in my role as Production Manager for the Festival of Music. We are needing 2 parents/adults who would be willing to accompany the students to the Festival Centre on the bus and also be available during the dinner break (4:30pm – 6pm). **Please let me know if you’re able to help.**

**Please fill in and return the consent form by Monday August 14.**

Kind Regards

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**♫ FRIDGE/CALENDAR DATES ♫**

**Ticket sales open Monday 7th August 4pm- Ticketek**

**Choir rehearsal at Morphettville**

**Friday August 18**

Departing APS at 8:50am and returning at 2:30pm

**Festival Theatre Rehearsal and Concert Day**

**Thursday September 14**

Departing APS at 11:30am

Concert starts at 7:30pm