



A big welcome back to school for 2015. I hope everyone is well rested and ready for another great year of music ahead.

Firstly I would like to inform you all that Creative Melody was successful in being the sole provider for the music contract this year at Northcote Primary School. (Yey!!!!!!)

For this we are extremely excited and eager to continue our services as well as introducing a few more exciting programs that we will be running this year.

Lessons will be commencing as of **Monday 9th February**.

As a lot of you may be aware, there have been some drastic changes in regards to times we now will be teaching and the rooms allocated have changed also.

The Hours for Teaching are:

Monday 1.30-4.30

Tuesday 1.30-3.30

Wednesday 1.30-5

Thursday 1.30-3.30

Friday 1.40-3.30

We have been provided with 4 rooms each day to teach in. After school lessons will be conducted in the library, canteen and the old archives room. (Now the new music room).

You will notice that Monday and Wednesday there are a few sessions that will be available after school. This will be given priority to students who are currently enrolled in after care but we do also need to know if students are happy to have lessons after school within these days and times. **(Please when filling out your enrolment form, provide details if your child is able to have lessons after school, obviously depending if teachers are available on those days will determine this also).**

I know at this stage, George is available Monday after school. (Still to confirm Wednesday).

Usha is available Wednesday after school. I'm still to confirm with other teachers about after school availability.

You will notice that lunch times are now going to be used for lessons (1.30-2.30) and we are going to have to all work together to make sure that students are at their lesson at 2pm when required. I am hoping the help from teacher's, an announcement, and parents will help make this session for lessons run as smooth as possible. With the tight schedule of time we have, we can't be searching for a student for 15 mins to come and have their lesson. This is probably one of my biggest concerns.

This year due to the time restrictions we have at school and knowing that I also work at a few other schools, I will only be involved in the running of band, dance, and theory sessions and wont be teaching any individual or group lessons. I'm sad that I wont be able to teach individual or group classes but am hoping with the other programs we have and the theory session I'll be running, I will still be part of our students learning and will be there to support and assist our great teachers more and oversee lessons and be part of their learning journey as I cant be in three places at once.

Being present while teachers are teaching for support and direction is more important for this program to continue successfully and as smoothly as possible and this can't be maintained if I'm teaching full time.

We still are lucky enough to have with us George, Usha, Terry, Chris and are welcoming our dearly loved Singer, songwriter, dance instructor, ukulele, and percussionist Sam Menzies who will be bringing a whole lot of love and originality to our program at Northcote this year.

Creative Melody will be offering:

Individual lessons	Small group lessons (2-3 students)	Big group lessons (4-5 students)
Dance	Band/Choir	Theory/Aural

Please note, fees and instruments offered have changed. Due to the increase in fees for this year, (also to help cover the cost of the School Levi), I am offering all students who are learning an instrument through Creative Melody to join me for a Theory/Aural session once a week held during lunch times for no extra cost. This gives students a chance to advance in note reading, rhythm, listening and notation outside of their practical lessons. **(Again, please note down on enrolment form if your child will be participating in this class).**

Invoices will be sent out next week as enrolments come through but please note, **all term fees MUST be paid before commencement of the first lesson.** If lessons are not paid by the end of the 1st week, lessons will not continue until payment is made.

Now that all the nitty gritty's are said and done, I'd like to thank you all for your support last year and let's get working together to get our music program back on track and become bigger and better than ever.

"The World is Yours"

Yours Musically

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