

Music Supporters Group - Report for August 2014

The MSG meeting was held on 4th August 2014 with nine members and one staff member attending and four apologies.

Firstly, for your interest and information, the activities of the music department and students leading up to the meeting included:

- 11 ensembles, bands and choirs recently played at the "Brisbane City Bands Festival" which was held in the Queen Street Mall on Sunday 27th of July 2014.
- Andante Strings recently performed at the Pine Rivers Show and were well supported by the St Paul's Tech students at the event.
- The lunch time Concert Series at Sippers Coffee Shop is continuing as artists and bands are available.
- The 'Battles of the Bands' was held in the PE centre on 8th August 2014.

Activities

Battle of the Bands

Each year Battle of the Bands is organised and run by the prefects. MSG helps and supports this event by donating the prize money and supplying food to the hungry hordes.

The event was very successful with eleven bands/artists performing a wide range of music styles. These bands were made up of students from year 7 to 12 and often with a mixture of several years. One band was made up of past students and one past student was one of the judges. All of the artists we spoke with said it was well worth the effort to put a band together.

Three prizes were given and the winning bands which included a band from the younger years. I am sure this has motivated them to be involved next year and to encourage others to put a band together.

The numbers seemed to be down a little on last year but the enthusiasm was definitely up.

The MSG supplied sausages on bread, muffin and chocolates. While the night was profitable there were sausages left over being purchased by some of the MSG. If anyone knows a good recipe for sausages please let me know as we have exhausted our list. The prefects sold drinks on the night.

Other activities

Choral Concert Series

The only other activity for the month at the time of writing this report was the Choral Concert Series held on the 9th August 2014. The afternoon was very successful with all of the choirs performing. The MSG donated gifts for the Choir Masters.

Major Purchase for 2014

The MSG usually contributes to the Music Department with a major purchase of equipment. This year we will be purchasing a Cello and a Double Base. Quotes are expected to be in for the September meeting and the instruments are available from most of the suppliers in Brisbane.

A piano is also being considered as a purchase and this raising of the funds for this will straddle the years of 2014 and 2015.

MSG Supporter Shirts

The style and colour of the shirts has been selected and a logo and words agreed upon. This has been submitted to the school with confirmation that we will be complying with the school image protocol and approval to proceed being given. The logo and words are being digitised while the sizes for each person are being gathered. Once we have the few remaining sizes submitted we can have them manufactured.

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