12th November 2014

CHOIR 2015: ENROLMENT INFORMATION & APPLICATION

To: Parents & Caregivers of 2015 Year Five students
From: Mrs Toni Smedley (Class Music Teacher & Choir Trainer)

The purpose of this letter is to give you and your child information about the Catholic Schools Music Festival Choir and to provide an enrolment application for those students interested.

Festival Performances are held over four nights in September:

(This is the last week of Term 3)

VENUE: Adelaide Festival Theatre

PLEASE NOTE: Each school’s choir will only participate on one of these evenings.

Year 5 children are the youngest students accepted to participate in the combined schools choir at the Catholic Schools Music Festival. Most Catholic R-7 Primary Schools have only Year 7 or perhaps Year 6 students involved. Music Festival policy states that schools that have a choir made up entirely of Year 5 students may only have a ‘half’ choir (15 children).

Consequently, I cannot guarantee your child’s inclusion in the Music Festival unless only 15 (or less) students apply. In the very likely case of more than 15 enrolments, I will nominate some children as ‘Reserves’. These children would then continue their commitment and training in the choir so that they could still participate in the Festival if extras are allowed. However, this would not be known until overall numbers from schools were finalised for the Festival (probably at the end of term 2).

Selection criteria for a confirmed place will include the following:
- Enthusiasm
- Self-discipline
- Personal responsibility (eg returning notes)
- Previous interest in singing
- Singing skills
St Martin de Porres School has been involved in the Festival for the past 19 years and the experience gained and the enthusiasm shown by the children has been fantastic on all occasions. I am very keen to train another group of students in 2015.

If you support your child in being a member of our choir, I ask you to sign the return slip attached by Thursday 20th November. I would also like your child to sign in the space provided to express his/her commitment to the choir. Choir books are being ordered at the end of next week so I ask for your assistance in responding by or before this date to ensure your child will have a choir book.

Although the children will have training sessions as a weekly lesson in school time, there will naturally be learning of words and occasional catching up of school work etc. asked of the children in their own time.

A fee of $30 will be required to help cover the cost of Music Festival Choir books and practice CD’s (all children including Reserves). This fee will be charged on the school account at the beginning of 2015. There will also be an extra charge during the year for bus transport to rehearsals (only children in the Music Festival).

If you have any questions about the Music Festival or Choir, I would be very happy to answer them. (Email: tsmedley@smdps.catholic.edu.au)

Regards,

Mrs Toni Smedley
Teacher/Choir Trainer

Please return this slip by Thursday 20th November

To: Mrs Toni Smedley       Re: 2015 Festival Choir

I give permission for my child ____________________________ to be a member of the 2015 Festival Choir.

Parent signature: ___________________________ Date __________________

I promise to be a committed Choir member.

Child's signature: ___________________________ Date __________________