



### Recorder Karate – Years 3 & 4

Dear Parents,

This year in Music, the year 3 & 4 classes will be participating in the *Recorder Karate* program. Your child will learn to play simple tunes on the recorder, read music notation on the staff, as well as finding an outlet for expression and creativity. Students will experience what it is like to learn an instrument and the responsibilities that go along with this endeavour; including motivation to practise and persevering when faced with challenges.

Throughout the year, the students will progress through a series of coloured 'belts' which they will display on the ends of their recorders when they are able to play set tunes. Your child will bring home a booklet with the requirements for the first three recorder belts (there are 9 belts in total). All the tunes are singable and well-known, with accompanying worksheets which need to be completed for each belt.

Practise is expected at home in order to achieve the outcomes set in class. Practising for 5-10 minutes as part of their regular homework, at least 3 times a week, would be a reasonable amount to expect results.

Your child needs to be responsible to bring their recorder and booklet to school each week for their Music lesson. I have suggested to the students that these items "live in their bags" so that they always have them at school or home. The students have Music lessons on the following days:

**Monday: 3 & 4 GOLD      Wednesday: 3 GREEN      Thursday: 4 GREEN**

As part of the program involves how and why we need to care for our instruments, students are encouraged to design their own protective bags for their recorders. Ideas may include decorating the existing bag, revamping an old sock or pencil case or even creating a new bag or case. A competition will be held with prizes for the most creative bags. All bags are due by **week 8 of this term**.

If you have any questions regarding the program or your child's progress, please feel free to contact me on:

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Kind regards,

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