

SISTEMA WAIKATO NEWSLETTER

December 2017

WHAT A YEAR!

What a wonderful, busy, exciting year we have had at Sistema Waikato! From performances at the Hamilton Gardens, Waikato Hospital, Wintec and Chartwell Shopping Centre, to new cellos and flutes, and combined orchestras of more than 60 children, it has been non-stop action all year.

Thank you so much to all the children and families who make Sistema Waikato what it is – a fantastic, generous community of musical friends. We can't thank all the children and their families enough for their involvement, support, enthusiasm and hard work. Let's do it all again in 2018! Have a enjoyable and safe summer holiday.

IMPORTANT INSTRUMENT REMINDER

After the End of Year Extravaganza all instruments – violins, cellos and flutes – must be left at Sistema over the summer holidays. This is so we can do a stock take of all instruments, fix any broken bits and upsize if needed. Please ensure the instruments are left in the Nawton School Hall after the concert. (This does not apply if your child is playing at the Rhode Street School Prizegiving on Monday the 11th December; we will take their instruments after this performance)

A MUSICAL COMMUNITY

During these last few weeks Sistema Waikato has been lucky enough to host two talented groups: RED Barbershop Quartet and the Hukanui School Concert Band.

RED wowed us with their beautiful harmonies and true passion for song, then divided all the children and tutors into groups and taught us a four piece harmony which sounded amazing.

The following week we were joined by the Hukanui School Concert Band and their conductor Jody Thomas. They brought their impressive range of brass, woodwind and percussion instruments, and Sistema Waikato children rounded out the ensemble with a hearty string section and a few flutes of our own! All children played the song 'Pokarekare Ana' together and sounded like a beautiful classical orchestra!



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PARENT INFO EVENING

Before the after school programme starts next year we will be hosting an information evening about Sistema for 2018. This will cover programme days and times, holiday programme information, behaviour management, curriculum, and instrument care. The information evening will be held on Thursday the 8th of February from 6:00pm - 6:45pm in the Nawton School Hall. All parents, caregivers and children are welcome.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Whaea Rachel has been absolutely amazing for Sistema this year, going above and beyond to ensure all children are fed, our equipment and instruments are ready and that our hall and rooms are kept nice and tidy. Sadly she will be doing less hours at Sistema next year due to other commitments, so if any parents or caregivers are able to assist in the kitchen during after school sessions that would be greatly appreciated.

2018 DATES

This week was the last week for Sistema in 2017! There will be no more classes until Term One next year. Term One 2018 dates are:

**Monday 12th February to
Thursday 5th April**

CAMERA REMINDER

Thank you to all children who participated in the photography project MY WORLD. From the 12th of December you will be able to collect:

- One picture size 8" x 10"
- Corresponding negatives
- Digital version of the film (this will be emailed)
- A certificate of participation

Pick up is from Snapshot on Victoria Street, where the cameras were originally dropped off.

THANK YOU TIME...

There are so many wonderful people and organisations that work together to make Sistema Waikato run each day. A huge thank you to our amazing tutors and Sistema staff who are so dedicated to the programme, plus our fantastic volunteers who give up so much of their own time to help us every week. Thank you also to the Sistema Waikato Steering Group, made up of partner school principals, Hamilton Community Centre of Music reps, a Hamilton City Council rep, and parent reps, who make all the hard decisions about funding, staffing and planning, but have done an excellent job navigating the many obstacles that not-for-profits face! Finally, thank you to the businesses and organisations who have supported Sistema Waikato by providing money, resources and time. We really couldn't have done it without the generosity and commitment of everyone involved!

SISTEMA STAFF

- Jade Browne
- Anne-Marie Bird
- Rachel Samuel
- Celeste Cleason
- Mary Smith
- Cindy Xia
- Jane Mahon
- Melody Gumbley
- Gloria White
- Kevin Ma
- Megan Robinson
- Genevieve Palmer
- Yuanita King
- Elsie Kane
- Rosalie Croxford
- Jemaine Sykes

VOLUNTEERS

- Jocelyn Dale
- Kirsty Bromley
- Sharnie Hirst
- Jackson Davis
- Raylene Jellyman

- Macy Cowie
- E'Stonie Funaki
- Jazzman Nelson
- Madi McEwen
- Jaimee McEwen

STEERING GROUP

- Rupert D'Cruze
- Ann Shaffer
- Andrew Buchanan-Smart
- Rubina Wheeler
- Chris Jessop
- Shane Ngatai
- Jill Littlewood
- Myra Paton
- Andy Mannering
- Hurae White

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- Hamilton Chorale
- Western Community Centre
- Chartwell Shopping Centre
- Nawton School
- Crawshaw School

- Rhode Street School
- Forest Lake School
- Vardon School
- The Warehouse
- Scott Sound
- Rapid Relief Team
- Salvation Army
- St Vincent de Paul
- Kaivolution
- Hamilton Community Men's Shed
- Nawton Community Church
- Hikari Candles
- Hamilton Community Centre of Music

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