

# SISTEMA WAIKATO NEWSLETTER

March 2020

## Important dates:

- Term 1: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April
- Community Hui Evening: As Sistema Waikato has become more established in the community, we want a new name and logo that accurately represents the different communities and cultures involved in the programme. We would love to receive your input! Come along to our hui evening to share your ideas. Children are welcome to swim in the school pool and we will also be holding a free sausage sizzle.
- Whānau Music Evening 7<sup>th</sup> April (same evening as student led conferences for Nawton School). We will be holding face painting, colouring competitions, karaoke and so much more! This will be a fundraising event so please look out for our notices leading up to the event.

## Facebook Pages

Our facebook pages are changing to reflect our new intake names. Keep an eye out and make sure you join the new groups! 😊



## MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to our six students who received Music Scholarships for this year, which is generously funded by the Todd Corporation.

These scholarships enable students to sit graded examinations in theory and performance, in addition to participating in the annual Hamilton Strings Competition. We're excited to see what they achieve!

## NZSO PERFORMANCE

We have been given 14 tickets for students to attend the NZSO Education Concert at the Claudelands Show grounds on the 12<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm.

First priority has been given to the scholarship students, with the remainder of tickets going to randomly selected students. Any questions please see Whaea Jade.

## MAEROA INTERMEDIATE

We're excited to announce that Maeroa Intermediate will be joining the Sistema Waikato programme as a partner school! This entitles students to free instrumental tuition during the school day and provides education pathways as our tamariki mature.

## TAINUI GAMES PERFORMANCE

On Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb, students from the Tui intake performed at the Tainui Games! This involved performing *Taku Mana* in four-part harmony, and played *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *Habanera* and *Poi E* in front of a large audience at Hopuhopu Sports Park. It was such a pleasure to be a part of this wonderful community event!



## REMINDERS

### ATTENDANCE

With lots of cool things going on here at Sistema, your child's attendance is so important, not only for their learning and enjoyment, but because it can be difficult for both the tutors and the children to catch up when sessions are missed. If you know your child can't attend or if they are sick, please contact us on 021 109 4887 ASAP to let us know.

### INSTRUMENTS AND MUSIC FOLDERS

Please remind your children to bring their instruments and music folders to Sistema each day. We have provided all children with folders to keep their sheet music in, and if they have been lost we'd appreciate if you could purchase a new one for your child or talk to us to see if we have any spares.

### CUTTING NAILS

Reminder for parents to trim finger nails regularly. When they are long, we cannot do monsters claws and play our notes correctly.

## SPECIFIC INTAKE LEARNING:

- **Kiwi:** These students have been exploring the elements of music such as pitch, beat and rhythm, in addition to developing literacy skills through charts to represent these. This term we have introduced Boomwhackers – coloured plastic pipes that make a sound when hit. The students have enjoyed working together to make music and can't wait to start playing violins next term!
- **Pukeko:** These students have been developing ensemble skills on their instrument, through the introduction of ostinati for "Dinosaur" and rhythmic variations of "Twinkle Twinkle". They have additionally been developing literacy skills through the use of beat circles and stick notation.
- **Kea:** These students have worked hard to develop musicianship skills through rhythmic and melodic dictation, using solfège and stick notation. Instrumentally, they have also developed ensemble skills through ostinati for "Dinosaur" and rhythmic variations of "Twinkle Twinkle".
- **Tui:** Throughout the term, these students have developed various skills, including solo singing and pitch matching, the ability to dictate basic rhythms and the development of ensembles skills in both orchestra and choir. Socially, students have been learning to work together and focus on tone production to further develop their ensemble skills.

## COMMUNITY ADVOCACY

Last year we were excited to develop a community advocacy board, comprising of whānau and various community members, to discuss fundraising initiatives and ways to enhance the programme. This group meets monthly for one hour and is always looking for new members. Please email Whaea Jade at [jadebrowne@sistemawaikato.org.nz](mailto:jadebrowne@sistemawaikato.org.nz) if you are interested in being a part of this group.