

## FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

### LESSON CANCELLATIONS

Please note that the following policy applies regarding the cancellation of private instrumental lessons. A letter or email must be received by the Music Department no later than the end of week 5 of a term for the cancellation of instrumental lessons to be effective at the end of that same term. Therefore advice for discontinuing instrumental lessons at the end of Term II 2013 must be received by the Music Department no later than Friday 31st May 2013.

### AMEB INSTRUMENTAL EXAMINATIONS

Boys who are sitting for AMEB instrumental examinations at the Clarence Street studios are required to request leave from the School for the time away from class as these examinations are not a School excursion. Boys also need to make their own arrangements regarding travel to and from the examination studio. Upon return to the school boys need to report to Ms Gwenda Hague at Masters' Reception. Parents should write to Mr A.E. Miller regarding this request.

### ORGAN RECITAL

On Thursday 6th June at 6.30pm Grammar's organ students will present a concert on the Mander organ in Big School. They will play a varied programme of music, ranging from the Baroque to the 20th century. Highlights will include Jean Langlais' virtuosic étude for pedals alone played by Kimbrian Canavan (V), and Kevin Lee's (V) performance of Olivier Messiaen's spectacular 'Dieu Parmi Nous'. Admission is free to this recital and all are welcome.

### 2013 BACH FESTIVAL

This year's Bach Festival will run for two weeks, beginning with an opening lecture and organ recital on Friday 31 May at 6.30pm in Big School. Over the course of the festival there will be a number of events including: lunchtime concerts; a lecture by Mr Koen van Stade on "Symbolism in Bach"; a violin recital by Mr Richard Tognetti from the Australian Chamber Orchestra; a Baroque-inspired Term II concert; and the final two *Bach Cantatas* concerts. The first Cantatas concert will be held in Big School on Sunday 2nd June at 4.00pm and will include BWV 47, 109, 115 & 180. The festival will close with a very special concert on Sunday 16th June at 4.00pm held in the New Hall. This will be the final concert of the Bach 2010 project that has been running at the School for the past eight and a half years. Cantatas to be performed in this final concert include BWV 5, 70, 139 & 140 (the famous "Sleepers Awake"). This concert will feature the School Choir singing with the Sydneian Bach Choir and Orchestra. Both cantatas concerts will be co-directed by the former Director of Music, Mr Chris Shepard. Tickets for the concert on the 2 June are \$25/15, available by emailing [mbb@sydgram.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mbb@sydgram.nsw.edu.au), calling 9332 5895 or they can be purchased at the door before the

performance on the day of the concert. Admission for all the other concerts in this series is free.

### TERM II CONCERT

As part of this year's Bach Festival, the main Term II concert will be held on Thursday 13th June at 6.30pm in the New Hall. The following ensembles will be performing: AMCO, Cantorum, Grammarphones, School Orchestra, Segovia, Seymour Orchestra, Seymour Chamber Orchestra, Sheldon Strings, Stringendo, and the orchestras from the two Preparatory Schools, Edgecliff and St Ives. The concert is approximately two hours long, including a short interval. The Music Association will be selling refreshments (drinks and snacks) in the foyer of the New Hall before the concert and during interval. The playground will open for parking by 6.00pm. Admission to this concert is free.

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