Education isn't just about feeding the brain. Art and music feed the heart and soul.

Julie Garwood



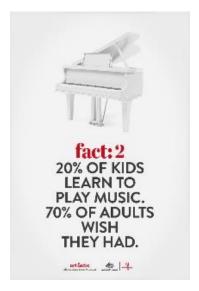


## Dear Families,

I am looking forward to returning to school in January. I will be teaching the recorder every Monday to children in years one to four. We learn how to read music, which involves learning where the notes sit on the stave and how to count different rhythms. We have lots of fun learning new music together and creating a great sound with our instruments.

Learning a musical instrument as a child has countless benefits including; aiding memory capacity, boosting self-esteem, improving mathematical,

reading and comprehension skills, developing a sense of perseverance, resilience and responsibility, not to mention a huge sense of achievement and self-worth. Of course, we have lots of fun too! Learning the recorder often leads to children developing a passion for music. With practise, they can make rapid progress and soon play confidently and accurately. The musical skills they have learnt playing the recorder are then transferable to many other instruments they may choose to learn in the future.



If you are interested in giving your child the best start in their musical education, please contact the school office for details.

I look forward to teaching lots more children the joy of playing a musical instrument.

**Mrs Hipkiss**