Dear Parents,

Re: Music Programme this year

It is with pleasure that we re-introduce our band program, which Mr Mark Body will be running.

We understand costs for families, with fee increases and the cost of living going up. We also understand the pressures and demands that families are under, particularly with time constraints.

As such, Emmaus will provide:

- Two music lessons per week: a group tutorial and a band rehearsal (which if done outside school would cost around $30 each per week) and

- Valuable instruments (some worth more than $800).

Music lessons have been shown to:

- Improve academic skills.
  - Music and math have been shown to be highly intertwined
  - Music improves short term memory and eventually long-term memory

- It develops physical skills, enhancing coordination
  - Instruments help children develop coordination and motor skills.

- It cultivates social skills.
  - Group classes require peer interaction and communication

- It refines discipline, patience and perseverance.

Please understand that to get the most from these lessons, students need to spend time practising their instrument (preferably daily).

Students will need to learn how to show care for their music books and instruments. Damage and lack of maintenance will need to be paid for by the student.

We look forward to a great year of musical development. Playing an instrument is a skill for life!

Yours sincerely

Caroline Orr
Primary Coordinator

So it was, while they talked and reasoned together, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them

Luke 24:15