2<sup>nd</sup> March

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

**Mulkadee 2020** will be a great experience for all and is a significant event in the life of our Diocese. Again, we have a spectacular line-up of Arts professionals engaged to work with your sons and daughters.

After the enormous success of Alice in Wonderland in 2018 and Peter Pan in 2019, we will, once again be performing a new take on a beloved children's story. Mulkadee Youth Arts Festival through Townsville Catholic Education proudly presents: *The Wizard of Oz*.

Tutorials and the final concert will all be held at the Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre. Mulkadee focuses on the Arts and gives students the opportunity to be involved with great tutors who are experts in their field. Students also get the opportunity to meet and work with other students from across our diocese.

The date for this year's Mulkadee is **JULY 20 - 24, 2020** (including a concert on the Friday night). The students participate each day in workshops and tutorials. They will be fully supervised at all times. As noted on the Registration Form, this is a **full week event** and there is an expectation that all students attend each day **and** the Friday evening performance. **NB**: In the event of illness or unavoidable medical appointments, your school Mulkadee representative must be contacted by 8.30am. When completing the registration form, you **MUST** agree to the terms and conditions.

The Friday night concert is the culmination of the students' hard work throughout the week and a testament to their talents. I look forward to sharing this night with you all. Tickets will be able to be purchased by families from APRIL 20, 2020.

I would like to introduce you to our talented expert professional tutors for 2020:

- Band: (year 5 12) Peter Francis
- Guitar: (year 5 -12) Steve Sparrow
- Strings: (year 5 12) Stephen Frewen-Lord
- Choir: (year 4 12) Rachel Cairns

NB: Year 4 students will be required PART-TIME ONLY - days/times to be confirmed.

Students will be advised of days to travel TO the Entertainment with their school.

(For these Year 4 students, registration is open to **Townsville schools ONLY**, or those students who will **NOT** require billeting/accommodation).

The registration fee for Year 4 students is \$95.00.

These tutors are excellent at working with students and will really bring out their strengths.

This year, your son(s) or daughter(s) will nominate for their chosen discipline online. In the areas of Strings, Guitars and Band, there are minimum standards and also a restriction on numbers.

## Skill Level:

- Band students should be past page 20 in either the Standard of Excellence book 1 or Sound Innovations book 1.
- **Guitar students** should be of school age Grade 5 and above. Nylon string guitars and use of footstools are recommended. The music parts are of varying levels of difficulty: Guitar 1 uses higher playing positions; Guitar 3 uses several chords (including the F barre); Guitar 2 is mainly in first position and is the easiest part. Clip-on tuners are recommended and all students will need to bring a Capo.
- String Students should be of a grade 2 AMEB level, with competency in 3 sharp keys, 2 flat keys, 4 slurred bowing notes, rhythmic accuracy, dynamic ranges, some experience shifting and use of low & high 2nd fingers (violinists), extension 4th fingers (vcellists).

Please go to the below website to register. You will note that parents/carers MUST agree to all terms and conditions for Mulkadee before registration can proceed. If you are having any issues or problems, please contact Sandra Neal at the Townsville Catholic Education Office on 0439 574 103 or <a href="mailto:mulkadee@tsv.catholic.edu.au">mulkadee@tsv.catholic.edu.au</a>.

Website address: http://tiny.cc/M20WOO

(This link is case sensitive)

**CLOSING DATE: MARCH 27, 2020** 

In 2020, we will be offering 2 separate workshops for each group in Term 2 where the students will receive their music and learn the parts they should practise in the lead up to the Mulkadee event. These 3 hour long workshops will be held in Term 2 with the dates on the registration form.

Payment, however, will still need to be made through the school. <u>You will be notified if your child has been successful in obtaining a place in the Mulkadee event</u> by Monday **APRIL 20, 2020**.

The cost for Mulkadee 2020 is \$95 for ALL students. This cost covers administration fees, T-shirt, transport to and from the Entertainment Centre and Music costs.

Your School Mulkadee Representative is Mrs Sue Laing, who will be able to answer any questions you have.

This is a great opportunity for our students and I would encourage as many as possible to be involved.

Here is a brief outline of the week's program:

Dates, Times and Clothing:

Monday 20 July - Thursday 23 July

SCHOOL UNIFORM TO BE WORN (Dance and Drama may wear Shorts and Tights)

Start - 9:00am. Finish - 3.30pm

Friday 24 July

Full Dress Rehearsal at Townsville Entertainment & Convention Centre

Start - 9:00am. Finish - 1:30pm

Friday evening - 24 July

ALL Students to be back at 6.00pm for a 7.00pm concert start

MULKADEE T-SHIRTS AND **BLACK LONG PANTS/TIGHTS** TO BE WORN UNLESS OTHERWISE TOLD BY WORKSHOP TUTOR

Thank you for your enthusiasm and commitment in making this time a successful and happy one for our students.

Yours faithfully,

Sandra Neal

Mulkadee Coordinator

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