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Term One has come to a close at Gallery, and what a very busy term it has been for us all. It was great to see so many students from the Gallery Orchestra participating in the combined orchestra workshop last weekend with students from around the Hutt Valley, a big thanks to conductor Lynne Scott.

Teachers too have been busy this term and have put in much unpaid work outside of Gallery teaching hours to ensure your child/ren gets the best learning opportunities possible. This has included helping with enrolments, lesson planning, organization of resources, meetings, phone calls to parents and administration as well as many emails between staff. I would like to thank them for their efforts and commitment to Gallery Music and our students.

We would like to kindly remind parents that

- 1) Students must ring their teacher/s **before the lesson** if they are going to be away. Teachers plan especially for your child. You must telephone each teacher for *each class your child/ren is in*. Repeated failure to tell your teacher you will be away may result in your child/ren being removed from Gallery Music.
- 2) Students are expected to practice. It is concerning that some students are either not practicing at all or are not doing quality practice. We understand that our students have many commitments, however to

progress on an instrument, practice needs to be done.

GALLERY INCORPORATED SOCIETY COMMITTEE

As stated in our first newsletter (available off our website). The Gallery Incorporated Society committee is an essential part to Gallery Music. All parents on paying fees become members of the incorporated society and with your mandate we do the following:

Through your fees we fund:

- Extra administration hours for the Class co-ordinator and Liaison Assistant (we fund them 20 hours a term)
- Extra teaching hours so staff can teach as many students as possible. ***In fact without these fees over half our students would not be able to attend Gallery.***
- Instrument hire scheme
- Professional development for staff
- Resources for staff such as stationery, books and gear for classes.
- Open Days and Concerts.
- Publicity of Gallery.

This committee is made up of *Parents like you*. The committee's tasks are varied and include

- Strategic planning in co-operation with staff for the direction of Gallery music.
- Financial decisions around resources, teaching hours
- Paying bills!
- Assisting Class co-ordinator with staffing issues,

- Liasing with Naenae College (the staff's official employer and where we have Gallery!)
- Overseeing hire instrument scheme
- funding resources,
- resourcing professional development for staff.
- providing 'extra man power on the ground' at Gallery events like enrolment day and open day and on rostered Saturday's.
- Keeping the website up to date

Our AGM is coming up in **May** and we need **parents like you** to take Gallery on our next part of the Gallery journey on the committee. We know everyone is allergic to a committee but *without the committee many of the things listed above will cease to exist and Gallery will not be able to operate in its present form.*

If you are passionate about your child's education and want music education to continue in the Hutt Valley then our 280 students and staff need you!

More information about our AGM in the next newsletter. We look forward to seeing you there whether you are standing for the committee or whether you are coming to see what has been happening behind the scenes in our successful music centre in the last year.

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TERM DATES

NO LESSONS ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Term 1 LAST DAY TODAY (12 April)

Term 2 10 May to July 5th

Term 3 July 26th to September 20

Term 4 October 18 to December 6th