On Monday September 23 2013, 326 students from some 18 schools across the South West Region converged on Bunbury SHS for the fourth South West Primary Instrumental Music Workshop. The workshop was run by teachers from the School of Instrumental Music to allow primary school students the opportunity to perform in a large ensemble, having only been learning their instrument for a short amount of time, and to meet other like minded students.

The students and parents registered at the beginning of the day and were welcomed with a performance by the staff from the School of Instrumental Music and Mr Rob Gladstones. They then headed to different rooms and began section rehearsals.

After lunch Mr Gladstones spoke about learning an instrument and performed for the students, including multiphonics!! (Singing while you play, so that a three note chord may be heard----amazing!)

Then the students all came together in a massed band of 279 and a guitar ensemble of 47 and yes.....it sounded fabulous! To finish the event, many parents, grandparents and friends entered the gym to hear a performance of five band pieces and four guitar ensemble pieces, to rapturous applause.

A number of big thank yous are in order: To all the fantastic Instrumental staff and others who helped out on the day, with special thank yous to Mr Bob Benton, Brass Coordinator and Mr Rob Gladstones, French horn player from the WA Symphony Orchestra, and Brass tutor at the WA Academy of Performing Arts and the University of Western Australia, who came from Perth to spend the day with us.
Thanks to Mr Pat Green, bus driver, and Mrs Helen Collis, Primary Music Specialist from Margaret River PS, who helped with many tasks throughout the day.

A HUGE thank you to Mr Craig Petitt, Principal of Bunbury SHS, Mrs Helen Gamble, Manager of Operations at Bunbury SHS, all staff and students from Bunbury SHS for supporting this event in a large way by allowing us the use of the fantastic venue, and for helping us put together the event in so many ways. Special thanks to the Phys Ed Department at Bunbury SHS. With inclement weather they were amazingly hospitable and understanding of our use of the facilities with them left to use the oval and whatever areas they could, for their days lessons. We wish the weather had been kinder for you. Without your support this opportunity could not have been provided to the students of the south west and we really appreciate the inconvenience caused to you and thank you sincerely.

Thank you to all parents, grandparents and family friends for support, transport and encouragement offered to our children as they learn and grow.

Congratulations to all participating students!!!! We are very proud of you You were great ambassadors for your school and the School of Instrumental music.

Instrumental Music staff at
South West Instrumental Music Workshop 2013

THANK YOU!

Mr Bruce Godden (Director)
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