Prep Music 2016

In music this year I am using the Suzuki Model as this program creates a rich musical environment for children, where they are encouraged to be creative, investigate and explore sound. The children’s natural learning abilities are encouraged and success is expected in the same way all children learn their own language in time. It will be a multi ability class that explores beat, rhythms and patterns in music using nursery rhymes and chants. Each lesson is made up of 9 activities: Stretching, Hello (explores beat using body parts), Xylophone/drums (alternates on a fortnightly rotation), Claves, Performance, Dance, Finger Play, Story (Explores rhythms), Journal (starting term 2)

Grades 1 and 2

This semester in music the grade 1 and 2 students will be exploring the musical elements of beat, tempo, rhythm, pitch, harmony and melody through learning the ukulele, keyboard and basic drumming. They will extend their understanding of these elements through singing, exploring and responding to different styles of music.

Grades 3 and 4

This semester the grade 3 and 4 students will be learning about playing in a group or band. They will learn the drums, guitar, bass guitar and keyboard which they will then select a focus instrument to work on. The students will be learning to play as a whole class band, and through this will explore the musical elements and respond to different styles of music.

Grades 5 and 6

The grade 5/6 students will be focusing on an instrument of their choice this semester. After a few sessions on the guitar, bass, keyboard and drums the students will select an instrument to focus on and learn to play in a whole class band setting. The students will explore digital composition and song writing to develop the use of specific musical elements to create intended effects.