Dear Parents,

This letter is to congratulate your daughter on her achievements as a member of The Siena Singers and to inform you of important information regarding the choir, commitments and events.

The Siena Singers, named after Saint Catherine of Siena, is an auditioned choir for students in Years 3 – 5. It is exciting to see many new members join the choir as a result of their successful auditions. We also welcome back the many familiar faces that have returned to the choir. It is their work and commitment that has helped to develop the quality of the choir and has established such a strong foundation for learning this year.

As a member of The Siena Singers, your daughter will be responsible for leading the singing at many Del Monte liturgies, events and celebrations in addition to performances outside The College. Specific details will be given as performance opportunities are finalised.

As a member of The Siena Singers your daughter is required to commit to the choir for the entire year. Students need to be aware of the time commitment involved in being a part of The Siena Singers. This opportunity is a privilege that only a small group of singers is afforded. Therefore it is essential that your child attends every rehearsal, performance and event. Failure to show consistency and commitment to the ensemble may result in her place being reconsidered.

Rehearsals

Weekly Rehearsal: ALL MEMBERS are required to attend a weekly rehearsal every Thursday, 7:30am – 8:30am in the Music Centre.

Fortnightly Rehearsal: The choir is divided into two parts (Purple Dazzle Berries and Green Beans) and each part will rehearse on alternate Fridays during Play Break 2:
- Week 5: Purple Dazzle Berries
- Week 6: Green Beans
- Week 7: Purple Dazzle Berries
- Week 8: Green Beans
- Week 9: ALL SINGERS

Dates for your calendar:

We ask for you to read through the events below and add them to your calendars. Additional dates and specific details will be communicated as the year progresses.

1. Choral Workshop Day;
   Sunday 8 March, 9:00am – 1:00pm
   Del Monte Music Centre
2. Festival of Music Performances;
   *Monday 27 April – Friday 1 May (performances will occur across the week before school and during Play Breaks; times to be advised)*
   *Del Monte*

3. Festival of Music Concert;
   *Saturday 2 May; 6:30pm – 8:30pm*
   *Santa Sabina College Hall*

4. Mothers’ Day Mass;
   *Thursday 7 May; 8:40am meet at Santa Sabina College Chapel to rehearse prior to mass at 9:15am.*
   *Santa Sabina College Chapel*

5. World Music Rehearsal and Concert, “In Harmony;”
   *Monday 15 June, daytime rehearsal; evening concert*
   *Sydney Town Hall*

**Choral Workshop Day – Sunday March 8 (Del Monte Music Centre)**

*Please note that this date has been changed from Sunday 1 March*

We are very excited to inform you of a Choral Workshop Day that will be facilitated for The Siena Singers in the Music Centre on Sunday 8 March. Please note that this date has changed from that which was previously communicated via the Veritas Voice. This change was implemented to allow adequate notice for parents.

This will be a very active, performance based workshop day and will focus on developing the choirs’ ensemble skills whilst introducing and developing important repertoire in preparation for upcoming performances. We are also very lucky to have a specialist piano accompanist that will be working with the choir this year, Mrs Molly Sung.

- Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm
- Location: Del Monte Music Centre
- Requirements: your daughter will be required to bring morning tea/ snacks and water to sustain her throughout the workshop.
- Clothing: comfortable casual clothing.

Please complete the attached permission slip.

Thank you for the support that you have shown thus far and look forward to the wonderful year ahead. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Danielle Abbott
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Siena Singers Choral Workshop Day Permission Slip 2015

Please return this slip to the Music Administrator, Mrs Cathy Shone by Friday 27 February 2015

Student’s name: ______________________________

Class: ______________________________

I give permission for my child to attend the Choral Workshop Day on Sunday 8 March, 9:00am – 3:00pm at the Del Monte Music Centre.

Parent/Guardian Name: ______________________________

Signature: ______________________________

Phone: ______________________________

Preferred email address: ______________________________

Date: ______________________________