



Nedlands Primary School

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2018 CHRISTMAS CONCERT CHANGE OF VENUE

Now: Wednesday 21st November [featuring the JUNIOR Choir]

FEATURING

- ♫ JUNIOR Choir
- ♫ String Orchestra
- ♫ Senior Concert Band
- ♫ Christmas Dance Item
- ♫ Solo & ensemble items
- ♫ COMBINED Orchestra/Senior Concert Band:
'The 1812 Overture' [with cannon, of course.]

Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long



Wednesday 21st November

7.30 – 8.30pm

the *ALTIUS CENTRE*

7.00pm

students arrive/doors open

[Seating – UNRESERVED]

Now: Thursday 22nd November [featuring the SENIOR Choir]

FEATURING

- ♫ SENIOR Choir
- ♫ String Orchestra
- ♫ Senior Concert Band
- ♫ Christmas Dance Item
- ♫ Solo & ensemble items
- ♫ COMBINED Orchestra/Senior Concert Band:
'The 1812 Overture' [with cannon, of course.]

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Dear Parents/Students

After much consideration, the venue for the 2018 Christmas Concert has been changed from the Octagon Theatre to **our Altius Centre**. There are several reasons why this decision has been made:

♫ Staging

Although the Octagon Theatre has been a wonderful venue for our annual Christmas Concert, each year we have struggled with the transporting of considerable additional staging, numerous large percussion instruments, music stands and a large amount of decorations to and from the Octagon - all this to be accomplished in one day. The parents who have been involved in this task in previous years will be well aware of the huge amount of time and effort particularly when the pack up at the end of the concert needs to be completed in a very short time period. Even when the concert equipment has been delivered back to the Altius Centre at 9.30pm that night it takes nearly two days to sort and pack away the large amount of instruments/decorations.

With the concert at school, the set up and pack up can be achieved over a whole week and some of the staging on the Altius stage can be left set up in preparation for the Dance Evening the following week and the Year Six Graduation the week after. This saves valuable time and effort in setting up for all of these important events at a very busy time of the year.

♫ Concert Rehearsal Time

The other huge advantage of using our own Altius Centre is the unlimited amount of time that the students will have to rehearse their various items **on stage**. Staging the concert at the Octagon has always restricted us to only an hour on stage to rehearse for the evening's concert. We have needed to bus all the students from Years Four to Six on the afternoon of the concert to and from the Octagon and due to limited time, many of the items do not get the opportunity to rehearse on stage before the evening concert.

♫ Costs

The costs associated with staging the concert at the Octagon have gradually risen over the past few years to \$20 per ticket with the school subsidising a number of additional costs. A much more reasonable ticket price of \$8 would be required to stage the concert at school, with the ticket money going towards additional

lighting and more tiered staging so that parents will be able to see their child on stage even though the audience is not on tiered seating.

♫ Parent Committee

We will still need a keen group of parents to assist in the following ways:

- Assisting students to decorate the Altius Centre on the three days prior to the concert.
- Assist in decorating the Altius Courtyard which will be set up as a 'festive path' leading to the Altius Centre with small instrumental groups performing to welcome the audience.
- On the night collecting tickets and ushering the audience to the Altius Centre.
- Assisting with the minimal pack up at the end of each night.
- **Parent Concert Committee Meeting:** We wish to hold an informal meeting for interested parents [approx. 10] to share ideas regarding the staging of the concert. The Staff, usually involved in this performance, have compiled an interesting list of possible new initiatives but we would really value input from parents - Thursday 1st November: 2.30 to 3.10pm in the Staffroom.

PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE AT THE OFFICE OR CONTACT MRS CONROY OR MR JONES if you are able to assist, or attend the meeting.



♫ Concert over Two Nights

The Christmas Concert will need to be held over two nights so that we can cater for the 400+ parents who usually attend this special event. The organisation will be the same as per our Winter Concerts that have been successfully presented over the past few years. Each evening concert will involve the **same core program** BUT:

Concert ONE: Wednesday 21st November will feature the JUNIOR Choir.

Concert ONE: Thursday 22nd November will feature the SENIOR Choir.

[The JUNIOR Choir concert will be slightly shorter]



♫ Matinee Performance

Staging the Christmas Concert at school would provide us with the opportunity for the students to present a short 'matinee' performance for the Year One to Three students who do not get to see the concert unless they have an older sibling involved.

♫ Additional Performance Opportunity

The students in the Orchestra and Concert Band [as do the members of the two choirs] put in many hours of personal practice and at school rehearsals. Performing on two nights would provide the Orchestra, Concert Band and soloists with an additional performance opportunity to reward them for the time and effort in preparing for the Christmas Concert.



We hope that this note explains the thoughts that have prompted the change in venue and format to hold the concert in our Altius Centre. The children are really looking forward to this FINAL opportunity to perform for their parents and friends and celebrate another outstanding year. However, to make this event even more successful we do really need parent assistance.

More information will go home in the following weeks.



Geoff Jones & Alison Conroy
23rd October, 2018