



Media Alert

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Music Enters Classroom at Deer Park North

Students at Deer Park North Primary School had the experience of a lifetime this term when music was added to their weekly curriculum.

This Thursday 15th June will mark the end of their 10 week workshops and the beginning of more intensive music classes for students who show talent in the musical area.

Following on from an interactive performance last month by The Song Room, a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to facilitating music and arts programs in Australian schools and communities, the grade 3 and 4 students began the 10 week music workshop.

Western Chances, an organisation focused on assisting talented young people in the western suburbs, joined with The Song Room in selecting Deer Park North Primary School to provide this creative learning experience.

The Song Room provided teaching artist Craig Nankervis to Deer Park North Primary to present a tailored, interactive workshop program. The aim was to enhance the students' engagement and learning outcomes. Mr Nankervis worked together with Western Chances to identify and provide new opportunities for talented students.

Western Chances Founding Chair, Mrs Terry Bracks, believes this workshop program not only gave the students an enhanced musical experience but also helped to identify students with particular talents.

“Western Chances, in a partnership with The Song Room, aims to provide the school community with greater access to music and arts education, inspire creativity and encourage talented students to enhance their skills,” Mrs Bracks said.

When: Thursday 15th June
Where: Deer Park North Primary School, Mawson Ave, Deer Park
Time: 10am
Who: Western Chances and The Song Room

Stage 3 of the program will follow on for selected students who have shown potential and talent. Intensive workshops will be held in the September school holidays for students from primary schools throughout the western suburbs.

Western Chances will then donate scholarships to students to encourage and enhance their musical abilities.

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