Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for all the positive feedback regarding music at Kalamunda Senior High School. It was such a pleasure for Michelle Vivian and me to meet so many of you and chat about students’ progress and targets. Over all we are really pleased with progress and look forward to several upcoming important events.

On Monday 4 May Musikal (our parent support group) held its Annual General Meeting and several new committee members were elected. I remain as President, although it was such a wonderful surprise to have so many new parents keen to get involved and offer input to the agendas. I would urge every parent who feels that music at Kalamunda is a rewarding and educational experience to give back by becoming involved with Musikal. We don’t meet often and there are no overly extraneous commitments, however my personal goal is to keep recruiting new members so as to share the load and to keep ideas fresh and viable.

We are, of course, a performing arts school and I would like to focus on upcoming events and concerts. Any support from Parents – (yes that means you too dads!!) is especially appreciated when we put on concerts. There is always much to do in terms of back stage movement and organisation and front-of-house involvement. If you would like to get involved please contact me directly, Marcus.roberts@education.wa.edu.au.

Last weekend, 10 May (Mothers' Day) my Year 11 Certificate of Music students put together an event called “Vibe in the Hills”. Several rock bands from Kalamunda Senior High School performed, as did some acts from Lesmurdie Senior High School. The headline act was Hannah Mae and the Hood Winks.

The first school concert to mark in your diary for this year falls in Week 9 of this term, on Tuesday 16 June. The concert will start at 6 pm and students will be asked to stay back after school if they are in the Concert Band. Other groups will be required at the KPAC from 5 pm.

The other main concert is in Term 4, Week 8, Tuesday 1 December. Details will be available closer to the date.

I would encourage all parents – and students if allowed - to “Like” our Facebook page, Musikal - https://www.facebook.com/groups/488693061296223/?fref=ts or follow the link on our website. It is our intention that this, and our Music News page on the school website becomes our main way of communicating and the best way to keep up to date with Music happenings at Kalamunda High School.

Please stay in touch, get involved and support us so we can support you, after all it's all about your children - and that's why we do what we do. It's a pleasure to work with so many dedicated and talented staff and students here at Kalamunda!

Lastly, I am in the process of organising the school camp for years 9-11 which will be held at Eagle’s nest in Gidgegannup on Thursday 30 and Friday 31 June in conjunction with the Northam Avon descent street parade. I will have information on this shortly and the cost will once again be $100.

Separately Years 7 and 8 music students will be invited to have a Saturday intensive rehearsal finishing with pizza and a movie later in the term or early next term – Ms Vivian is in the process of organising this and sorting dates out.

Marcus Roberts
Director of Music