

St Mary's Catholic School Ellerslie



June 19, 2018

St Mary's Choir – APPA Festival 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On the evening of Wednesday 7th November, St Mary's Choir sings in the APPA Music Festival which is to be held in the Auckland Town Hall.

We have been working hard in choir practices on the first part of the APPA Festival repertoire and are starting our learning for the second half of the repertoire. I am very pleased at the progress made so far. We have had our first combined rehearsal with four other local schools – hosted and held at St Mary's on 23rd May. It was wonderful to have St Mary's choir parents organising and hosting the morning tea that morning for the teachers and other adult helpers from other schools.

We have several other rehearsals coming up over the year – these will all be at other schools so we will need to travel to by bus to some of them. We have had some fun organising transport for the various rehearsals – I have listed below the various rehearsals and transport arrangements for them.

Rehearsal 2: Wednesday 4th July, 10-11.30am. Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Epsom. Our choir will travel by bus.

Rehearsal 3: Wednesday 5th Sept, 10-1.30pm. Point View School. APPA Year 5 students only. Year 6 students at camp. (I will transport these students by car as there are only 6 of them).

Rehearsal 4: Wednesday 24th Oct, 10-1.30pm. Somerville Intermediate. Full APPA choir. Our choir will travel by bus.

Rehearsal 5: Tuesday 6th Nov, 9 – 12.30pm. Auckland Town Hall. Full APPA choir. We have had trouble booking a bus that can get us there by 9.00am for this rehearsal. I have booked a van, and I will be asking for several parents to help with transport. (We will sort this later in the year). The cost of the van has been factored into the transport cost.

There is a cost for the bus trips of \$18.50 for each child. We will also require 2 parent helpers for each trip.

I would appreciate it if you could fill in the permission slip over the page & return it and the money to me or the school office by Friday 29th June please.

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at jillian@stmary.school.nz

sincerely,

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Permission Slip**

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Name of student in choir _____

Room No: _____

I give my permission for _____ to go by bus/van/car to attend the next four combined APPA rehearsals. (Dates and venues are listed in the letter).

I enclose \$18.50 to cover the cost of the four bus trips.