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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our first performance is almost upon us and we are in the final stages of preparation and rehearsal for the big day! In order to put the last bit of polish on our pieces, Patrick and I feel that the students would greatly benefit from a one day workshop assisted by several of our Conservatorium tutors.

We are planning on holding this one day workshop on Saturday 31st August from 3.30 until 6.00pm at the Conservatorium. We will have a short rehearsal followed by a one hour tutorial session with specialist Conservatorium tutors and then consolidate with a one hour rehearsal at the end of the workshop. This will allow the students to have specialist instruction on their pieces and help them prepare for their performance.

There will be a cost for this extra workshop and also to cover the entrance fee and extra costs for the performance at the Concourse. These require extra staff and duties not covered by the ensemble enrolment fee and so unfortunately we will need to fund this from the group. We are aware that all these extras soon add up and have endeavoured to keep these extra costs as low as possible.

The cost per student for the workshop and Concourse performance will be \$38. We have looked at possible ways to raise this and we will be utilising the Cadbury Fundraising Chocolate Boxes. Each student will need to sell two boxes which we will hand out to the students in order to cover their workshop and entrance fees. If there are parents who don't wish to use the chocolate fundraising boxes they may pay the \$38 direct to the office and that will cover their child for both these events.

We will also need to get a confirmation email or telephone response so we can make a list of students attending both the concert and workshop, so if you could please email or call your child's confirmation to the office as soon as possible, we would be very grateful. We need these numbers to book our tutors for the workshop day and also to make sure that the band has its strongest possible line-up for the performance, as every member of the band is important.

If you have any questions, please contact myself, the Conservatorium office, or Patrick Brennan.

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