Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to The Song Room! This year your child will take part in an Arts Learning program with a Song Room Teaching Artist. Arts Learning increases student participation and engagement in school life, and positively supports social and emotional learning.

Through the program, your child has the opportunity to:

- Participate in fun and interactive weekly lessons led by an experienced Teaching Artist;
- Acquire knowledge and new skills through curriculum-aligned arts learning experiences;
- Learn creative skills in music, drama, visual arts or dance, which can be integrated into other subjects;
- Build connections between school, home and the community through performances and events;
- Improve communication and collaboration skills through participation in shared arts experiences;
- Develop their motivation, confidence, resilience and sense of belonging.

For 25 years The Song Room has been working with schools and communities across Australia to deliver highly effective, evidence-based, arts learning programs in all art forms of the Australian Curriculum. Over a 12-month period, our programs are shown to deliver reduce absenteeism, improve social-emotional wellbeing, and increase student's connection to learning.

We are working in partnership with your school to design a program that addresses the distinct needs of your community. Opportunities may be provided to parents, carers and community members to engage in Arts projects that will celebrate student learning and build a strong and connected school culture. More details will be shared on how you can get involved as planning develops.

To learn more about The Song Room's work please visit our website songroom.org.au. Join our community and see our programs in action by following us on Facebook, Instagram, X (Twitter), and YouTube, using the handle @thesongroom.

The Song Room team look forward to working with your school community to shape an Arts Learning program from which all members of the school community can benefit. If you have any questions about our program or The Song Room, please feel free to contact me on (03) 9521 3990 or at enquiries@songroom.org.au.

Kind regards,

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