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Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024

**2024 FESTIVAL OF CHORAL MUSIC (FOCM)**  
**Year 4, 5 & 6 Choir at the Sydney Opera House**  
**Performance Event Date: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024**  
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For payments online enter: **Payment Description: FOCM 2024**  
**Payment Amount: \$40.00**  
**Payment & Permission Note Due: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024**  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

This note is to provide you with information regarding the **2024 Festival of Choral Music (FOCM) – Argyle Concert** to be held at the **Sydney Opera House**, details of which are outlined below. **Please keep these pages as they contain important information.**

<b>Event and Date:</b>	<b>Choir cluster rehearsal</b> – Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 - Wentworth Falls Public School <b>Choir dress rehearsal and Argyle Concert</b> – Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 - Sydney Opera House
<b>Educational rationale:</b>	Leura Public School (LPS) will be taking part in the Argyle Concert of the 2024 Festival of Choral Music (FOCM). This is an exciting opportunity to be part of a large-scale event including hundreds of singers and several featured performers in a prestigious venue.
<b>Excursion to:</b>	Cluster Rehearsal – Wentworth Falls Public School Dress rehearsal and Concert – Sydney Opera House
<b>Students attending:</b>	Students in Year 4, 5 & 6 Choir
<b>Organising teachers:</b>	Miss Vanessa Cartwright
<b>Staff in attendance:</b>	Miss Vanessa Cartwright
<b>Dress:</b>	<b>Cluster Rehearsal</b> – full school uniform <b>Dress Rehearsal and Concert</b> – Black 2024 festival T-shirt (provided), black trousers OR knee length black skirt with dark black stockings, black shoes and black socks. Students may wear a plain black long-sleeved shirt underneath their festival T-shirt for extra warmth.
<b>Transport:</b>	Public transport and parent drop off/pick up. <b>Cluster Rehearsal – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024: parents will drop their child to Wentworth Falls Public School</b> , then students will use public transport (train) to return to LPS. <b>Dress Rehearsal and Concert – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024:</b> students will travel to <b>Sydney Opera House by train from Leura Station</b> , under teacher supervision for the final rehearsal/concert. Students must provide their own OPAL card, with enough credit for transport fares.



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<p><b>Returning after the performance:</b></p>	<p>After the concert concludes approx. 9:00pm Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024, parents and carers will need to arrange transport home for their children. We will have a <b>designated meeting zone outside the Opera House under cover, to the right of the concert hall steps as you exit, near the coming shows posters.</b> This area is <b>underneath the external Opera House steps and faces an asphalted road-like surface.</b> <u>Parents must see a teacher to mark off their child's name before taking them home.</u> For updates on the event day, please check Sentral and the school's Facebook page.</p>
<p><b>Cost per student:</b></p>	<p>\$40.00 per student – this fee includes a performance T-shirt.</p>
<p><b>Rehearsal times and dates:</b></p>	<p>A cluster rehearsal (with other Blue Mountains schools participating) will be held at Wentworth Falls Public School on <b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b> between 9:30am - 2:00pm. Students are to be <b>transported by parents/carers to Wentworth Falls Public School by 9:15am sharp.</b> Students will then travel by train back to LPS after 2:00pm. Students will need to wear <u>full school uniform on this day</u> and bring an <b>OPAL card.</b></p> <p>A full dress rehearsal will be held at the Sydney Opera House on the date of the performance <b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024.</b> Students will travel to the Sydney Opera House by train from Leura Station, under teacher supervision. Please pack an <b>OPAL card</b> for your child. Parents/carers will need to drop their child at Leura train station to meet Miss Cartwright at <b>9:00am sharp</b> to catch the 9:18am service to Central and then change trains to Circular Quay.</p> <p>The dress rehearsal at the Opera House will go from 12:30pm to 4:00pm. <b>Students will meet parents</b> outside the Opera House near the coming shows posters <b>after the rehearsal OR after the concert,</b> depending on whether you choose to pick up your child between the rehearsal and concert, or leave them under teacher supervision. Returning students will need to meet Miss Cartwright at <b>6:10pm sharp</b> outside the Opera House near the coming shows posters near the external under cover road entrance to the concert hall to take their places for the evening performance. Alternatively, students can stay with the supervising teacher after the rehearsal in Circular Quay. <b>If students remain with teacher, please pack money for your child to purchase dinner at a fast-food restaurant or pack your child a dinner meal.</b></p>
<p><b>In school rehearsal requirements:</b></p>	<p>Year 4, 5 &amp; 6 Choir rehearses <b>every Tuesday at recess,</b> with some additional rehearsals on Monday recesses as required. Students can take a red song booklet home and use it to <b>practise the songs at home on Google Classroom.</b> Students <b>MUST</b> bring the song booklet to school on Tuesdays for choir. To access the songs on Google Classroom from home, students need to log in to their DET Student Portal.</p>



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<b>Ticket information:</b>	Tickets for parents and community members to watch the performance will go on sale via the website <a href="http://www.sydneyoperahouse.com">www.sydneyoperahouse.com</a> on <b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 at 9:00am</b> . Parents and carers are advised to book on the day that ticket sales open to avoid disappointment – tickets sell out quickly. <u>Students who are performing DO NOT need a ticket.</u> Tickets cost: \$45.00 \$38.00 concession/student not performing (plus booking fee) Limit of 3 tickets per transaction. Leura Public School is in the <b>Argyle concert</b> . Ticket information is attached.
<b>Permission to publish:</b>	A Permission to Publish form is attached to this note. The organisers of the concert require this form to be completed and returned as a condition of taking part in the concert.
<b>Due date for payment &amp; permission note:</b>	<b>Return permission note, permission to publish form, and payment</b> to Leura Public School office by <b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b> . Please note that late payments may not be accepted.
<b>Pick up advice:</b>	Please advise on the permission note if you will pick up your child between the rehearsal and concert, or who you give permission to do so if it is not you. Also, if someone else other than parent/carer is collecting your child at the end of the concert, please provide the name and contact details of the person you give permission to collect from the Sydney Opera House and transport your child home.

Kind regards,

Miss Vanessa Cartwright  
Excursion Coordinator

Mrs May Ptolemy  
Principal



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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

- I give permission for my child to participate in **2024 Festival of Choral Music – Argyle Concert** to be held at **Sydney Opera House** on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024**.
- I understand my child will need to attend the **Choir Cluster rehearsal** at **Wentworth Falls Public School** on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024**.
- I understand that participation in this event involves travel by public transport, under teacher supervision. Students need to bring their own OPAL card with funds available.
- I understand that I will need to transport my child to **Wentworth Falls Public School** by 9:15am on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024** for the **Choir Cluster rehearsal**.
- I understand the cost for participation in this event is **\$40.00** and payment is required by **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024**.
- I understand late payments may not be accepted and I will contact the school if there are difficulties in meeting this deadline.

**Payment**

- I have enclosed cash payment of **\$40.00**  
**OR**  
 I have paid **\$40.00** online. My receipt no. is \_\_\_\_\_
- I will ensure my child practises their parts at home on Google Classroom so they are ready for weekly rehearsals and they will know all the songs by memory, prior to August.
- I understand that tickets for parents and the community to watch this event will go on sale online. These tickets sell out fast and have a maximum of 3 tickets per transaction.

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**Medical**

Information held at school is current for my child

**OR**

I have listed below changes to medical information and any allergies or conditions that may affect my child on the day.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Pick up advice between dress rehearsal & concert performance (Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024):**

I will pick up my child at 4:00pm at the under cover area below the Opera House steps, near the coming shows posters and external entrance to the concert hall, and will keep them with me until 6:10pm when we will meet Miss Cartwright to get ready for the performance.

**OR**

I will leave my child under teacher supervision between the rehearsal and the concert. I will pack them dinner or give them money to purchase food from a fast-food restaurant.

**OR**

I give permission for another parent/carer to pick up my child and have them in their care until 6:10pm. The authorised persons details are listed below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Evening pick up after concert performance (Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024):**

I will pick up my child up at the conclusion of the concert approx. 9:00pm from the under cover footpath area below the Opera House steps, near the coming shows posters and external road-like entrance to the concert hall.

**OR**

I give permission for another parent/carer to bring my child back to the Blue Mountains after the completion of the concert at 9:00pm. The authorised persons details are listed below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I have completed and returned the Permission to Publish note specific for the Festival of Choral Music.

Parent/Carer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer Contact Phone No. on the day: \_\_\_\_\_