**BIG Band Blast Port Macquarie - FINAL INFORMATION and ITINERARY**

22 May 2013

Dear Latin Jazz Ensemble Members (Port Macquarie, Big Band Blast):

Here is final information for the Port Macquarie trip for Big Band Blast. **Next Wednesday, May 29th I will hold a brief meeting in the Auditorium at 6:30-7pm if anyone has any further questions or comments regarding this trip.**

**Accommodation:**
Sundowner Breakwall Tourist Park 1 Munster Street
Port Macquarie NSW 2444
ph.1800 636 452 fax. 02 65 840123

**Rooming:**
We will be staying in self-contained cabins with fully equipped bathrooms. Each band member and chaperone will have his/her own bed. **All linen, blankets, towels, and pillows are provided.** A rooming list is attached.

**Chaperones:
There are four chaperones** that will be sharing driving duties of the 12 passenger vans: Me, Sally Kidall (Tim’s Mom), Karen Wasley (Izaak’s Mom), Terry Rusden (Kurtis’ Dad). Also driving separately, but coming along are Rose Purdon and Miriam Chin (Jack and Sam’s Mom’s). Chaperones will be responsible for supervision of students as well as making sure that everyone is fed and comfortable.

**Food/Meals:**Bring morning tea and lunch **or** lunch money for the Friday trip to Port Macquarie. All other meals will be provided. There will be fresh fruit and other light snacks available between meals. We will be eating morning meals (cereal, toast, fruit) and lunches (sandwiches etc) at camp.

**Getting Around:**All the Concerts, workshops, and the parade are within walking distance from our cabins.

**Bring:**Black Con Shirt
Black Pants
Black or Dark Shoes
A Hat (for outside performances)
Water Bottle
Warm Jacket for being out at night and mornings.
Clothes and toiletries for three days and two nights
Your instrument and all of its parts (extra reeds, tuner, leads, mouthpiece, valve oil)
Drummers bring your sticks.

**Equipment:**Drums with Cymbals, bass and guitar amps **will be provided.**
We will be bringing the timbales, congas, and hand percussion as well.
Money (optional) to buy a souvenir or snacks. Please do NOT bring a lot of money.
Rose Purdon will transport equipment and Baggage that does not fit in Vans.

**Technology Age:**Check out the website for this event [www.bigbandblast.com.au](http://www.bigbandblast.com.au). I am very proud to have us participating in an event that promotes musicians coming together to make music in a non-competitive spirit. Also, for those of you on Facebook, become a friend of Wollongongjazz and John Morrison’s Big Band Blast Page to keep up to date on what is happening. I’m sure there will be lots of pictures of the event posted.

**Friday, May 31**9:30am – Arrive at Wollongong Con/Load Gear10am – Leave Wollongong Con For Port Macquarie (est driving time 5.5 hours).Bring morning tea.Bring bag lunch or money to purchase lunch en route.
Arrive 5pm at Port MacquarieCheck into Rooms Dinner at nearby restaurant.6:30pm – Attend Welcome Concert by John Morrison8pm - Attend Swing Dance Party concert10pm – Lights Out/Bed Time

**Saturday, June 1st**8:30am – Wakeup and have breakfast at tourist park (cereal, toast, fruit. etc)10am-12pm – Walk into town and listen to other bands perform.
12pm-1pm – Return to Camp for Lunch at Holiday Park (make our own) **3-4pm – Performance Wollongong Latin Jazz Ensemble Performs at Glasshouse Forecourt Stage**5pm – Return to Camp6pm – Dinner at nearby Restaurant7:30pm –Judy Bailys Jazz Connection Big Band Concert At Glasshouse Regional Arts Complex10pm – Lights out / Bed Time

**Sunday, June 2nd**8am – Wake up/breakfast at park.9-11am – Participate in New Orleans Street Parade/Gospel Jam Session11am – Early Lunch at Camp12-2pm – Attend various Workshops2pm – Final Session with John Morrison and Performing Arts Unit Jazz Orchestra3pm – Leave for return to WollongongDinner En Route back to Wollongong9pm-10pm – Arrive in Wollongong

**Student Expectations and rules:**
-Students may break away from the large group during the day to attend different concerts or workshops. **They must always let a chaperone know where they are, and must always be in a group of 3 or more people.**
-Students and Parents must sign the attached Code of Conduct before they will be allowed on this trip.
-All students must turn in an indemnity form before they will be allowed on this trip. Indemnity forms are taken with me on this trip. Most of you have turned these in. I will contact you directly if I do not have yours on file.

Please contact me directly with any other questions or concerns.

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