Dear Parents/Carers,

The Central Coast Choral Festival is fast approaching and we are now preparing for our final rehearsals before our performances.

Our rehearsals so far have been very successful! It is wonderful to hear how the choir has improved since our first rehearsal earlier in the year. We have now learnt twelve songs, some with quite complicated harmonies and some with fun choralography. The students have worked very hard, have learnt so much and are now getting excited about our performances!

**FINAL REHEARSAL and PERFORMANCE**

This final rehearsal will be an ALL DAY rehearsal at Mingara. At this rehearsal the students will have the opportunity to practise their performance on the special scaffold that will be set up for the massed choir. The students will then perform in a matinee and an evening show the SAME DAY.

**PERFORMANCE VENUE:** Mingara Recreation Club Showroom, Tumbi Umbi.

**DATE:** Tuesday 20 October 2015 (SHOW A)

**SCHEDULE:**
- **7:45am:** Students need to meet Mr McKeown at the Basketball court no later than this time to have their names marked off on the roll.
- **8:35am:** Students travel by bus to Mingara with Mr McKeown. **This is a ONE WAY TRIP**. The bus will NOT be returning students to school. The Central Coast Choral Festival is sponsoring this bus and as such there is no cost.
- **9.30am:** Students arrive at Mingara for the all day rehearsal.
- **3.00pm:** Doors open for the matinee performance.
- **3.30pm:** Matinee performance begins.
- **Approx. 5.00pm:** Students need to be picked up for the dinner break. There are several food outlets nearby or you may wish to bring a picnic. **Please let me know if you have any problems with this.**
- **6.15pm:** Students need to be returned to the Show Room.
- **6.30pm:** Doors open for the evening performance.
- **7.00pm:** Evening Performance begins.
- **Approx. 8.30pm:** ALL students need to be picked up by their own parent and taken home. Students can be picked up from the Show Room foyer, under the “BRISBANIA PUBLIC SCHOOL” sign.

**Please note:** ALL students will need to have their name signed off by a teacher from Brisbania Public School before leaving for the dinner break and at the end of the night.

***Any variations to dinner break and going home arrangements (for example if your child is going with another family) need to be addressed to the school in writing.***
**WHAT TO WEAR:** All students will be given a Choral Festival t-shirt that they get to keep (these will be given out on the day of the festival), plain black trousers (no trims or logos please), black shoes and socks, and girls can also wear black, white or silver hair accessories (no other colours please). Students should wear another t-shirt (labelled with their name and school) over the top of their performance t-shirt so that it does not get dirty.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Students will need to bring recess, lunch and 2 bottles of water (some students ran out of water last festival and there are no facilities to refill them – please pack extra). This should be packed in a throw away plastic bag clearly labelled with the student’s name and school. *We cannot take school bags as there is no room for these at Mingara.*

Please sign the attached permission note and students return it to Mr McKeown Or Mrs Self no later than **MON 19th October**.

Thank you again to all the wonderful parents who have been so supportive in our preparations for this exciting event! We look forward to seeing you on 20 October!

Mr McKeown & Mrs Self
Choir Teachers

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**CHORAL FESTIVAL FINAL REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE**

**Please return to school no later than Monday 19th October**

☐ I hereby give permission for my child______________________________ of class __________ to attend the final rehearsal and performances for the Central Coast Choral Festival at Mingara on Tuesday 20 October. I understand that travel will be by bus and that there is no cost. I understand this will be a one-way trip.

☐ I will collect my child at approximately 5pm for a dinner break on Tuesday 20 October. I will return him/her to the Mingara Showroom by 6.15pm.

☐ I will collect my child at the conclusion of the performance Tuesday night at approximately 8.30pm.

Alternative dinner / pick-up details if necessary: ________________________________

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Signed __________________________(Parent / Carer)    Date________________________

Parent name _______________________(please print)   Contact phone: __________________________