



Stars Shine Bright at Junior School Christmas Concert

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The festive season was brought to life with boundless energy and adorable performances at the BGS Junior School Christmas Concert on Tuesday 12th December. The BGS community gathered at the Randle Hall to witness the charm and enthusiasm of the younger performers in the school community.

The concert began with The Junior Choir taking the stage with their rendition of Jingle Bells. The Junior Choir is one of our largest ensembles with over 70 members and their spirited performance Got the evening off to a flying start.

Our ensembles ranged from beginner groups newly established this term such as Hooters and Tooters and Toot Club but their first foray into public performances were as if they had been doing this for years. Each performance was delivered with such maturity and control, showcasing the progression of musical skills and confidence across the Junior School, From Recorder Group and Junior Guitar Group, Baby Bels and Junior Orchestra, every performance was delivered with confidence and met with cheers and applause. The Junior School performers' joy and excitement were infectious, creating an atmosphere filled with laughter and warmth. The hard work of the students and staff was evident in the quality of all the performances.

Several standout moments captured the audience's attention. Jessica Holland (Year 6) gave such a characterful performance *I Know Now* from *Snoopy The Musical* and Bella Adeoti (Year 4) performing with a band *It's not Christmas without you* was just superb. The concert not only showcased the students' budding musical talents but also their confidence and developing performance skills. There were so many amazing performances from all the students involved.

Another highlight of the evening was the coming together of the Junior Orchestra and choir supported by the Senior students in a typically large and bombastic end to the concert featuring *Walking in the Air* and an audience participation moment of *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* to truly finish in style. Seeing these ensembles and the audience of parents, friends and staff performing created a touching moment of togetherness that resonated with the festive spirit of the event. It was evident that the concert was not just a showcase of talent but a celebration of the school community coming together to share in the joy of the season.

The BGS Junior School Concert Junior Christmas Concert was a delightful testament to the magic that young hearts and voices bring. From the newer performers to the more seasoned performers, each child played a role in creating an evening filled with laughter, music. It was clear that the junior stars had not only entertained but had also created lasting memories for everyone lucky enough to be in the audience.