

Jon Madin visits Risdon Vale Primary

On Tuesday September 5th Jon Madin visited Risdon Vale Primary and ran a series of workshops with 2/3W, 3/4P, 5/6L, 5/6C and the marimba group. Each group learnt to play one piece on the marimbas and one on the echo-cellos. For most of those pieces Jon also had some students playing drums, ding-boxes or the music bikes whilst he accompanied them on guitar or piano accordion.

Jon was impressed with the way our students worked. He told me several times during the day how much he was enjoying himself. Thank you to the team of students that volunteered to help carry in, set up and pack up all of Jon's instruments.

I was very proud of the focus and listening skills that our students demonstrated. They were obviously enjoying themselves and there were lots of moments where I could see the joy on their faces and the WOW moments when they saw and got to play the different instruments.

Below are some reflections and drawings that students completed:

"It was fun and exciting to try new instruments. My best part was when I got to play the music bikes" Kye

"The experience was amazing, magical and awesome" Taylor D

"I liked that we all got to share all the things that we did with him" Kassie

"It was cool because all the instruments sounded good on their own but even better together" Connor D

"I liked Jon and his songs" Cayleb

"The best part was when we went out to play and the worst part was when we had to sit down" Adam

"It was challenging" Toby

"The best part was when I got to play the drum" Blade

"I learnt that Jon made all the instruments" Eliza

"It was really good, I loved it so much" Willow

"My favourite part was when we got to sing *We Will Rock You*" Charlette

"It was awesome and it made me happy" Brandon

"I learnt that you can make instruments from bikes" David

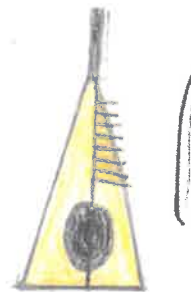
"The best part was having a turn on the drum" Aiden

"The workshop was challenging, and fun at the same time, and exciting. He has cool instruments and the concert was fun" Kayla

Carolyn Cross (Music Teacher)



Marimba - Connor H



Echo cello - Cam K