

Music Practice

At the start of the new year it is always an opportune time to review routines!

With this in mind, I would like to encourage the children at Beaudesert to establish a practice routine on their musical instruments. After a busy school day with prep, sport and activities it can be difficult to find time in the day, however if they can, they will certainly reap the rewards of their hard work.

MUSIC PRACTICE FOR BOARDERS

It is now possible for you to sign up to do your music practice in school.

- **When?** 6pm to 6.30pm before supper or 7pm to 7.30pm after supper.
- **How?** Sign up on the sheets outside Mrs Saunders' office.

Some of **Year 5** have been busy practising last week ...



Here are my TOP TIPS for PRACTICE

1. **Practise!** Ideally children should be practising every day. If this is difficult they should aim for every other day.
2. **Reward!** Reward your focused practice by playing through your favourite pieces.
3. **Achievement!** Set yourself a clear target so that you can review your achievements.
4. **Creativity!** Be creative, don't always start at the beginning of the piece. Remember to focus upon the parts you find challenging.
5. **Time!** Little and often is key ... 20 minutes of focused practice is much better than playing the same pieces over and over again.
6. **Intonation!** Tuning ... listen very carefully. If you can, record yourself playing.
7. **Count!** A metronome can be very helpful.
8. **Exercises!** Scales and technical studies are key to improving your technique on your instruments.