

Crashendo! Bairnsdale Youth Development Orchestra is a music and social development program.

**The program has run successfully at Bairnsdale Primary School for four years, and the focus has been to consolidate the program and build up a strong Strings section.**

**This year the program was extended to Nungurner Primary School where the whole school has been immersed in an instrumental program, with the focus on the Woodwind section, beginning with singing, percussion, recorder and clarinet.**



Crashendo! Bairnsdale holds both in, and after school sessions and the program includes group/individual instrumental tuition, orchestra rehearsals, and pre-orchestral skills. Currently it is for primary school aged children with secondary school students and adults as mentors. We endeavour to extend the program to include instruments from all section of the orchestra, to include older and younger participants and promote the program through East Gippsland.

It is based on *El Sistema*, Venezuela that has been successfully running for 40 years. The five fundamentals are; social cohesion through the pursuit of musical excellence; ensembles and group striving; frequency – ie rehearsing several times a week; accessibility; linking to other similar organisations.

**VOLUNTEERS** - would you like to?  
 take minutes: 1 @2hr/month  
 plan / implement fundraising events  
 be a mentor at rehearsals



**The inaugural AUSTAVic (Australian Strings Assoc.) Gippsland Strings Festival in Sale, held in June was so successful, that a second was held in December.** Crashendo! musicians attended both. (Above Left) back row: Eloise, Paige, Bronwyn, Grace, Mark; front row: Tess, Sorrel, Tali, and Chloe at the Festival in June. (Middle photo) Kieran with Crashendo! Strings Tutor Inge De Koster and Emily, Sorrel and Grace (right) in December.

Congratulations to Bronwyn, who has been successful in gaining the **inaugural Secondary School sponsorship from Crashendo! Bairnsdale Inc.** to continue her instrumental pursuits in Yr7. Bronwyn will be attending Bairnsdale Secondary College. Bronwyn was successful because of her effort, positive attitude and manners, and her commitment to attend both rehearsals and performances.



Congratulations to Jett and Chloe for being chosen as 2017 school captains, and to Bronwyn and Mark for receiving annual teacher's awards.



**Crashendo! has recently launched a Facebook page!**

We would love you to give it a like to get the latest updates on what we're up to! We will be creating events for all our concerts and performances as easy reminders. Facebook is free to join and if you are interested please either click the link:-

<https://www.facebook.com/crashendobairnsdaleinc/> or search 'Crashendo Bairnsdale Inc.'

Thank you to those parents/carers/friends who have already liked the page!

*Crashendo!* performed at the **official launch of Children's Week at Nungurner Primary school** at their Children's Art and Environment Day! The weather stormy held off, and our musicians performed exceptionally well to members of the community. Crashendo! musicians were also lucky enough to be able to participate in the free arts, crafts and music activities, ranging from building tool boxes, finding fossils, planting terrariums in old boots and free drum lessons. Thank you to Nungurner Primary School for inviting us.



**Committee**

President: Hilary Rigg  
V. President: Anne Schmidli  
Treasurer: Jenny Hay  
Secretary: Fiona Venables  
Members: Maureen Plunkett, JA Alexander, Kelly Wood, Claire-Lise Gamble

Orchestra Leader: Monique Calabro

String Tutors: Liz Cook,  
Inge De Koster

Wind Tutor: Monique Calabro

**The three-day Holiday Program on Raymond Island held in July:** John Wise (percussion) and Phillip Carrington (Strings) both experienced professional musicians and teachers from Melbourne shared their expertise as did locals, Deanne Howlett (art), Michelle Priestly (singing / percussion). The program was at capacity with 24 students. Below: Kieran, Tali and Noah during the Strings rehearsal session.



Our second year at the **Bairnsdale Christmas Street Parade**. This is great PR / promotion for us, the children must really concentrate whilst performing (noise/movement) and families and the community really enjoy it. Thankyou to funding bodies (see below), John Schmidli (conductor), the Ridder-Strickland family from "Strickland Ridder P/L" (truck, trailer, driver), Rob Neate (welding), volunteers, families, musicians and organisers Bairnsdale Chamber of Commerce and Industry

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We would also like to thank: the program Co-ordinator and Conductor Monique Calabro, String Tutors Liz Cook, Inge De Koster, emergency tutors / orchestra leaders Rob Cook, Erin, John Schmidli, holiday program tutors, volunteers, committee, AUSTAVic, parents and student musicians, Carolyn for washing uniform shirts, and attendees at all performances and fundraising events.

Message from the Conductor!  
Since I meet you all, you have all grown as musicians and as young people, please be proud of your individual and group achievements. Appreciate your holidays, enjoy showing off your wonderful playing to your families and friends and I look forward to seeing your smiling faces for 2017. Regards, Monique