

STUDENTS BAND TOGETHER

The commitment of Director of Schools Ray Collins to nurturing the creative arts in our schools is well known. On the same day as Diosounds was presented at the Civic Theatre, the concert band of St John's College Dubbo visited St James' Primary Kotara and played with students from five Newcastle schools.

As principal of St James' Peter Bowen said, "Ray Collins was instrumental in making this happen, and for the musicians who could attend, it was a real learning experience. Bandmaster Paul Dunn of St John's encouraged those who don't play to think about learning, and that's a real plus too."

Year 6 saxophonist at St James', Eulalia Angeli, enjoyed the experience very much: "It was really interesting hearing the older students' expertise. I've learnt quite a lot today."



Musicians from St Joseph's Kilaben Bay, Merewether and Charlestown, St Therese's New Lambton and of course St James', came together in St James' brand new hall. The eclectic repertoire included "Shake, Rattle and Roll", the theme from "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and the popular Radetzky March by Strauss.