



At the Mowbray Heights Primary School rehearsal for Count Us In are music teacher Jenny Johnston, Paige Nicholas, 10, Aahritik Gautam, 7, Amelia Parkier, 11, Connor Marshall, 7, Aaliyah De Sousa, 9, and Tayte Butler, 11. Picture: GEOFF ROBSON

Pupils tuning up for national music event

By ISABEL BIRD

THE joys of singing in the shower are being promoted by pupils at Mowbray Heights Primary who are practising to participate in the national event Music: Count Us In.

Singing is embedded into the culture of the school, according to music teacher Jenny Johnston, who says it is a precious gift that can be shared with everyone.

On October 29 at 12.30pm, more than a million pupils from more than 2000 schools in Australia will sing the song *Gold* together for the Music Australia



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event, that is promoted by singer Marcia Hines.

The event supports music education that is said to have a positive impact on literacy and numeracy learning, and can improve school attendance and lift student confidence.

Mrs Johnston said it provided an opportunity where every pupil at Mowbray could do something together.

“We practise the song in our class groups and then at the

school assembly every fortnight we might take the opportunity to sing that song together,” she said.

“It is something that everyone can do and feel good about. Students get to tune into what other schools are doing in Canberra or Sydney or wherever in Australia on that day, and they get a really good feeling about being part of something shared across the whole country.”

Beaconsfield and Glen Dhu Primary Schools, Launceston Preparatory School and Newstead Christian School will also be singing for the event.