



KDHS students singing along last Thursday during the The Music: Count Us In event. Picture: Rourke Walsh

Students hit high note at popular gig

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Students at Kununurra District High School joined thousands of others from around Australia in the country's biggest music gig last Thursday.

The Music: Count Us In program has about 500,000 students from more than 2100 schools sing the same song, at the same time, right across the country.

Now in its eighth year nationwide, this was the fourth time primary students from KDHS

have taken part, singing the specially written Paint You a Song at precisely 9.30am.

KDHS music teacher Ed MacNeill said the program highlighted the importance of music being part of a "well-rounded education".

"This really highlights the importance of music education, we get a bit hung up on NAPLAN, thinking literacy and mathematics is all education is about," he said.

"A well-rounded education is

what kids need and a lot of our kids in the band are our top achievers ... so music is often a way for top students to extend themselves by playing an instrument."

Mr MacNeill said he was pleased with the student's performance, which was also watched by dozens of parents who had come along for the event.

"It was great to see everyone out here today singing along," he said.