



Kids in tune for national anthem

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SINGING students are tuning up for the 10th annual Music: Count Us In initiative, which will ring out across Australia next month.

Australia's biggest schools music initiative, Music: Count Us In sees thousands of

students across the country sing the same song, on the same day, at the same time.

Started in response to a 2007 National School Music Review that identified inadequacies in music education, Music: Count Us In is designed to encourage young people to become

passionate about music, while helping teachers, principals,

school communities and families provide quality music education and participation opportunities.

The 2016 Program Song, *Let It Play*, will be performed at 12.30pm on November 3. Last year, more than half a million

students from more than 2100 Australian schools took part.

Students from Sandy Bay's Albuera Street Primary School, which has participated in Music: Count Us In each year since its inception, have been busy learning *Let It Play* and recently performed it for the school's kinder kids.

Goulburn Street and Lansdowne Crescent primary schools, St Mary's College and The Friends School have also

signed on for this year, and organisers are keen for more Tasmanian schools to follow suit. Registration is free, go to www.musicaustralia.org.au for details.



WARMING UP: Albuera Street Primary students learn the national song *Let It Play* for this year's Music: Count Us In national event, where about 500,000 children across the country will sing the same song at the same time.

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