


## Ballarat North Primary School pupils prepare for Music: Count Us In

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IN FINE VOICE: Ballarat North Primary School's grade 3/4C pupils practice Let It Play for the upcoming Music: Count Us In performance. Picture: Kate Healy

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BALLARAT North Primary School pupils will all be on song on Thursday, November 3.

The whole school is taking part in the national singing event, Music: Count Us In, to promote music education awareness.

Performing arts teacher Carly Macdonald said it was the fifth year the school had taken part, with this year's song Let It Play written by four teenage students from across Australia in conjunction with the event ambassador John Foreman and mentor Jay Laga'aia.

"It gives us a real community spirit," Ms Macdonald said.

"The preps learn it too and it gives them a connection to the older kids in the school.

"It also encourages the children to get involved in music." Music: Count Us In involves pupils from across Australia all singing the same song at the same time, at 12.30pm on November 3.

Ms Macdonald said Ballarat North Primary School had expanded its performing arts program to now include a music focus, along with drama and dance.

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IN FINE VOICE: Ballarat North Primary School pupils Hamish, Mackenzey, and Skylar lead their class in preparing for Music: Count Us In. Picture: Kate Healy