



Music Count Us In 2017

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DUBBO SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL celebrated the wonderful gift of music on Thursday, November 2, when Kindergarten to Year 6 (650 students) assembled in the hall to sing the song "Shine Together".

We were part of a national program called "Music Count Us In" and it involved over half a million students singing the same song, at the same time, on the same day all around Australia.

Music Count Us In began 11 years ago to remind students and teachers of the value of music. Music brings people together and makes us feel like we belong – it gives us a sense of community.

Music also builds confidence, teaches self-discipline, encourages creativity, requires cooperation and is great fun.

It was a wonderful afternoon where a number of other songs were sung including Julian Lennon's "Saltwater", Michael Jackson's "Blame it on the Boogie", Avril Lavigne's "Keep Holding On", and a number of fun singing rounds.

During lessons leading up to this assembly, lyrics were analysed, melodies and actions were learnt, and the true meaning of the messages behind the songs was understood.

