

ST COLUMBA'S SCHOOL TAKES PART IN SIMULTANEOUS SONGTIME FOR MUSIC: COUNT US IN



The voices of pupils from St Columba's Primary School Ballarat North joined a half-million strong choir across Australia as they took part in the simultaneous performance of Music: Count Us In.

The event had pupils from more than 3400 schools sing the same original song at the same time, with rehearsals taking place in the lead up to the main event which was at 12.30pm on November 2.

Five student songwriters collaborated with professional musicians and composers to write *Shine Together*, which was then recorded by professional musicians and sent to schools to use in their music programs. At least fourteen Ballarat schools took part in the nation-wide musical moment.

About three hundred St Columba's pupils joined in the song with a live broadcast from Melbourne's Deakin Edge theatre. "It's great to promote music in schools and we are happy to jump on board and do something special where we join with other children at the same time," said performing arts teacher Ruth Hackwill.

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Photo: St Columba's Auslan choir Kayden, Isabella, Keeley, Hannah, Annabelle and Zac demonstrate the Auslan sign for music before leading their schoolmates in singing Shine Together and signing the chorus for the national Music: Count Us In.