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Greetings from Eve Martin and Don Secomb, your Piano Co-ordinators for the Taree Eisteddfod. Please find enclosed our syllabus for 2017.

This is the 50th Anniversary year for our Eisteddfod.

To mark this momentous occasion we are introducing some new and special sections. See **NEW in 2017** on **Guidelines Page 2** of the syllabus for details of the new sections. Please note the chance for teachers and parents to perform with their students and children. Let's have fun with this new idea. You'll definitely be seeing Don playing with some of his students so please don't let him be the only one.

Our adjudicator for this year is Francis Louran from Sydney and we are looking forward to welcoming him here for the first time.

Please read the syllabus carefully but here are several things we'd like to draw to your attention:

*In Sections 130 to 134, Piano Solo from TV/Stage/Film, the music must have been specifically written for the TV show, stage work or film. This should be fairly easy to verify on the internet if you have any doubts.

*Participation Sections 164 to 167 are still continuing. Because these sections are non-competitive, the 15 and over age group is suitable for professionals or semiprofessionals who would like to perform on our beautiful Yamaha grand. These musicians would otherwise be ineligible to enter.

*Winners of cash prizes will no longer be paid by cheque. Direct Deposit to a bank account will be the new method. Bank details will be needed by us to make these payments. Finally, another gentle reminder to include a stamped self-addressed envelope with your entry for next year.

Please encourage all your students, especially the beginners to enter this time round and to try playing in a few more sections. It is a great way to learn the art of performance and to help overcome the nerves. It also gives our young pianists a chance to hear a lot of new piano music and to see that many other children play the piano too.

If you need more copies of the syllabus and entry form, please visit the website at www.tareeeisteddfod.com.au. If that is not possible, or if you have any enquiries, please call Don Secomb on 02 6552 7549 or 0400 402090.

All the best for 2017,
Eve and Don