



# — The Pitch —

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Term 2 timetables have been uploaded to the website. Lessons and rehearsals will continue **as normal day 1, week 1 of term 2**. Your child's classroom teacher has received a copy of the term 2 timetable as has your child. Our goal this term is to have no interruptions to lessons and getting to lessons on time without reminders. Please ensure you have a copy of the timetable viewable at home to help with these organizational skills. There have been some minor changes with some groups.

It is essential that children are at rehearsals on time ready to start. Both orchestra's and concert band have already got pieces ready for performing. The work effort has been fantastic – however some children are arriving late. Children need to be at school by 7.40am to help set up and be seated by 7.50am to get a good 40 mins practise. School starts at 8.45am so children need to be packed up and ready to head to class by 8.40am.

The Senior Choir will perform 2<sup>nd</sup> week back at our ANZAC day parade. An extra rehearsal for Senior Choir will be on Thursday at 1<sup>st</sup> break during wk 2. If your child does not attend this rehearsal, for other than legitimate reasons, they will not perform at the service. You are invited to attend our ceremony starting at 2pm in the TCBC.

A reminder that we will be involved in Fanfare. Fanfare is a statewide competition for bands and orchestras from Queensland state schools only. It happens every 2<sup>nd</sup> year and for the first time in Fanfare history, they are having a primary school grand final. Both our orchestras and concert band will be participating. Please claim the date – **SATURDAY, MAY 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016** in your diaries!! ☺ The competition starts at 8am and will be finished by 12pm. You are welcome to take your child when they have performed. ***It is an expectation that every member of the orchestras and band attend.*** Notes will be sent home with more information in term 2.

## Date Claimer

DATE	WHAT'S ON – TERM 2
<b>Week 2 Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>ANZAC Day</b> – School service Time 2pm - TCBC
<b>Week 5 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>NAPLAN</b> changes to lessons to accommodate children involved
<b>Week 6 Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>FANFARE</b> – 8am <b>Both Orchestras and Concert Band</b>
<b>Week 7 Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Beginner Band first rehearsal</b> 7.40am for 7.50am start
<b>Week 8 Wednesday, 8 June TBC</b>	<b>Music GALA Night</b> – 6pm start TCBC
<b>Week 9/10 ??? TBA</b>	<b>NQ Austa String Festival - TBA</b>
<b>Week 10 Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Choral Workshop</b> – Selected years 5 & 6 Choral Students

Brass– Kelly Clarke-Flessner - [kclar205@eq.edu.au](mailto:kclar205@eq.edu.au) Monday 11 - 3

Hey Brassies! I am very happy to say that we have made pleasing progress in Term One and I hope it continues in Term Two. Just remember the only way to maintain your musical knowledge and current playing standard is to continue practising over the holidays! Don't forget we have many musical events coming up next term so we need everyone to keep working hard.

Have a lovely, relaxing break !!!! Just remember that lessons will be happening on the very first day of Term 2!!!!

Percussion– Ian Brunskill - [ibrun2@eq.edu.au](mailto:ibrun2@eq.edu.au) Friday 11 - 1.10

Nice to see less calls to classrooms last week. Great job being organized. No lessons this Friday due to Good Friday. Have a great holiday break and don't forget to keep up the practise. Lessons will continue Week 1, term 2.

Strings– Caroline Lloyd-Doolan - [clloy28@eq.edu.au](mailto:clloy28@eq.edu.au) Wednesday 7.30 - 3

We have certainly had a very busy term even though it has only been a short one! I am looking forward to next term and seeing and hearing the progress of all our students. This week will be interrupted with the Fun Run however, I have tried to put alternative times in place for students so I am hoping the majority can still make it to their lesson this week. The beginners are now in the exciting phase of putting their bows and fingers together! Remember consistent practise is the only way to get successful results.

Next term the beginners will be involved in their first performance at the Gala Evening. There are a number of continuing students who are not practising consistently or at all. Please remember that you do not need to spend a lot of time each day on your instrument. Not practising leads to increased pressure on students to try and catch up or remember the lesson content from last week. It also means that the rest of the group is affected as well. In order to be successful in anything, be it music, sport or academics, there does need to be a sense of structure and routine. Here are some guides as to how you can achieve your 60 min in a week.

10 minutes by 6 times a week.

15 minutes by 4 times a week.

20 min 3 times a week.

There are also a large group of students who are doing a fantastic job and their practise booklets and more importantly musical prowess is really shining through! Next term we will be starting up the WOW raffle again and any students who practises 60 min per week goes into the draw for a fabulous prize!

Have a lovely Easter and a safe one with friends and family. Keep the music alive and see you next term!

### String Orchestra 1 & 2 – Caroline Lloyd-Doolan

Orchestra rehearsal will be as per normal schedule on Fun Run Day. ☺

### Woodwind – Sarah Hill – [shill256@eq.edu.au](mailto:shill256@eq.edu.au) Tuesday 7.30 – 3 and Thursday morning 9 – 11

The term is nearly at an end, I will distribute next term's timetables this week so there is no confusion with their lesson time in week 1. I have made some changes with the lesson groups to make sure student learning is maximised. Please double check the student's name in the group letters to see if they are affected. I am seeing a lot of enthusiasm in most students during lessons, this is fantastic to see as a teacher ☺ Students are forgetting to record their practice minutes in their journals – please make sure they are writing them down as it is a good tracker for myself and your student. During the 2 week break, it will be important for your student to still practice their instrument. It is quite easy to forget learnt techniques and symbols when they don't play for a long period. I will try to give extra homework for this time. If you are away on holidays, that is the exception. Until next term, Happy Holidays!

### Concert Bands – Sarah Hill

**Beginner Band** – All students who started learning a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument this year, will be asked to play in Beginner Band. This will start after Fanfare in **week 7, next term**. Rehearsals will start at 7:40am every Thursday for the rest of the year. Playing in an ensemble is an integral part of students learning development and is a requirement of Education Queensland's Instrumental Music Curriculum. A letter will be sent home next term with more details. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to email [shill256@eq.edu.au](mailto:shill256@eq.edu.au).

**Senior Concert Band** – Our pieces are developing nicely in preparation for FANFARE in week 6 next term. These are some dedicated students! I would like to have extra Thursday rehearsals next term until the performance day. These will start from week 1 to week 6, at 7:40am. Ideally, I would like full attendance but I understand if there are transport issues. Send me a quick email if there are any questions or concerns.

I would also like to have woodwind, brass, and percussion sectionals during first break on Tuesdays.

This will be highly beneficial to work out certain issues those sections are having. I will provide a timetable next term and let your students know during band rehearsal when these sectionals are on. Thank you for your support!

## WOW AWARDS - Recognition of Practice and Great Work

~ ~ Are you on the list this week? ~ ~



WOW Awards - Allana M., Rhyanna CS,

Awesome Effort!! Well done!! ☺

100 Minutes of Practise - Alyssa C (115), Katie P. (103), Chloe C. (175), Cheyenne R (150), Allana M (120), Hunter B (110), Kieren A (145), Tamsyn C (100), Sybella LB (100), Jazmine WC (170), Bella VK (170), Cameron F (290), Isabella F (210), Rhyanna CS (150), Alex S (80), Kimmy S (80), Catherine M (70), Eliza C (90)

Champion Efforts!! Look at all those names!!

Keep up the great work everyone. ☺

### Junior & Senior Choirs - Fiona Coleman

Our next performance is at our ANZAC day parade at school in the TCBC at 2.15pm. You are invited to come to our parade. Children will be singing the Australian and New Zealand national anthem and a new song called On the Hill. All rehearsals as per timetable. Extra rehearsals will be added soon.

### Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments

A list is up on the wall in the music room of every child involved in the music program. Please ensure your child has added their shirt size beside their name. We do ask that your child is prepared for the first performance which is our gala event in week 9, term 2. TBC

### (SHEP) State Honours Ensemble Program

SHEP is a firmly established aspect of music learning in Queensland, bringing together young people from all over the State, in regional centers and Brisbane to share their passion for making music. Its pursuit of excellence defines it as the highest quality performance avenue available to young ensemble-based instrumentalists outside of the Queensland Conservatorium and the Young Conservatorium. It is a unique opportunity for Voice, Strings, Wind, Brass and Percussion middle school students from North Queensland to work with their peers in an intensive environment of musical excellence. The program is guided by a team of international and national conductors from the Queensland Conservatorium and will be held at Ryan from 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> June.

Our instrumental teachers have nominated 27 students in year 5 & 6 who would benefit educationally and improve their musical skills by participating in this intensive weekend program. Students were recently contacted via e-mail if successful. **CONGRATULATIONS** to Bella VK, Cameron F, Tegan M, Lucas C, Ally Q, Megan D, Jazmine WC, Grace Q, Hannah M and Hannah B. Congratulations also

to Karsten V who is a reserve. The cost of the three day activity is \$270. Upon receiving your offer it is then your decision whether to accept or decline. Can you please notify myself or your child's instrumental teacher on whether your child is attending or not.

If you require more information please don't hesitate to contact the music staff or visit [www.griffith.edu.au](http://www.griffith.edu.au).

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke

Rockband ~ Trevor Schimke

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School		Concert Band	String Orchestra	Beginner Concert Band	
1 <sup>st</sup> Break	RockBand Rehearsal	Keys	Mr S at Junior Choir	Vocals	Drums
2 <sup>nd</sup> Break	RockBand Rehearsal	Guitars	Junior Orchestra	Sax/Trumpet	Mr S at Senior Choir

## Rehearsal Timetable

DAY/TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7.50am		CONCERT BAND	STRING ORCHESTRA	BEGINNER CONCERT BAND (Term 2)	
8.00am	SENIOR CHOIR (Term 2) Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke				
9.00am		WOODWIND LESSONS Sarah Hill <a href="mailto:shill256@eq.edu.au">shill256@eq.edu.au</a>	STRINGS LESSONS Caroline Lloyd-Doolan <a href="mailto:clloy28@eq.edu.au">clloy28@eq.edu.au</a>	WOODWIND LESSONS Sarah Hill <a href="mailto:shill256@eq.edu.au">shill256@eq.edu.au</a>	
11.00am	BRASS LESSONS Kelly Clarke-Flesser <a href="mailto:kclar205@eq.edu.au">kclar205@eq.edu.au</a>		JUNIOR CHOIR Fiona Coleman Trevor Schimke	STRINGS LESSONS Caroline Lloyd-Doolan <a href="mailto:clloy28@eq.edu.au">clloy28@eq.edu.au</a>	PERCUSSION LESSONS Ian Brunskill <a href="mailto:ibrun2@eq.edu.au">ibrun2@eq.edu.au</a>
1.10pm			JUNIOR ORCHESTRA Caroline Lloyd-Doolan		SENIOR CHOIR Fiona Coleman Trevor Schimke
2.55pm					