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A short newsletter this fortnight with some reminders from the last term. Term 2 timetables were uploaded to the website at the end of last term. 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 orchestras 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 practice. School starts at 8.45am so children need to be packed up and ready to head to class by 8.40am.

Congratulations to all the instrumental children working hard on getting into the 100mins club and demonstrating some fantastic playing and getting into the WOW bin. The energy and enthusiasm is fantastic. Keep up the great practising and efforts.

The Senior Choir will perform 2nd week back at our ANZAC day parade. An extra rehearsal for Senior Choir will be on Thursday at 1st 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 2nd 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 21st, 2016 in your diaries!! ☺ The competition starts at 8am and you 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 the next few weeks.

Date Claimer

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

Brass– Kelly Clarke-Flessner - kclar205@eq.edu.au Monday 11 - 3

Lesson start Monday, week 1.

Percussion– Ian Brunskill - ibrun2@eq.edu.au Friday 11 – 1.10

Lessons start Friday, week 1.

Strings– Caroline Lloyd-Doolan - clloy28@eq.edu.au Wednesday 7.30 - 3

Lessons are as normal starting Wednesday, week 1. Please ensure you have all your correct equipment including rosin, spare strings etc. I look forward to a productive and musical term 2.

String Orchestra 1 & 2 – Caroline Lloyd-Doolan

Orchestra rehearsal starts again this Wednesday. See you all there on time!! ☺

Woodwind– Sarah Hill - shill256@eq.edu.au Tuesday 7.30 – 3 and Thursday morning 9 – 11

Concert Bands– Sarah Hill

Beginner Band – Starts week 7

Senior Concert Band – Rehearsals will be on Tuesday and Thursday for the first few weeks leading up to Fanfare. ☺
Please see attached planner for concert band rehearsals and sectional practise.

WOW AWARDS – Recognition of Practice and Great Work

~~ Is your name on the list for next week? ~~

Junior & Senior Choirs - Fiona Coleman

Our next performance is at our ANZAC day parade at school in the TCBC at 2.00pm. Parents are invited to come to our parade. Children will be singing the Australian and New Zealand national anthems and a new song called On the Hill. It is essential you are attending rehearsals so you are familiar with your parts and what is expected from you as a member of the choir. Please ensure you take them home to learn words of your songs and bring them to every rehearsal. It is also a good idea to put in a pencil and highlighter!! ☺ Both choirs are working on better breathing techniques and good posture for better singing. Keep practicing your words, breathing and phrasing at home!! ☺

Senior Choir rehearse on Monday - before school - 8am and Friday's at 2nd Break - 1.10pm in the music room. Junior Choir rehearse on Tuesday at 1st Break - 11.00am in the music room. Morning Rehearsals will start next Monday, 18th April at 8am.

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 Fanfare on Saturday 21st May for our concert band and orchestras and then our Gala event in week 9, term 2. TCBC

(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 17th - 19th 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.

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke

"Music learning has been proven to not only assist in developing children's confidence, self-esteem and team skills, but also in improving literacy and numeracy." ~ Unknown

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 shill256@eq.edu.au	STRINGS LESSONS Caroline Lloyd-Doolan clloy28@eq.edu.au	WOODWIND LESSONS Sarah Hill shill256@eq.edu.au	
11.00am	BRASS LESSONS Kelly Clarke-Flessner kclar205@eq.edu.au		JUNIOR CHOIR Fiona Coleman Trevor Schimke	STRINGS LESSONS Caroline Lloyd-Doolan clloy28@eq.edu.au	PERCUSSION LESSONS Ian Brunskill ibrun2@eq.edu.au
1.10pm			JUNIOR ORCHESTRA Caroline Lloyd-Doolan		SENIOR CHOIR Fiona Coleman Trevor Schimke
2.55pm					