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Congratulations to the concert band and senior choir who performed at our school ANZAC service. The ceremony was well organized and the band and choir children performed beautifully.

This term has been very busy already with lots happening in preparation for our next big performance including FANFARE on Saturday 21st May in week 6 and GALA night on Wednesday, 8th June in week 9. If your child has not yet put their shirt size up I will 'guesstimate' a size for them. ☺ Please get them to do this ASAP. Everyone is busily working and getting organized for these performances.

Notes and Project Consent forms for Fanfare were sent home last week. Unfortunately they have been coming back slowly. Please read the note, sign the forms for attending and consent and return ASAP. 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!! ☺ More information on times are below.

It is an expectation that every member of the orchestras and band attend so we can showcase our school at its best.

All instrumental students are doing a fantastic job and we couldn't be more pleased with their efforts and having them be a part of our music program. A reminder that children are being assessed this term. The report is a progress of how they are going. Your child needs to understand their results and ask themselves if they have met their goals and what they need to do to improve to meet their next lot of challenges. Persistence, motivation and overcoming these hurdles makes us stronger and give us the ability to achieve and feel confident about our accomplishments. Please ensure children are aware of their lesson times and putting in the extra effort to showcase to the instrumental teacher what they have learnt during semester 1. Be aware of your expectations and what is required from you for success. Practising and preparing for your assessment will assist in great results. Good luck!! ☺

Date Claimer

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

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

Please ensure you are practising. Some children are not prepared for lessons.

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

Too many phone calls to classes to get children to lessons on time. Please ensure you are reading your timetable and arriving at least 5 mins early to prepare and get a full 30 minute lesson.

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

A great start to the term with most of the students remembering their lesson and orchestra rehearsals straight away. We have some exciting performance opportunities coming up this term so I am looking forward to the students learning new things and developing their skills.

String Orchestra 1 & 2 – Caroline Lloyd-Doolan

We have only a few rehearsals left before we represent ourselves in FANFARE so it is vital everyone is attending and more importantly, practising their parts so they are prepared and contributing to the orchestras in a positive way. Please email me if your child cannot attend a rehearsal due to illness so I can mark it on the Roll.

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

I am amazed with the progress of most beginners over the holidays, fantastic work!!! Saxophonists are being called regularly for lessons. Please check your timetable and make sure you are there on time. Continuing students, don't forget that it is still essential to practice through all material given. Focus on rhythms and key signatures. A friendly reminder that in week 4, there are some lesson merges due to my absence on Thursday. Please double check your time for that week. Happy playing!

Concert Bands– Sarah Hill

Beginner Band – Starts week 7

Senior Concert Band – In week 1 band rehearsal, I handed out a term 2 rehearsal schedule as we are very

busy this term! We have extra rehearsals on Thursdays until Fanfare which is an expectation for students to attend. If there are other family commitments, a signed letter or email is needed. We also have extra sectionals during Tuesday first break to help get the band ready. Please see below:

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
3	April 25 <i>ANZAC DAY</i>	April 26 CONCERT BAND <i>Brass Sectional 1st Break</i>	April 27	April 28 CONCERT BAND	April 29	April 30	May 1
4	May 2 <i>LABOUR DAY</i>	May 3 <i>Combined WW lessons</i> CONCERT BAND <i>Woodwind Sectional 1st Break</i>	May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8
<i>Miss Hill away on KSHS camp No lessons or band</i>							
5	May 9	May 10 <i>NAPLAN</i> CONCERT BAND <i>Percussion Sectional 1st Break</i>	May 11 <i>NAPLAN</i>	May 12 <i>NAPLAN</i> CONCERT BAND	May 13 <i>NAPLAN</i>	May 14	May 15
6	May 16	May 17 CONCERT BAND <i>Brass/Woodwind Sectional 1st Break</i>	May 18	May 19 CONCERT BAND	May 20	May 21 <i>FANFARE PERFORMANCE 8AM</i>	May 22

I am excited to see all students committed, focussed, ready to learn and play together!!

WOW AWARDS - Recognition of Practice and Great Work

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

WOW Winner: Chloe C and Emily F

100 minute club: Katie P (190), Chloe C (140), Hunter B (160), Kieran A (120) Jacksono VK (120), Allyssa C (100, 68), Catherine M (60), Mikayla O (70)

Well done!! Let's see if there are more names next fortnight.

You should be practicing all your pieces and exercises in preparation for Fanfare to be at your best!!

Junior & Senior Choirs - Fiona Coleman

Congratulations to our Seniors who performed at our school ANZAC service. You sounded amazing and it's only the beginning of the year. Keep up the great work and looking forward to your next performance at our school GALA night. Please ensure you have scheduled rehearsals into your diary and bare being responsible in turning up. The Junior choir have been asked to perform at The Willows Presbyterian Winter Fair on Saturday, 11th June sometime between 9 – 11 am. A note was sent home last week with more information. Please claim the date as it would be great to have as many of our juniors there to showcase at their best. They are working really hard and are looking forward to presenting to family and friends at our GALA night in week 9. Rehearsals are as follows:

Senior Choir rehearse on **Monday's – before school – 8am** and **Friday's at 2nd Break – 1.10pm** in the music room. **Junior Choir** rehearse on **Tuesday's at 1st Break – 11.00am** in the music room.

FANFARE 2016 Celebrating Instrumental music in Queensland State Schools

All forms were sent home last week and are returning slowly. Please ask your child if they have returned theirs. All information is on the note. At this point the Concert band need to be at JCU at 7.30am ready to play at 8.15am. The Junior Orchestra need to be at JCU at 7.30am ready to play at 8am and the Senior Orchestra need to be at JCU at 8.30am ready to play at 9.15am. These are approximate times. Parents, students, family and friends are welcome to attend. Snack food and drinks will be available for purchase.

CHORAL WORKSHOP

Every year the state primary schools put together a culminating workshop with selected year 5 & 6 students from around Townsville. Children in the current choir in years 5 & 6 will be invited to this exciting event. The workshop is being conducted during the last week of term 2 from Tuesday 21 - 24 June. Mr Tim Sherlock – choral conductor from Brisbane will be joining us during this time. Notes will be distributed in a few weeks.

Rock Band - Trevor Schimke

It has been a great first term for the Rock Band. We have been out on parade performing for the Seniors and Juniors with great response from our audience. This term will be a little busier due to our larger commitments. We are continuing to grow our song list by adding more Pop and Rock tunes. The Rock Band will play on parade again in a couple of weeks (once the new songs are secure) and then just before the Gala evening in June.

The other event that is new to our program this year is The Willows Presbyterian Winter Fair which we

have been invited to perform at. As part of our dynamic school agenda we are endeavouring to get out and become involved in community events displaying what our school has to offer to the wider community. This performance is on Saturday the 11th of June between 9am and 12pm, the weekend after our Gala. It is very important with the smaller group size that everyone is available for this performance. Please contact me if this clashes with other commitments so I can work out the most suitable half hour slot for the band to play in. More details will be given closer to the events.

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. Thanks to the students who have. 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.

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything." ~ Plato

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-Flesser 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					