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# *The Pitch*

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Last fortnight's letter was missing some information off the bottom. Apologies and hope it appears this week. WOW!! What a great results from FANFARE. All concert band and string orchestra children proudly represented the school out at JCU on Saturday. There were over 980 entries across Queensland from 48 regions. Forty-four of those ensembles were just from Townsville state schools. There were 13 entries in the primary division with our Concert Band receiving the only Gold. Our two orchestras did a fabulous job also receiving a Silver each. The standard of playing was excellent in all groups across Townsville showing that music is very strong and well supported in our state system.

All our groups received exemplary remarks which can be seen on the back of their certificates that will be sent home in the next week. All our groups were selected out of 5 to perform in the Regional Finals on Saturday, June 11 at the Townsville Civic Theatre. The winning ensemble will then go to Brisbane for the State final in August. ☺ Practise and attendance to rehearsals is priority for the next few weeks as we busily prepare for another outstanding performance. A note with further information went home this week. Please contact me if you didn't receive it. If there are any photos that you would like to share with us, please forward to my email [fcole7@eq.edu.au](mailto:fcole7@eq.edu.au) and we'll share on parade. Thanks to the parents who have passed some on already. We are so proud of their results, their playing and the way they represented our school. Awesome Achievement!! ☺

We also have our Gala night and choral workshop happening this term amongst all the other wonderful things happening at the school. Please check the newsletter regularly to be well informed and updated with information as it comes to hand.

**GALA NIGHT**

Wednesday, 08 June, 2016

6.00PM TCBC

**All our performers are ready and invite you to an evening of entertainment.**

The gala night is a performance to showcase what your child has been learning for the first half of this year. It also allows your child to build confidence and perform in front of a large crowd in preparation for the Eisteddfod in term 3 and share with you their learning progress. A sausage sizzle and drinks will be available for purchase from 5.30pm. No food or drinks are allowed in the TCBC. Children will change

into music shirts after eating. All performers are required to wear full music uniform as requested in previous newsletters. Please make sure you have all your music and instrument ready for the night. We would like the night to run smoothly and quickly with all children ready in the Performing Arts Centre. Groups will be called for during the evening to go to the music room to get ready. It is required that all children be seated with their parents at all times displaying audience manners. No children are to be left unsupervised or on play equipment.

This is reporting term. Children need to ensure they are at lessons to prepare for assessment. We appreciate the respect of being notified of your child's absence to lessons or rehearsals. These lessons are formal instruction and are recorded on your child's report card at the end of semester 2. We are noting that some children are attending without practice. If they are unable to meet expectations based on requirement levels of the national curriculum, it will be reflected in their report. Please ensure your child is practising and meeting expectations.

Keep up the great musical enthusiasm around the school. It is certainly not one to be missed and you should all be very proud of your efforts.

### Date Claimer

DATE	WHAT'S ON – TERM 2
<b>Week 7 Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Beginner Band first rehearsal 7.40am for 7.50am start</b>
<b>Week 8 Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Music GALA Night – 6pm start - TCBC</b>
<b>Week 8 Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June (TBC)</b>	<b>Rock Band &amp; Junior Choir performance @ Presbyterian Winter Fair</b>
<b>Week 8 Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>FANFARE Both Orchestras and Concert Band Tsv Civic Theatre Times TBA</b>
<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 – Selected years 6 Choral Students</b>
<b>Week 10 Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Athletics Carnival. Please check with your instrumental teacher for rehearsals and lesson times.</b>

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

Well done to all the students who participated in Fanfare on the weekend. It was a real pleasure to listen to your performances in full. Your hard work and dedication has really paid off.

All Brass students please remember to continue practising your instrument on a regular basis. It is only through consistent practice that you will see better results in relation to pitching the correct notes and tonguing accurately.

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

Five of our beginning students who have shown consistent practise in lessons and advanced to a certain page in their books have been invited to beginner band. Please ensure you are turning up to lessons on time without having to be called.

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

Testing will be taking place in week 9. Students have been learning a variety of pieces throughout the term and they may choose their own pieces to perform for me as part of their assessment.

Practice booklets are being filled in by most but there are some students who are not filling them out and showing them to me. Please remember that your home practice booklet is your way of keeping track of what you have achieved throughout the year.

String Orchestra 1 & 2 ~ Caroline Lloyd-Doolan

Congratulations to The Willows Junior and Senior Orchestra for their wonderful performances the other day! As a result of their dedication they are now into the Regional Finals at the Civic Theatre in 3 weeks.

This is a very important event.

Practise is of the utmost priority for every single student. There should be no one coming to orchestra rehearsals without being fully prepared. Every student will be expected to participate in this event as everyone is very important to the ensemble, particularly the lower strings.

There **WILL BE** orchestra **THIS** Wednesday for both groups and we will be learning a new piece on top of our other ones ready for the event at the Civic Theatre.

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

A reminder that testing commences this week, please ensure you have all equipment needed to perform your exam songs. Good Luck!

Concert Bands~ Sarah Hill

**Beginner Band** ~ A very exciting week for beginning students - Beginner Band **starts this Thursday morning at 7:40am**. Students are to bring their instrument, band folder, method book, pencil and water bottle. A letter of invitation should have been given to students. Please make sure that the signed section is returned before rehearsals begin. If a student is unable to attend for a rehearsal, a written letter of explanation is needed. If a student has 3 or more 'unexplained' absences during a term, they will not be invited to perform.

**Senior Concert Band** ~ A very big thank you to students and parents for their commitment over the last few weeks. We had a very busy rehearsal schedule- **AND IT PAID OFF!!!!** I am so very proud of all the hard work from the students. We are now working towards the **FANFARE** regional finals on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June.

Rehearsals are back to only Tuesday mornings. I may hold extra sectionals during the lunch breaks if needed.  
Congratulations!!

## WOW AWARDS - Recognition of Practice and Great Work

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

★ 🏆 CONGRATULATIONS 🏆 ★

WOW Winner: Callum S, Catherine M,

100 minute club: Allysa C. (70, 80), Chloe C (115), Hunter B. (100, 100), Amber T. (120), Rhyanna CS (115), Jordan N (100, 110), Ashlee F. (100), Alexandria (108), Hannah M (210), Kieren A. (130), William B (120), Katie P, (115).

Awesome Work!! Let's see if there are more names next fortnight.

## Junior & Senior Choirs - Fiona Coleman

Well done to the children who are making Monday morning rehearsals. A record is kept of attendance for every rehearsal. Children who have attended regularly will be invited to represent the school at the Townsville Eisteddfod in September. I am on long-service leave next week, but Mr Schimke will continue rehearsals in preparation for the Gala.

## FANFARE 2016 Celebrating Instrumental music in Queensland State Schools

A note with further information went home this week. Please let me know if you didn't receive it.

## CHORAL WORKSHOP

Our choral workshop is fast approaching. Our guest conductor is Timothy Sherlock from Brisbane. He will work with 100 year 5&6 students from around Townsville primary state schools. The workshop is being held at our school during week 11, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Selected year 6 students have been invited and accepted the offer. If more places become available, we will offer some places to the next lot of year 6 students. A culminating performance of the week's work will be on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June from 4pm in the TCBC. You are all invited to attend to see what magic this group will produce in a matter of 4 short days.

## Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments

Every child has been allocated a shirt which is stored at school. Please make sure that your child has returned their shirt from Fanfare to be washed and ready for our next Gala Event.

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke

*“Much of what young children do as play – singing, drawing, dancing – are natural forms of art. These activities engage all the senses and help wire the brain for successful learning ~*

*David A. Sousa*