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# *The Pitch*

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A huge week of events for our music students before the end of term!!

## GALA NIGHT

Well done to all our performers in the Gala last night. All performers were sensational! The following groups performed: Junior and Senior Choirs, Junior and Senior Orchestras, Beginner Band and Concert Band and Beginner Strings. All parents should be proud of their child's performance and it is easy to see that practice does pay off.

## PRESBYTERIAN WINTER FAIR

Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

9.30AM Presbyterian Church Grounds (Carthew Street)

The Junior Choir and Rock Band will be performing at the Presbyterian Winter Fair. Performances start at 9:30am with the Rock Band. The Junior Choir performs after them at 10:30am. Students are asked to arrive half an hour before to tune up and warm up for their performance. The Willows Presbyterian Church grounds are opposite BigW on Carthew Street. Children are required to wear normal school uniform with navy blue skorts/skirts/shorts, white ankle socks and black shoes.

## REGIONAL FINALS FANFARE

Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

6.00PM Townsville Civic Theatre

A note with further information has gone home this week. Please contact me if you didn't receive it. All Concert Band, Junior and Senior Orchestra members are to meet their instrumental teachers at the Townsville Civic Theatre by 5pm. We are meeting in the basement of the Civic Theatre at 5pm to tune and have a roll marked in the unlikely event of an emergency. Tickets are currently available through the ticketshop. All members are expected to attend this performance and if there is an emergency that you cannot attend, please contact your conductor. We look forward to seeing you all entertain!!

## STRINGS FESTIVAL

Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

6.00PM Townsville Civic Theatre

The AUSTANQ Strings festival notes were sent home last week. The strings festival is a great opportunity for young string players to play in a non-competitive performance in front of an audience and receive positive feedback and confidence. All applications need to be registered online and be finalised by Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> June by going to this link - <https://www.trybooking.com/197566> If you have further enquiries, please contact the organizer, Stephen Frewen-Lord on [stevefrew@live.com.au](mailto:stevefrew@live.com.au). Parents are free to attend and the ticket you purchase is your child's registration.

## CHORAL WORKSHOP

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

9am – 2.45pm The Willows State School TCBC

Our choral workshop is fast approaching. Our guest conductor is Timothy Sherlock from Brisbane. He will work with 120 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. Our selected year 6 students who have been invited and accepted the offer need to return their forms and payments by Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June. 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.

A busy term!! ☺ If you have any further questions or want to find out more, please contact us.

### Date Claimer

DATE	WHAT'S ON – TERM 2
<b>Week 9</b> Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Rock Band & Junior Choir performance @ Presbyterian Winter Fair 9.30am Presbyterian Church, Carthew Street
<b>Week 9</b> Saturday, 11 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>FANFARE</b> Both Orchestras and Concert Band Tsv Civic Theatre 6pm Meet at 5pm – Basement
<b>Week 10</b> Saturday, 19 <sup>th</sup> June	NQ Austa String Festival – Kirwan State High School
<b>Week 11</b> Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Choral Workshop – Selected years 6 Choral Students
<b>Week 11</b> Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Athletics Carnival. Please check with your instrumental teacher for rehearsals and lesson times.

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

Thanks to all the students who have completed all their assessment for this semester. Keep up the hard work and practice efforts at home! Remember practise = progress on your instrument.

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

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

Testing has been taking place this week. Students have been learning a variety of pieces throughout the term and they chose their own pieces to perform for me as part of their assessment. Austa NQ String Fest is happening on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June at Kirwan State High School Performance Space. Notes were sent home last week. Entries close this Saturday, 11 June. Please see above for further information on how to register online.

String Orchestra 1 & 2 – Caroline Lloyd-Doolan

Good luck to all those performing in Fanfare this weekend. Keep Practicing!!

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

Students have had a busy time this week with assessment, most students played beautifully!! Thank you for your hard work and practice. This week our lessons are back to normal. ☺ Please ensure that students are still filling out their practice journals with a parent signature.

Concert Bands– Sarah Hill

Beginner Band – Beginner Band has had a great start to their rehearsals. All students are helping to set up the band space to get ready to play. There have been a few absences already, please ensure that a signed note is given to the conductor for this. See you in week 10 ☺

Senior Concert Band – We are all ready to play for you at the FANFARE regional finals next week! If you have not returned your FANFARE form, please do so this week. This band still amazes me with how wonderful they sound. For example, we played a song that we haven't played in many weeks, and it was great!! As a reward, **there will be no band rehearsal on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of June, week 10.** Have a good sleep in, guys ☺

WOW AWARDS – Recognition of Practice and Great Work

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

★ 🏆 CONGRATULATIONS 🏆 ★

WOW Winners: Hunter B., Kieran A., Lily-May C.

100 minute club: Allysa C. (100), Hunter B. (230), Katie P, (350) WOW!! ☺.

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

Junior & Senior Choirs - Fiona Coleman

What a great performance last night at the Gala.

Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments

Some shirts taken home from Fanfare have not been returned. Please make sure music shirts are always returned ASAP after they have been borrowed so they are ready for the next performance.

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*