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What a huge week of music!! Our Gala night was a huge success. Thank you to all the children who came and to you, the parents, who organized your families to be there and enjoy the great performances. We had a lot of positive feedback and we are very proud of how all our groups are progressing. A lot of the children gave comments reflecting on their performances as being better than the rehearsals which is a great boost to their confidence. They were very nervous and for some experiencing their first time on stage was overcome with a big smile and feeling of success.

The showcase of music talent in our state schools last Saturday for Fanfare at the Townsville Civic Theatre was amazing. If you had the chance to see the groups perform and especially the secondary schools – it was very inspiring for our young instrumentalists. Having the opportunity to be selected to play in the semi-finals for Fanfare was a high accomplishment in itself. Unfortunately our groups did not win but we had success in being recognised and proudly representing our school and showcasing our high quality music program. There are three very large framed certificates being displayed in the office. Congratulations to the 75 children who represented our school and of course thank our wonderful instrumental staff who put in the hard work to get our ensembles to a high performing level. We are very proud of them all.

The church event was also successful with our Rock band and Junior choir entertaining the crowd. Congratulations also to the children who performed in AUSTANQ over the weekend. Layla M, Alyssa S, Max Q, Ally Q, Grace Q, Verity C, Hayley B, Emma B, Anthony LS, Carla B, Anatasia CS, Denzil D, Sylvane B and Tegan M. All performed brilliantly and received a medal for their achievements. We are looking forward to preparing more and refining for the Eisteddfod in September.

“Confidence is something you create within yourself by believing in who you are.” ~ unknown

A huge thank you to the parents who stayed for the whole concert at our Gala night and assisted in packing up, transporting children to all the events in the last fortnight that have been taking place and your support.. Thank you to the ladies who helped distribute and collect shirts and of course to all the parents who have taken them home to wash. BIG THANKS TO YOU ALL!! ☺ You're a Wonderful Help!! ☺

Timetables for Term 3 have been attached to the newsletter website. Lessons and rehearsals will continue as normal from Monday, 11 July. May you all have a well-deserved rest over the holidays and enjoy some special family time. Next term is another big term for music – so don't forget to keep up the

practice. We have Pinnacles in week 3 and of course the Eisteddfod starting in week 9. Enjoy your break!!

CHORAL WORKSHOP

Tuesday 21st – Friday 24th June, 2016

9am – 2.45pm The Willows State School - TCBC

Our choral workshop is this week. Our guest conductor Timothy Sherlock from Brisbane will work with 110 year 5&6 students from around Townsville primary state schools. Our selected year 6 students who have been invited and accepted the offer need to be at school by **8am** to help guide children from other schools to TCBC. Everyone is invited to the culminating performance on Friday 24th June from 4pm in TCBC. You are all invited to attend to see what magic this group will produce in a matter of 4 short days.

Date Claimer

DATE	WHAT'S ON – TERM 3
Week 2 Monday 19th – Friday 22nd July	Year 6 on Camp. Please notify your instrumental teacher if you are absent for lessons and rehearsals.
Week 3 Monday 25th – Friday 29th July	Pinnacles – KSHS (All woodwind, brass & Percussion Students)
Week 9 Wed 07th – Wed 14th September	Townsville Eisteddfod- Civic Theatre

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

Nothing to report

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

Nothing to report

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

Thank you to all my students for a wonderful term 2. I have been very impressed with the amount of practice and preparation for each lesson and orchestra. A special thank you to my two orchestras who made it into the FANFARE Semi-finals for all your hard work and dedication. I thought you sounded fabulous and so did many other teachers and parents!

Have a fun, and safe holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in Week 1 or term 3.

Beginner orchestra is now on every Thursday second break. There are a few students who are forgetting to come along and join in the fun!

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

In the last week of school, I will give out extra homework for students to play over the holidays. It is important that students still practice as it is very easy at their stage of learning to forget concepts. Try to encourage your student to be actively thinking about their instrument during this period. Even if it is 10 minutes at a time, every minute counts!! Happy Holidays ☺

Concert Bands- Sarah Hill

Beginner Band - Congratulations to all students at the Gala night! I was very proud of how well they performed after 2 rehearsals. At the last rehearsal, we worked on our first band piece, which was starting to take shape. Next rehearsal I will give out another band piece. Please ensure students practice these both over the holidays.

Senior Concert Band - I am very proud of our Concert Band's efforts at the Fanfare Finals. All students represented the school well! We are now working on new repertoire for the Townsville Eisteddfod. The chosen pieces are technically harder and students will need to practice over the holidays. I have set the standard high and I have faith that the students can achieve this level of playing.

WOW AWARDS - Recognition of Practice and Great Work

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

★ 🏆 🏆 CONGRATULATIONS 🏆 🏆 ★

WOW Winners:

100 minute club: Imaan K (135) Alyssa C, (107, 125), Katie P (106), Hunter B (165) Jordan N (140), Ashlee F (110).

Although it's holiday's should not mean a holiday from practice. If anything, you have more time to focus on those skills and keep your playing up. You can read ahead and be prepared for next term and show your teachers how much practice you did. **Be the first on the 100s chart for term 3!! ☺ ☺**

Junior & Senior Choirs - Fiona Coleman

The Senior choir performed a repertoire of small songs sung in various languages of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at the NAIDOC parade which was held on Monday.

(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 was held at Ryan Catholic College over the weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bella VK, Cameron F, Lucas C, Megan D, Jazmine WC, Hannah M and Hannah B who accepted their positions and participated in this exclusive event. Their performance was of very high standard reflecting the hard work that had been put in over a short weekend workshop. Well done to all who were selected and participated.

Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments

Some shirts taken home from Fanfare have not been returned. Please do so ASAP so we can fix up any changes with shirt sizes and people not continuing and children who missed out. Hopefully some problems with sizing were sorted at the Gala night. I have made note of these changes and your shirts will be available for your next performance. Thanks again to everyone who helped distribute and wash!! ☺

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke

“No music, no life. Know music, know life.” ~Thomas Carlyle

“Music is the universal language of mankind” ~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow