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Welcome back to term 3!!! This is a huge term for us as we prepare for the annual Townsville Eisteddfod starting on Wednesday, 7th September in week 9. It is expected that all children in the choral and instrumental ensembles are attending every rehearsal so we can showcase at our best during this time. Notes will be sent home in week 4/5 notifying you of what your child is participating in and when they will be out of the school. It is important that children are dressed appropriately in our school music uniform. Please ensure you are organized with appropriate navy blue skorts/skirts/shorts (of appropriate length), black shoes and white ankle socks.

Timetables for Term 3 were uploaded to the site at the end of term 2. Our goal for this term is that there will be **NO** phone calls to classes reminding students to be at their lessons. Children should be organized and prepared with their instrument and books and know when lessons are. It is the child's responsibility to remind their class teacher for when they will be out of class. All teachers have received the new timetables to be displayed in the classroom, If not, please ask them. They are also displayed outside the music room.

All lessons and rehearsals are on during Week 1, Term 3!! ☺

All brass, woodwind and percussion children received a note about Pinnacles before the end of term 2. Pinnacles allows your child to participate in a group of their ability level ensuring each child has success in the workshop. The workshop is an excellent opportunity allowing children to participate in a large group with other children from local primary schools and promote excellence in instrumental music in the primary schools. Children have a feeling of success when participating in this workshop and it's amazing what they achieve in such a short time. If you are attending, please return your permission notes no later than Wednesday 20th July to the music teachers. All payments are to be made on the day at KSHS. If you did not receive the note or require further information, please see Mrs Coleman or your instrumental music teacher ASAP.

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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 7th – 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

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

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String Orchestra 1 & 2 – Caroline Lloyd-Doolan

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Just a reminder that lessons and orchestra will be as normal this week.

Senior Orchestra is before school Wednesday

Junior Orchestra is second break Wednesday

Beginner Orchestra is second break Thursday.

Looking forward to an amazing and musical 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

I hope everyone had a wonderful break, finding some time to practise! Lessons resume first week back and hope that students have found the spare copies in the instrumental practice room. There are no lessons in week 3 and 9 due to Pinnacles week and Eisteddfod. I have altered lessons in week 2 to accommodate for year 6 camp. Please check week 2 carefully. I am very much looking forward to a fresh term of music making! Please, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself via email.

Concert Bands- Sarah Hill

A very exciting term for band music! Rehearsals commence this week, and in week 3 there will be no rehearsals due to Pinnacles Week. This is where primary schools in the Kirwan High cluster join forces and create a large concert band. There will be three different bands for each level. I hope that all Willows students will be involved in Pinnacles week as it is fantastic for improving their playing ability and making new friends. At the end of each workshop, there will be a concert for parents and family to attend. Make sure that your student has received a form, and have it returned by next week. A reminder to all parents and caregivers that if your student misses a rehearsal, please write a note or send a quick email. Attendance is vital for consistency in learning and progress. If your student has three or more unexplained absences in a term, they may not be invited to performances. Please do not hesitate to email myself if you have any questions.

WOW AWARDS - Recognition of Practice and Great Work

~~ How many of you practiced over the holidays? ~~

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

WOW Winners:

100 minute club:

Junior & Senior Choirs - Fiona Coleman

All children must attend all morning and lunchtime rehearsals as we prepare for the Eisteddfod. Juniors will have another rehearsal time added in the next few weeks. Once we've looked at the timetables we will notify you. Juniors will be performing at the Eisteddfod also. We are only allowed 45 students on stage and preference will be given to the students who have dedicated their time to rehearsals regularly. We have also entered the novelty section again. Simple costumes will be required and further details will be given shortly.

Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments

Some shirts taken home from Fanfare have not been returned. A reminder to return these ASAP.

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