



The Pitch

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The Eisteddfod is nearly upon us and groups are rehearsing very hard so they are ready to perform at their best. Notes will be sent home this week (I'm hoping ☺) notifying you of what your child is participating in and when they will be out of the school. The Eisteddfod is starting for us on Tuesday, 6th September and we will have various groups attending every day until Friday, 9th September.

The top of the note will list all events that your child is participating in. There is a timetable on the note indicating relevant times of when buses leave the school and arrive back from the Civic Theatre and what to take. I have included a copy at the end of the timetable. The bus company is on a tight schedule with all Townsville schools being involved in the Eisteddfod and it is important that we are sticking to an agenda. Please **highlight your times** accordingly and ensure your child is at school dressed appropriately ready to go with appropriate gear. Please ensure you are organized with appropriate navy blue skorts/skirts/shorts (of appropriate length), black shoes and white ankle socks.

If you are available to assist with supervision on the bus and at the theatre, please indicate on the permission slip. I will notify you of your assistance ASAP. Please ensure the **whole sheet** is returned and each appropriate area is signed. There will be a one off payment of \$10 to cover buses.

Pinnacles Honours Band Workshops

Last week Kirwan High hosted the annual Pinnacles Honours Band Workshops for students in the Pinnacles Cluster area. It proved to be a great success with the largest concert band consisting of 80 beginner primary school students on the Friday!!! The Willows students should really proud of their achievements as they played well and represented the school to a very high standard. Ms Hill, Mr Brunskill and Ms Clarke were blown away by the enthusiasm displayed by our students at the event and we can't wait for next year to be even bigger and better!!!!

Date Claimer

DATE	WHAT'S ON – TERM 3
Week 9 Wed 07 th – Wed 14 th September	Townsville Eisteddfod- Civic Theatre

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

A big shout out to Alyssa C for smashing her personal best practise record. She achieved 387 mins of practise!!!!
Woohoo!!!! I look forward to the rest of my brass students working hard and practicing! ☺

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

Hello everyone, Can you believe we are in week 5 already? We are all working very hard at preparing our multiple Eisteddfod items and this should take real priority now as we have until week 8 to be ready. I have 5 groups entering from this school alone so the more prepared each group is the less stressful it will be on the day when we are all there together!

There are students who are forgetting to bring their instruments. At this stage every week counts towards a more polished performance. There are no school instruments to borrow if you are a viola or violin so please be organised the night before in case the morning gets busy so you have all your music and necessary equipment. Check the timetable each week for your lesson time.

At the moment I am condensing some of the groups in order to practise our ensemble music. It is really pleasing to see the progress students are making and the hard work pays off with the beautiful music that is created both as an individual and as a group.

A reminder that I am away next week and this has been reflected in the timetable. During this time I expect everyone to keep up their practise and I can't wait to see their progress when I return in week 6.

Happy music making!

String Orchestra 1 & 2 – Caroline Lloyd-Doolan

No Rehearsals this week as Mrs Lloyd is on leave.

Beginner orchestra

No Rehearsals this week as Mrs Lloyd is on leave.

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

After a week off due to Pinnacles Honour Band, students are getting back into the swing of routine practice. Please ensure students are still recording their minutes in the practice journal. The weekly woodwind WOW prize is a tuckshop voucher. ☺ If your student is a clarinet or saxophone player, check to see if their reeds need replenishing. Some are on their last reed! Flute students need to clean their joints more regularly as some are getting stuck. Happy playing ☺

Concert Bands- Sarah Hill

Beginner Band: Our first band piece sounds amazing! I am super impressed with how quickly this band has achieved learning Power Rock. I handed out a new piece last rehearsal, I hope that all students will work on this at home. We are starting to look more closely at intonation and tuning the band. A great way to help your students develop their aural skills is by downloading an app called 'Cleartune'. A friendly reminder that if students miss a rehearsal, they are needed to bring a signed note to me. Thanks!

Concert Band: At our last rehearsal we made a group decision to perform a harder piece for Eisteddfod. Rehearsals are now underway and students are required to practice this individually at home for us to be successful. I know we can achieve this goal and I hope that all students are committed to practice and rehearsals, 110%

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: Kimmy S, Alyssa C, Kieran A, Ashlee F.

100 minute club: Alyssa C (387) 🖐️, Ashlee F. (110), Hunter B. (105)

Junior & Senior Choirs - Fiona Coleman

It's a little disappointing to see our junior choir not progressing as well as hoped. We have added a 2nd rehearsal on Friday's at 1st break and even with reminders we have over half missing. ☹️

Unfortunately we will not attend the Eisteddfod if these numbers continue as we are not ready.

Please ensure if your child is a member of the junior choir that they are attending rehearsals regularly ready to showcase ourselves for the annual eisteddfod. Rehearsals are Wednesday's

and Friday's at 1st break. The senior choir are working very well. I can't be more proud of your dedication to rehearsals and the efforts you are putting into each rehearsal. I'm looking forward to your polished performances at the Eisteddfod. Well Done!! A reminder that we are only allowed 45 students on stage and preference will be given to the students who have dedicated their time to rehearsals regularly. Don't forget senior choir have decided on a simple costume of ALL BLACK for our novelty performance. We ask that you do not go too any expense for a 5 min performance. This will be required for seniors only who are in the novelty section.

Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments

Did you return your shirt from Fanfare? We are still missing 4!! ☹ A reminder to return these ASAP.

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke

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	Woodwind Ensemble 154A – 827 Beginner Orchestra 160A – 833 Senior Orchestra 160A – 834 Junior Orchestra 160A – 835 String Ensemble A 154A – 829	Novelty Choir Year 4- 6 7 - 823	Junior Concert Band 157A – 832 Senior Concert Band 157B – 831 Folk Group Selected Yr 6 43 - 825	Percussion Ensemble 153 – 826 Brass Ensemble 154C – 828 String Ensemble B 154C – 830	Senior Choral Championship Year 4 - 6 3B – 823 (This may be a later departure time – can confirm once program is printed.)	Junior Choral Championship Year 1 – 3 4 - 824	Choral Unison Singing Year 4- 6 5B – 823 Choral Folk Singing Year 4- 6 9B - 823
Date	Tue 6th Sept AM	Tue 6th Sept PM	Wed 7th Sept AM	Wed 7th Sept PM	Thur 8th Sept AM	Fri 9th Sept AM	Fri 9th Sept PM
Be at Music Room	7.30am	11.00am	7.30am	11.00am	8.00am	8.00am	11.00am
Bus/carpooling Departs School	8.00am	11.30am	8.00am	<u>CARPOOL??</u> 11.30am	8.30am	8.30am	11.30am
Session Starts	9.00am	12.30pm	9.00am	12.30pm	9.00am	9.00am	12.30pm
Bus/car Departs Venue approx.	11.45am (depending on adjudication time)	1.45pm (depending on adjudication time)	12.00pm (depending on adjudication time)	2.15pm (depending on adjudication time)	11.45am (depending on adjudication time)	11.00am (depending on adjudication time)	2.15pm (depending on adjudication time)
What You Need	Music, Instrument, Mallets, Water bottle and snack	Water bottle and snack DRESS - ALL BLACK for Novelty	Music, instrument, Water bottle and snack Folk Group Costumes	Water bottle and snack	Water bottle and snack	Water bottle and snack	Water bottle and snack