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# *The Pitch*

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**It's Eisteddfod week and we're all very excited!!** It has been a very busy and hectic week, yet very rewarding at the same time! We wish all 175 students the best as you participate in this grand event and hope you enjoy the experience of performing at the civic theatre. We are very proud of your efforts.

Thank you to the overwhelming response of parents who indicated they could help with transport and supervision. This year supervision has been covered by school staff. We would still love to see you at the theatre if you can make it to support your child in their performances. Admission is \$8 a session, \$15 a day or \$45 for the week.

It is important your child is prepared and organized for the day. Please check the new timetable (at end of this newsletter) to make sure you have lunch, water bottles, instruments, music, costumes etc. for the correct day. There were some time changes with buses – so you don't need to be at school too early on some days. Please wear your black shoes and white socks and correct coloured navy blue skorts, skirts or shorts. It may be a good idea to prepare the day before!! ☺ Your music shirt will be hanging up in the music room for you to change into when you arrive. Our selected year 6 folk group children will be wearing white. Don't forget your angel wings.

As we are limited for time in accessing buses and getting to the theatre, if your child does not have a permission on the day they will not be attending. If your child is sick on the day and/or unable to attend, please inform the school immediately to let us know ASAP by calling 4799 1333. It is possibly better to avoid ordering tuckshop on the days your child is involved at the eisteddfod.

Children who have applied to be part of the Kirwan Arts Academy were asked to have submitted their application by last Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Letters are being sent out to all applicants notifying you of specific audition details. Children attended an audition this week. You will be notified of your application success in the first couple of weeks of term 4. Best of luck to all the children who have auditioned this week!! ☺

A reminder that our first year instrumentalists will be required to hand back their instruments at the end of term 4 so they are cleaned and repaired for our 2017 new recruits. Our 2016 beginner players have excelled greatly with their newly acquired skills and are sounding fabulous. We would hope that a lot of them are continuing in 2017. You will be required to purchase your own instrument as mentioned at our recruiting night and now is a good time to start looking for a good quality 2<sup>nd</sup> hand instrument. We do have a list available on preferred brands and further information on purchasing your own instrument that will go

home early term 4. There are a lot of good 2<sup>nd</sup> hand instruments around at a good price – you just have to find them. There are a lot of stores with various payment plans available also. Please ask your child's instrumental teacher for further information on purchasing and brands to look for if you require further information. If you play our more expensive instruments such as cellos, tenor sax, bass clarinet, double bass, euphonium, baritone and tuba, you will be loaned the instrument again in 2017.

Lessons will continue as normal in Week 1, Term 4. Timetables will be uploaded or on display by that week.

DATE	WHAT'S ON - TERM 3
Week 9 Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Townsville Eisteddfod- Civic Theatre
Week 10 Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> – Thur 15 <sup>th</sup> September	No STRING Lessons. Ms Lloyd is in Bundaberg
Week 10 Thur 15 <sup>th</sup> September	NO Junior Concert Band
WHAT'S ON - TERM 4	
Week 1	Application for Recruiting 2017 forms sent home
Week 2 Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	AUSTA Strings Festival
Week 3 Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Performers Concert TCBC 6pm - TBC
Week 4 Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Wind/Percussion/Brass Recruiting 2017 TBC
Week 4 Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	String Recruiting 2017 – NO LESSONS (Lessons on Wednesday instead) TBC

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

Good luck to all the students who auditioned for the Kirwan Arts Academy at Kirwan High on Tuesday.

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

Our beginner percussionists have been entered in the ensemble section this year. Dedication to individual practice by our 5 percussionists has been AMAZING!! Each child has contributed 110% effort on their parts and together have created an ensemble that works. Congratulations on that extra effort from each of you!! ☺

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

What an eventful term this has been

There will be normal lessons on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> for those students who are not involved in any other Eisteddfod performances.

THERE WILL BE **NO LESSONS OR ORCHESTRA IN WEEK 10!** I am away conducting primary school students at the Bundaberg Crush Festival.

Because this term has been so busy I will be testing students first week back in term 4. Students have been preparing for this and their pieces have been or will be marked in their books as to what they have to play. I am really looking forward to this week and I hope everyone has a relaxing and fun holiday ready for term 4.

During that week there will be no lessons or orchestra as the string teachers are all involved so I highly encourage all students to attend.

Celebration of Strings notes went home a fortnight ago. All students received one colour, coded according to their levels. This is an amazing opportunity for students and those parents that have witnessed the end concert before will I am sure agree that is a wonderful week of learning. Please read the note carefully, particularly how to book. **This is NOT a school based activity so no money is to go to the office.** All bookings must be done through the trybooking site on the note. **ALL MEDICAL FORMS** are to come back to either myself directly or Mrs Coleman.

### String Orchestra 1, 2 & Beginner – Caroline Lloyd-Doolan

There are some students on lunch time rehearsals that are at school but choosing to play at lunch instead of attending orchestra. Please remind your child of the importance of attending their rehearsals because they are involved in many public performances throughout the year including Eisteddfod this week and the GALA concert in term 4. Therefore in order to have the group play their best they need to know what they are rehearsing!

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

Thanks to those students who have been remembering their lessons, however, I am still making too many calls to classes! Please try your best to remember ☺ Most students have been keeping up with practice and not writing it in their journals. It is still very important that you record this. I am rather impressed with the progress of our first year players, skills and concepts are coming together and it is a proud moment when we think back to how far they have progressed over the year. Keep up the good work, and just keep trying! If there are any parents thinking about buying an instrument for next year, I have a 'suggested brands list' that I can pass on, just send me an email. I am also happy to answer any questions you have ☺

### Concert Bands– Sarah Hill

Beginner Band: Wow! These students sounded AMAZING last rehearsal

**THERE WILL NO BAND REHEARSAL next Thursday (after Eisteddfod).** They deserve a sleep in. Lastly, I would like to make a special mention to Amarli, Blayne, Tanika, Alex, Nic, Cheyene and Kyle for their help with setting up the band last rehearsal. Keep practising, and see you all next Wednesday

morning!

Concert Band: There will be band rehearsal in the last week of school, happy practising!

### WOW AWARDS - Recognition of Practice and Great Work

WOW Winners: Hunter B. and Rhyanna C.S

100 minute club: Where are all the names this fortnight?

Congratulations to you!! 😊😊

Band/Orchestra repertoire to practice this week!!

### Junior & Senior Choirs - Fiona Coleman

We had a run through with our accompanist last week which went well. The children are working extremely hard and I'm very proud of their efforts, dedication and commitment to all the extra rehearsals. They've displayed great resilience and persisted in getting our harmonies and words correct. Your discipline will shine on the day and I look forward to you representing our school and enjoying the experience of performance and getting on stage. Good luck, smile and enjoy the experience!! 😊

There are NO rehearsals this week as we'll be at the theatre. There are NO rehearsals during the last week of this term for both choirs. ENJOY YOUR BREAK!!

Our novelty section song for senior choir is prepared and we need to do practise in our own time. They have been working hard on putting their display together.

### Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments

All our music shirts will be used constantly during the Eisteddfod and many of our music students will wear them many times throughout the week. If you can help assist with washing during this busy time, please email me or come and see us.

All children performing at the Eisteddfod need their folders with their music to be organized.

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke

2016 Townsville Eisteddfod

	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	Senior Concert Band 157B - 831 Junior Concert Band 157A – 832  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	Junior Choral Championship Year 1 – 3 4 - 824	Choral Unison Singing Year 4- 6 5B - 823 Choral Folk Singing Year 4- 6 9B - 823
<b>Date</b>	<b>Tue 6<sup>th</sup> Sept AM</b>	<b>Tue 6<sup>th</sup> Sept PM</b>	<b>Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Sept AM</b>	<b>Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Sept PM</b>	<b>Thur 8<sup>th</sup> Sept AM</b>	<b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Sept AM</b>	<b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Sept PM</b>
<b>Be at Music Room</b>	7.30am	11.00am	8.30am	11.00am	8.30am	9.15am	11.00am
<b>Bus Departs School</b>	8.00am	11.45pm	9.00am	11.45am	9.30am	10.00am	11.45am
<b>Session Starts</b>	9.00am	12.30pm	9.00am	12.30pm	9.00am	9.00am	12.30pm
<b>Bus/car Departs Venue approx.</b>	12.00pm (depending on adjudication time)	1.45pm (depending on adjudication time)	12.15pm (depending on adjudication time)	2.15pm (depending on adjudication time)	12.15pm (depending on adjudication time)	12.30am (depending on adjudication time)	2.15pm (depending on adjudication time)
<b>What You Need</b>	Music, Instruments, Water bottle and snack	Water bottle and snack DRESS - ALL BLACK for Novelty	Music, instrument, Mallets, Water bottle and snack Folk Group Costumes	Mallets, Music,, Instruments, Water bottle and snack	Water bottle and snack	Water bottle and snack	Water bottle and snack