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Hope you all enjoyed your break with family and friends. Welcome back as we prepare for a very busy term 4. Congratulations to all choir and instrumental students who participated in the in the annual 2016 Townsville Eisteddfod. Music is definitely thriving in Townsville. It was nice to see the amount of entries in the competition and lots of children representing their schools. The children were a little nervous but enjoyed the experience and performed with confidence and pride. The competition was of very high standard in all the sessions we were competing in. All the attendance to rehearsals and lessons were rewarded. All trophies are on display in the office and children will receive a copy of the comments this week on a certificate for every section they were involved in. Well done to all involved!!! We are very proud of you all. The following are our fantastic results:

String Orchestra – Highly Commended

Senior Choral Championship – 3rd

Junior Concert Band – 3rd

Choral Folk Singing – 2nd

Choral Novelty Singing – 3rd

Folk Group – 1st

Choral Unison Singing – 3rd

Junior Choral Championship – Highly Commended

If you were unable to see your child perform at the Eisteddfod, you are invited to our performer's night on Wednesday, 19th October, 2016 at 6pm in TCBC where they will do it all again. ☺ If your child is interested in learning an instrument and starting in our instrumental program for 2017, you are also invited to be guests at our performer's night and be entertained by our current members and see what our program has to offer and what your child may be part of from 2017.

Notes will be sent home this week to prospective year 2, 3 & 4 (2017) instrumentalists and also to all instrumentalists in current years 3 – 5 on whether they are continuing. It is important that this note is returned so we can allocate numbers for our 2017 instrumental program. The intake is dependent on teacher time allocation and numbers of students. If your child is not continuing, you must let their teacher know ASAP. If you are a 1st year instrumentalist continuing, purchase of an instrument is required as these instruments will be passed on to our new beginners. There is an exception for our cello, and big brass instruments as these will be re-loaned to you in 2017. If you would like further information in regards to continuing in the program or about our recruiting process, please come and see one of us.

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DATE	WHAT'S ON – TERM 3
Week 1	Application for Recruiting 2017 forms sent home
Week 2 Monday 10th October – Friday 14th October	AUSTA Strings Festival No STRING/ORCHESTRA REHEARSALS
Week 3 Wednesday 19th October	Performer's Concert TCBC 6pm
Week 4 Tuesday 25th October	Wind/Percussion/Brass Recruiting 2017 NO BRASS/WOODWIND LESSONS or BAND REHEARSALS
Week 4 Thursday 27th October	String Recruiting 2017 – NO LESSONS (Lessons on Wednesday instead)
Week 6 – Friday 11th November	Remembrance Day – Senior Choir 10.30am TCBC
Week 7- Wednesday, 16th November	Recruitment Information Night – 6PM TCBC
Week 9 – Wednesday 30th November	Christmas Carols All year levels, Instrumental and Choir
Week 10 – Wednesday 7th December	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony - Senior Choir TCBC

Strings– Caroline Lloyd-Doolan - clloy28@eq.edu.au Wednesday 7.30 - 3 Thursday 11 - 3pm

Well the countdown is on now as we reach our final term for this busy year.

Our end of year Gala Concert is on week 3 and I am really looking forward to showcasing the fantastic work all my groups did for Eisteddfod. I am sure you will agree when you hear them that the hard work really paid off! A little reminder to say to your children to please look over the pieces again so it is still fresh in their minds!

Recruiting will be happening again as always. I will be testing my students in week 4 on a Thursday. All Thursday students will go into the Wednesday timetable so everyone still receives a lesson that week. This is already reflected in the timetable. Please print one out for your child so they have it in their folders or on the fridge at home. Timetables were sent out in last month's newsletter.

A continuation form will be going home with your child this week. In order to have accurate recruiting numbers for next year I would ask that these be filled out and handed back no later than week 2 Friday so I can properly prepare for week 4.

CELEBRATION STRINGS is on in week 2! This is a fantastic opportunity for every string player to receive valuable tuition and to play with students from all over Townsville.

Entry forms for the **trybooking site close this Friday**. If you are unable to get on to the site you may still hand me your medical form and just pay CASH on the day. Correct money only please!

I would like as many students as possible to enter these workshops. If you have lost your note please come and see me in class this week!

There are no normal lessons or orchestra that week as all the string teachers are at the workshops.

Finally,

Please keep up the practise, keep up the diligence in coming to lessons on time and please be responsible music students and turn up to your designated rehearsal promptly and with the correct equipment ready to go!

String Orchestra & String Ensemble & Beginner Strings – Caroline Lloyd-Doolan
As Above

Brass– Kelly Clarke-Flessner - kclar205@eq.edu.au Monday 11 - 3
New Timetables on display outside music room and uploaded to website.

Percussion– Ian Brunskill - ibrun2@eq.edu.au Friday 11 – 1.10
New Timetables on display outside music room and uploaded to website.

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

Welcome back to Term 4! It was good to hear that some students had a chance to practice over the holidays, thank you! A reminder that students should be recording their practice minutes in their journal. I am very much looking forward to hearing more progress on student's instruments. This term, **there will be no lessons in week 4 or week 10**. A written and performance assessment will commence in week 6. Happy practicing!

Junior Concert Band & Senior Concert Band–Sarah Hill

Beginner Band & Senior Concert Band: We have 2 performances this term, week 3 and week 9. After the Christmas Concert, students who have borrowed a school instrument must return it for cleaning and maintenance checks. There will be **no rehearsals in week 4**, due to instrument testing for 2017. I would like to give a special mention to student, Marnie F, who has been moved from beginner band into concert band. Congratulations!

WOW AWARDS - Recognition of Practice and Great Work

~ ~ Are you on the list this week? ~ ~

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WOW Awards –

100 minutes of practise –

Junior & Senior Choirs - Fiona Coleman

Big congratulations again to both choirs who performed at a very high standard at the annual eisteddfod. I was very proud of you all. Your commitment and dedication were really rewarded. I look forward to you presenting again and hearing your wonderful sounds at our Performer's Concert. Rehearsals will continue as normal for both choirs this week as we prepare for Remembrance Day, Graduation and Christmas and most importantly to celebrate and have fun in doing what you love – SINGING!! ☺

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke

“Life is one grand sweet song to start the music.” ~Ronald Reagan

“Do not neglect your music, it will be a companion which will sweeten many hours of life to you.” ~ Thomas Jefferson