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# *The Pitch*

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Congratulations to all our music students who performed in our Concert last Wednesday night. It was great to see so much support from parents and so many of our talented children perform. Thank you to the parents and teachers who helped set up, pack up and wash shirts. Your support to our music program is greatly appreciated. We had a lot of positive feedback and glad you all enjoyed the performances from your talented children. We are very proud of them too. ☺ Thank you! ☺ The live recording was picked up well and sounds great. We now have the task of collating and copying all these as a gift for your child at the end of the year. You are more than welcome to copy this CD as a gift for family and friends but a reminder that it remains for personal use only and not distributed via social media or uploaded anywhere due to copyright restrictions.

Thank you to Mrs Winter who took some great group photos of our ensembles and some fantastic pictures of the Year 6's for their yearbook. It is unfortunate that not all members were presented in their groups but we did our best to include everyone that attended. These photos will also be available on the CD.

We are still waiting for some continuing notes to be returned. Please return these ASAP and notify your instrumental teacher. We need to check numbers of continuing students with our time allocation and how many children we can recruit for 2017.

Recruitment testing for Strings, Woodwind, Brass and Percussion happened last week with a lot of eager students displaying their willingness to be selected. We have had 97 applicants this year and all will receive a note by the end of week 6 on whether they have been successful or not. It is essential that you attend our information night on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm in TCBC Conference room if you or child has been accepted or put on a waiting list. This is so you are well informed of the process, we can check numbers and offer positions to children who may be on a waiting list before the end of the year. If you do not attend, your place may be given to someone on the waiting list.

Instruments will be collected at the end of the year for cleaning and repairs. If you are a 1<sup>st</sup> year instrumentalist, you need to ensure that you are purchasing an instrument to continue in 2017. Reputable brands were listed on the bottom of the continuing note. There is also payment plans available in helping you purchase new instruments. If you are purchasing second hand instruments, please get them checked prior to purchase as repairs may cost more than the instrument is worth. Please come and see us if you require further information. Children who currently learn on more expensive instruments including French

Horn, Baritone, Cello, Euphonium, Bass Clarinet, Tenor Saxophone etc will be loaned the instrument again in 2017 for an annual fee of \$100.

Kirwan High Arts Academy nominations have been sent out. Congratulations to all those accepted for 2017!! ☺

## Date Claimer

DATE	WHAT'S ON – TERM 4
<b>Week 6 – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Remembrance Day – Senior Choir 10.30am TCBC</b>
<b>Week 7 -- Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Recruitment Information Night – 6PM TCBC</b>
<b>Week 8 -- Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Willows Shoppingtown Performance 5.30pm, be there at 5pm.</b>
<b>Week 9 – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Christmas Carols All year levels, Instrumental and Choir</b>
<b>Week 10 – Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Year 6 Graduation Ceremony - Senior Choir TCBC</b>

Strings– Caroline Lloyd-Doolan - [clloy28@eq.edu.au](mailto:clloy28@eq.edu.au) Wednesday 7.30 - 3 Thursday 11 - 3pm

A big thank you to all talented and hard-working students who performed at our recent Music Gala. I was very pleased with the number of students who were able to support their groups and perform so well. The attendance rate at lessons and orchestra continues to be outstanding so thank you very much parents for organising the early morning drop offs and to students for being so organised!

Many students have received a note to upgrade the size of their instruments. Now is the time if you are wanting to sell old ones to use this opportunity! The school newsletter is always a great place to put in ads as well as local Facebook pages such as muso buy swap and sell. When buying a new instrument I have put down the brands that I personally recommend.

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

As above

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

Nothing to Report

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

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

I just wanted to thank students for their patience of not having a lesson last week. We will have lessons this week and I look forward to seeing the progress they have made. This week, students will receive their assessment songs to be tested in their lesson time during week 9. They will be tested on one song next week,

then the other in the following week. Students will also be asked a few questions about music terms and symbols. Please remind students to learn all of the related terms and symbols up to the page they are on. This is just as important as their playing!

Also, can continuing forms for next year be returned as soon as possible, as I can't wait to see who will be continuing next year. They really are a great bunch of kids!

If you are thinking of purchasing an instrument for your student next year, I am more than happy to help. Send me a quick email if you have any questions or concerns ☺

### Junior Concert Band & Senior Concert Band - Sarah Hill

Beginner Band: I want to congratulate all students on the amazing effort in the Performers Concert, they did a great job! As this band will be our senior band next year, I encourage all students to attend every week. So much can be learnt in 40 minutes! I want to take this time to thank all parents, caregivers and family members who have supported their student in the instrumental music program. Without your support, the program could not be as successful as it is.

Senior Concert Band: Congratulations to the senior band and woodwind ensemble at the Performers Concert! The level of professionalism and skill makes me forget that these students are only in Year 6. We have two more performances before the end of the year and all of the pieces are sounding very good. We are also rehearsing one more piece that may not be performed, however, it is being rehearsed as an extension of their ability. I am very much looking forward to the next rehearsal ☺

### 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

Both our choirs did a fantastic job entertaining us at our performer's night. I'm very proud of their achievements this year. It is a combination of skills and talents, plus a love for music and a lot of hard work that makes for a successful choir. They have contributed more than that and without that commitment we would not be where we are at. Their sound this year was amazing and I have loved working in this extension program with them. They grasped each piece of varying genres and cultures well and it is evident that their skills and sound have improved.

Every choir member should have received a note informing you of the Christmas concert at Willows

Shoppingtown on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 5.30pm. It is essential you let me know if your child is attending so I can inform the organiser. Every child who performs is supporting the Golden Octopus Foundation and receives a small gift from Santa. Junior choir will now rehearse with the Seniors from week 5 on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> Break and Friday at 2<sup>nd</sup> break in preparation for the Christmas concerts. There is **NO MONDAY** morning rehearsals. If your child has not been a member of the choir and would like to participate for Xmas singing, they are more than welcome. Come and see me for further information. You are all invited to attend our school Remembrance Day service in TCBC from 10.20am on Friday, 11 November.

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

Thanks again to all the wonderful mums who helped wash the shirts. We will be using them again for the choirs on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> November at Willows Shoppingtown for our Christmas performance. It is essential that every child returns their shirt the day after the performance so they can be washed and put away for 2017.

All instruments will be collected on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December for repairs and cleaning and to get ready for our 2017 instrumentalists. If you are a beginner and continuing into 2017, you need to purchase your own instrument. If you need further information on this, please contact your child's instrumental teacher or myself.

If your child has outgrown their instrument or looking at upgrading, you are more than welcome to advertise the instrument through this school newsletter. We always have parents looking for good quality 2<sup>nd</sup> hand instruments. Please contact me with any information you would like published for the next newsletter.

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***