



The Pitch

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Congratulations to the concert band and senior choir who performed at our school ANZAC service. The ceremony was well organized and the band and choir children performed beautifully.

This term has been very busy already with lots happening in preparation for our next big performances including Presbyterian Funfair on Saturday 10th June in week 8 and GALA night on Wednesday, 21st June week 10 along with our choral workshop in wk 10 for selected year 5/6 students. If your child has not yet put their shirt size up I will 'guesstimate' a size for them. ☺ Please get them to do this ASAP. Everyone is busily working and getting organized for these performances.

All instrumental students are doing a fantastic job and we couldn't be more pleased with their efforts and having them be a part of our music program. A reminder that children are being assessed this term. The report is a progress of how they are going. Your child needs to understand their results and ask themselves if they have met their goals and what they need to do to improve to meet their next lot of challenges. Persistence, motivation and overcoming these hurdles makes us stronger and give us the ability to achieve and feel confident about our accomplishments. Please ensure children are aware of their lesson times and putting in the extra effort to showcase to the instrumental teacher what they have learnt during semester 1. Be aware of your expectations and what is required from you for success. Practicing and preparing for your assessment will assist in great results. Good luck!! ☺

Date Claimer

DATE	WHAT'S ON – TERM 2
Week 4 9 th – 11 th May	NAPLAN changes to lessons to accommodate children involved
Week 5 Thursday, 18 th May	Beginner Band first rehearsal 7.40am for 7.50am start
Week 8 Saturday, 10 June 9am-12pm	Presbyterian Funfair Senior Choir, Junior Choir & Rockband (Music Uniform)
Week 9/10 16 th – 18 th June	SHEP – Nominated children
Week 10 Tuesday 20 th – Friday 23 rd June	Choral Workshop – Selected years 5 & 6 Choral Students (School uniform)
Week 10 Wednesday, 21 st June	Music GALA Night – 6pm start TCBC (Music uniform)

Brass– Kelly Clarke-Flesser - kclar205@eq.edu.au Monday 11 - 3 Friday 1.30 – 3pm

Next Friday the beginning brass students will have their in the morning session to start preparing for their first Brass performance assessment. I have included one extra lesson this week to ensure all beginners get to practice with the normal lesson group members. This is not the usual Friday lesson times as I am giving up a Kirwan High lesson for that week to ensure the Willows students are progressing Week 3 J

FRIDAY LESSON – 5th May 9: 30 pm: Group B (and Jenna C in this time slot for today)

FRIDAY LESSON – 5th May 10: 00 pm: Group A

FRIDAY LESSON – 5th May 10: 30 pm: Group G

All continuing brass students will only have Concert Band on Tuesday morning for week 3. Then by week 4 everything is back on track with both Monday and Friday lessons running every week to the end of the term.

This performance assessment will be held later this term for all students in the Brass Program. I will ensure that your child has plenty of chances to prepare and practice their pieces

Percussion– Ian Brunskill - ibrun2@eq.edu.au Friday 11 – 1.10

Lessons start Friday, week 1.

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

Hello everyone welcome to term 2! We are already settled in and the students are continuing to come to their lessons on time for the majority of you so well done.

This week we started up my wow raffle. To be eligible, students must complete 60 minutes of practise and have their practise charts signed by their parents to receive a raffle ticket. 100 minutes gets 2 raffles tickets and over 100 minutes receive 3! Our first winner is Lachlan Jarvis Congratulations!

The beginners have made a great start to the year and I am looking forward to them all playing for the first time in our Gala concert this term! There are only a small number of students who are choosing not to practise. Please be aware of how important the first six months are in setting up yourself up for a life time of music! There are new concepts being learnt every week so it is crucial these skills are practised at home. Parents please can help by setting up a practise routine for their child and then helping them to stick to it throughout the week! Practise does not need to be long. Just 15 min 4 times a week is all I ask to maintain and improve your skills!

We have our first concert of the year coming up this term and my two orchestras as well as the beginner students will be involved.

There will be some slight changes to timetables over the next two weeks due to my attending the opening of the ARTS ACADEMY at Kirwan SHS and NAPLAN. Students will still receive a lesson they will be notified what time to come.

I am very pleased with how the first progress performances went with my students playing "Under the Spotlight" with nearly every student being thoroughly prepared well done! Keep having fun with your instrument everyone!

String Orchestra 1 & 2 – Caroline Lloyd-Doolan

As Above

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

I am amazed with the progress of most beginners over the holidays, fantastic work!!! Continuing students, don't forget that it is still essential to practice through all material given. Focus on rhythms and key signatures. A friendly reminder that in week 3, the music camp for Kirwan High was cancelled so I am available to teach on both days. Due to NAPLAN in week 4, I had to rearrange some groups. Please check your time carefully. The revised timetable is at the music block. Happy playing!

Concert Bands– Sarah Hill

Beginner Band – A friendly reminder that beginner band starts in week 5, Thursday mornings at 7:40am. Please ensure that students arrive 10 minutes early for setup. Please return your forms to the music block or office. I am very much looking forward to a fantastic year of band rehearsals with these students!

Senior Concert Band – I would like to congratulate all students on their wonderful performance and behaviour at the ANZAC Day Ceremony last Monday! There are 2 new pieces to be given out this term, make sure all students are practicing their parts at home and are arriving on time with all equipment ☺
I am excited to see all students committed, focussed, and ready to learn and play together!!

WOW AWARDS – Recognition of Practice and Great Work

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

Woodwind WOW Winner: (To be drawn this Thursday!)

100 minute club: Jordan N. 100, 110 (holidays), Krystal A. 265 (week 1)

Junior & Senior Choirs - Fiona Coleman

Congratulations to our Seniors who performed at our school ANZAC service. You sounded amazing and it's only the beginning of the year. Keep up the great work and looking forward to your next performance at our school GALA night. Please ensure you have scheduled rehearsals into your diary and bare being responsible in turning up. Both choirs have been asked to perform at The Willows Presbyterian Winter Fair on Saturday, 10th June sometime between 9 ~ 11am. A note was sent home last week with more information. Please claim the date as it would be great to have as many of our choral members there to showcase at their best. They are working really hard and are looking forward to presenting to family and friends at our GALA night in week 10. Rehearsals are as follows:

Senior Choir rehearse on Monday's ~ before school ~ 8am and Friday's at 2nd Break ~ 1.10pm in the music room. Junior Choir rehearse on Wednesday's at 1st Break ~ 11.00am in the music room.

Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments

A list is up on the wall in the music room of every child involved in the music program. Please ensure your child has added their shirt size beside their name. If it hasn't been added by the end of next week, I'll 'guesstimate' a size. ☺

(SHEP) State Honours Ensemble Program

SHEP is a firmly established aspect of music learning in Queensland, bringing together young people from all over the State, in regional centers and Brisbane to share their passion for making music. Its pursuit of excellence defines it as the highest quality performance avenue available to young ensemble-based instrumentalists outside of the Queensland Conservatorium and the Young Conservatorium. It is a unique opportunity for Voice, Strings, Wind, Brass and Percussion middle school students from North Queensland to work with their peers in an intensive environment of musical excellence. The program is guided by a team of international and national conductors from the Queensland Conservatorium and will be held at Ryan from 17th ~ 19th June.

Our instrumental teachers have nominated 27 students in year 5 & 6 who would benefit educationally and improve their musical skills by participating in this intensive weekend program. Students were recently contacted via e-mail if successful. **CONGRATULATIONS to Rhyanna CS, Alyssa C, Hannah M, Layla M and Sarah S who were successful.** Congratulations also to Kieren A, William B, Hunter B, Audrey B, Eliza C, Lucas C, Ashlee F, James F, Peyton G, Grace Q, Kimmy S, Alex S, Matthew S, Natalie S, Jess T, Brooklyn W, Joshua T, Connor W who are reserves. The cost of the three day activity is \$280. Upon receiving your offer it is then your decision whether to accept or decline. Can you please notify myself or your child's instrumental teacher on whether your child is attending or not.

If you require more information please don't hesitate to contact the music staff or visit www.griffith.edu.au.

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke

"Music learning has been proven to not only assist in developing children's confidence, self-esteem and team skills, but also in improving literacy and numeracy." ~ Unknown

Rehearsal Timetable

DAY/TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7.50am		CONCERT BAND	STRING ORCHESTRA	BEGINNER CONCERT BAND (Term 2 – Wk 5)	
8.00am	SENIOR CHOIR (Term 2) Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke				
9.00am		WOODWIND LESSONS Sarah Hill shill256@eq.edu.au	STRINGS LESSONS Caroline Lloyd-Doolan clloy28@eq.edu.au	WOODWIND LESSONS Sarah Hill shill256@eq.edu.au	
11.00am	BRASS LESSONS Kelly Clarke-Flesser kclar205@eq.edu.au		JUNIOR CHOIR Fiona Coleman Trevor Schimke	STRINGS LESSONS Caroline Lloyd-Doolan clloy28@eq.edu.au	PERCUSSION LESSONS Ian Brunskill ibrun2@eq.edu.au
1.10pm			JUNIOR ORCHESTRA Caroline Lloyd-Doolan		SENIOR CHOIR Fiona Coleman Trevor Schimke
1.55pm					BRASS LESSONS Kelly Clarke-Flesser
2.55					

