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# The Pitch

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Half way through our busy term – where is it going? 5 Weeks countdown until **GALANIGHT!!**

Congratulations to everyone turning up for rehearsals and learning their parts in preparation for these performances. Your efforts are appreciated and will be rewarded when you represent our school on for family and friends on **Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June**. It is essential to have your child at school for rehearsals over the next couple of weeks at 7.40am for a 7.50am start. Band is both Tuesday and Thursday and Orchestra on Wednesday and Juniors at 2<sup>nd</sup> break. Senior Choir is now Monday morning and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Break and Juniors on Wednesday at 1<sup>st</sup> Break. The choirs and Rock band are also performing at the **Presbyterian Fair** on **Saturday 10 June**. They are making excellent progress and we are looking forward to them performing at these events.

***It is an expectation that every member of our music program in all instrumental ensembles and choirs are available for these performances to showcase at our best!!***

Information notes of these special events were sent home last fortnight. **All groups are performing at the Gala night** and will be required to wear full school music uniform as stated in previous letters at the beginning of the year. Black shoes, white socks (above the ankle), navy skirt, skort, shorts, music shirt (available from the music room), matching hair coloured accessories (tied back) and no make-up.

A reminder that instrumental assessment will be happening this term during lessons as stated in last fortnight's newsletter. Please ensure you are 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
<b>Week 8</b> Saturday, 10 June	<b>Presbyterian Funfair</b> Senior Choir, Junior Choir & Rockband
<b>Week 8/9</b> Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Austa Junior String Festival</b> – Kirwan State High School
<b>Week 9/10</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>SHEP</b> – Nominated children
<b>Week 9</b> 13/14 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>School Athletic Carnival - REHEARSALS</b> will still be on – Check with instrumental teacher for lesson changes.
<b>Week 10</b> Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Choral Workshop – Selected years 5 & 6 Choral Students
<b>Week 10</b> Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Music GALA Night – 6pm start TCBC

**Brass**– Kelly Clarke-Flessner – [kclar205@eq.edu.au](mailto:kclar205@eq.edu.au) Monday 11am – 3pm Friday 1.30pm – 3pm

Just a reminder to all students and parents that all Brass students will be working towards two pieces of assessment this term.

- Performance Assessment (Consists of 2 or 3 pieces that they have studied in lessons. Students will have different pieces depending on their playing level and what their group is currently studying in class.)
- Theory Assessment- this is a test which requires students to write answers down in which I can collect and mark. Throughout the semester I have regularly been quizzing students about their current music theory knowledge from their books. This written test caters for each students own playing level and what they have studied in their lesson group.

### *BRASS ASSESSMENT DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:*

*Performance assessment: Monday and Friday lessons - Week 7 (and week 8 if students are away sick)*

*Theory assessment: Monday and Friday Lessons - Week 7 and 8*

Theory test will fit in around performance exam, depending on the students some may wish to complete this part in week 6.

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

Some students are having to be called for lessons weekly. Please ensure you have a timetable and are being organized with your equipment and turning up to lessons promptly.

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

Hello everyone we are already at the half way mark and it is going very fast indeed! Our raffle has begun and there are a lot of students doing some fantastic practise and showing me their progress in their lessons. This is so good to see because at the end of the day the students see the results, they feel a sense of accomplishment and they are then driven to keep striving for their next goal.

Our WOW raffle winners so far as Lachlan J, Jack T, and Anthony-Liam S.

To get a ticket you just need to practise the minimum required amount of 60 minutes throughout the week how easy is that! Please time your music and have parents sign the practise booklet every week. Remember some practise is better than none so try and get in what you can every week.

AUSTA JUNIOR STRINGS FESTIVAL

All students received an invitation to go into the Junior String Fest. This is a FANTASTIC performance opportunity for students to play of their favourite songs in front of a family friendly audience. **It is not a competition** and students are placed in year levels.

They will also receive a small workshop from the teachers to enhance some aspects of their technique and receive a report on how they are progressing and best of all a music trophy to take home as a thank you for all their hard work in learning their instrument!

I encourage all my students to do this as the more performance opportunities they have the more confident they become. I will be there to play for the students if they request it and students can also use backing tracks to play along to as well. Pieces are own choice. Further information with exact times what to wear what to bring will be handed out after the closing date when I know who will be participating.

**PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOT A SCHOOL EVENT SO NO MONEY IS TO  
GOTO THE OFFICE PLEASE!**

The Trybooking website is how you must pay and register for all AUSTA events. To enter follow the prompts on [trybooking.com.au](http://trybooking.com.au) and tick the year level of your child.

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

We are all working well and sounding terrific. Remember the orchestra music is longer than classroom pieces so please spend a large portion of your practise towards this music as this is what the public hears in concerts! I look forward to hearing everyone continue to progress and have fun with their music.

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

Woodwind Lessons: All students are generally progressing nicely. Can you please check with your students if they need new reeds to purchase- as it's during this time of year when they start to run out? Assessment will happen in week 6, your students will get a report card mark for Instrumental Music- so it's important that they are prepared for this. In week 5, I will choose one song and they will practice it for the exam the following week. They will play one more in week 7 also. Make sure your students are ready with all equipment. Thanks ☺

### Concert Bands – Sarah Hill

**Beginner Band** – We start rehearsals this week and I'm very excited to hear everyone play together! Please don't be worried about this, we are all beginners and we will learn how to play together. Please remember to be at the music block at 7:40am sharp, with your instrument, band folder and tutor book. See you all then!!

**Senior Concert Band** – Students were given the possible Eisteddfod piece for next term. This work is a little hard and the students know that they have to practice. It would be great to see all percussionists arrive on

time as it makes it easier to organise instruments- ready to start on time.

## WOW AWARDS - Recognition of Practice and Great Work

~~ Well done to the fantastic effort of the following students ~~

Woodwind WOW Winner: Talayah H, Ella D.

Strings WOW Winner: Lachlan J, Jack T, and Anthony-Liam S.

100 Minute Club: Krystal A (145mins), Sophia G (120mins), Ella D (100mins), Sophia B (140mins), Tahliyah H (110mins).

Junior & Senior Choirs - Fiona Coleman

### CHORAL WORKSHOP

Both choirs have been asked to perform at The Willows Presbyterian Winter Fair on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> June sometime between 9 ~ 11 am. 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.

Our choral workshop is fast approaching. Our guest conductor is Anne O'Regan from Brisbane. She will work with 100 year 5 & 6 students from around Townsville primary state schools. The workshop is being held at our school during week 10, Tuesday 20<sup>st</sup> ~ Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Selected year 5 & 6 students have been invited and accepted the offer. If more places become available, we will offer some places to the next lot of year 5&6 students. A culminating performance of the week's work will be on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 4pm in the TCBC. You are all invited to attend to see what magic this group will produce in a matter of 4 short days.

### 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. Thanks for the parents and children who have added their size. I'll leave it until the end of week 5 and then 'guesstimate' a size. ☺

Musically Yours,

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