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This busy term is quickly coming to an end. We have our Gala night and choral workshop happening in week 10 amongst all the other wonderful things happening at the school. Please check the newsletter regularly to be well informed and updated with information as it comes to hand.

GALA NIGHT

Tuesday, 20 June, 2017

6.00PM TCBC

All our performers are ready and invite you to an evening of entertainment.

Please note the date change for our gala night to **TUESDAY, 20th June** due to a clash with the 2nd State of Origin game. The gala night is a performance to showcase what your child has been learning for the first half of this year and an expectation that your child attends as part of the music program. It also allows your child to build confidence and perform in front of a large crowd in preparation for the Eisteddfod in term 3 and share with you their learning progress. A sausage sizzle and drinks will be available for purchase from 5.30pm. No food or drinks are allowed in the TCBC. Children will change into music shirts after eating. All performers are required to wear full music uniform as requested in previous newsletters. Please make sure you have all your music and instrument ready for the night. We would like the night to run smoothly and quickly with all children ready in the Performing Arts Centre. Groups will be called for during the evening to go to the music room to get ready. It is required that all children be seated with their parents at all times displaying audience manners. No children are to be left unsupervised or on play equipment.

This is reporting term. Children need to ensure they are at lessons to prepare for assessment. We appreciate the respect of being notified of your child's absence to lessons or rehearsals. These lessons are formal instruction and are recorded on your child's report card at the end of semester 2. We are noting that some children are attending without practice. If they are unable to meet expectations based on requirement levels of the national curriculum, it will be reflected in their report. Please ensure your child is practicing and meeting expectations.

Keep up the great musical enthusiasm around the school. It is certainly not one to be missed and you should all be very proud of your efforts.

Date Claimer

| DATE | WHAT'S ON – TERM 2 |
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| Week 8 Saturday, 10 June | Presbyterian Funfair Senior Choir, Junior Choir & Rockband |
| Week 8/9 Sunday, 11th June | Austa Junior String Festival – Kirwan State High School |
| Week 9/10 16th – 18th June | SHEP – Nominated children |
| Week 9 13/14th June | School Athletic Carnival - REHEARSALS <u>will still be on</u> – Check with instrumental teacher for lesson changes. |
| Week 10 Tuesday 20th – Friday 23rd June | Choral Workshop – Selected years 5 & 6 Choral Students |
| Week 10 Tuesday, 20th June | Music GALA Night – 6pm start TCBC |

Brass – Kelly Clarke-Flessner - kclar205@eq.edu.au Monday 11am ~ 3pm Friday 1.30pm ~ 3pm
Hi Brassies!! Don't forget your performance examination begins week 7 Monday (and Friday). Students will complete their theory test the week after (or some students may have the opportunity to start it after their performance exam). Please make sure you are prepared with your instrument, music and a pencil.

Percussion – Ian Brunskill - ibrun2@eq.edu.au Friday 11am ~ 1.10pm
The percussion students will start with their playing tests on Friday, 2nd June. They have all received a handout with expectations and information during their lesson.

Strings – Caroline Lloyd-Doolan - clloy28@eq.edu.au Wednesday 7.30am ~ 3pm
The term is rapidly coming to a close and that means busy times ahead for all of us! Next week students will be performing "Under the "Spotlight" for their peers and myself as part of their term 2 progress assessment. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their hard work over the term in a small and friendly environment. All students receive a report card mark so it is important that they continue to set goals for themselves and keep striving to show their full potential.

It is good to see the majority of students regularly practising at home. This makes an incredible difference to their confidence, sense of achievement and brings up the level of their ensembles as well.

AUSTA JUNIOR STRINGS FESTIVAL

AUSTA STRING FEST ENTRIES CLOSE JUNE 3RD!

This is such a wonderful performance opportunity for students **AT ALL LEVELS** including beginners! I do encourage all my students to consider this if possible. Entries must be done online not through the school. Once the entries have closed and I have a list I will send out another note reminding parents of the date time and venue.

I do 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.

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

Trybooking is how you must pay and register for all AUSTA events. To enter follow the trybooking site and tick the year level of your child.

String Orchestra 1 & 2 – Caroline Lloyd-Doolan

There are a small number of students who have missed at least 4 orchestra rehearsals this term. Please remember that being part of an orchestra or band is part of the requirements of learning an instrument as set out by Education Queensland Guidelines.

The music can sometimes be challenging however, the only way to learn and improve is to make sure you are there each week!

Remember a mistake is not a failure! It is always a learning curve so just go in with the mindset to do your best and the rest will follow.

Woodwind – Sarah Hill - shill256@eq.edu.au Tuesday 7.30am – 3pm and Thursday morning 9am – 11am
Students are currently working on their assessment songs and are being tested. Can all students remember to practice your songs, and to bring all equipment to lessons. If you need to buy more reeds, please do so before your assessment.

Concert Bands – Sarah Hill

Beginner Band – I am very happy with our first two rehearsals! All students have been showing a lot of excitement. Their very first band song was given last rehearsal. It is much longer than the songs they play in lessons. All students need to work on both band and lesson material now. I cannot wait to see this band grow into a cohesive group!!

Senior Concert Band – Students were given a new piece last week, they seemed to enjoy it! There is a lot of different percussion instruments needed too! Can all percussion students make sure they arrive on time as they have the biggest job of setting up and our rehearsals start a little late due to the late arrivals. I cannot wait to hear all of our pieces up to performance standard!!

WOW AWARDS – Recognition of Practice and Great Work



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

Percussion WOW Winner: Jasmine M

Brass WOW Winner: Jenna C, Cheyenne R

Woodwind WOW Winner: Rylan C, Ella D

Strings WOW Winner: Hannah M, Taya S

100 minute club: Amy H (105), Hayley F (105), Jenna C (167), Krystal A (100), Amy H (105), Angelique S (290), Anthony LS (240), Natalie W (100)

Awesome Work!! Let's see if there are more names next fortnight.

Junior & Senior Choirs - Fiona Coleman

Well done to the children who are making Monday morning rehearsals. A record is kept of attendance for every rehearsal. Children who have attended regularly will be invited to represent the school at the Townsville Eisteddfod in September.

Both choirs have been asked to perform at The Willows Presbyterian Winter Fair on Saturday, 10th 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.

CHORAL WORKSHOP

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 20st ~ Friday 23rd 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 23rd 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.

Another note to the nominated children has been sent home this week. Please return these forms ASAP with money, medical notes and permissions attached to the office.

Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments

A shirt has been allocated to every child in the music program which will be stored at school ready for our Gala Night.

Musically Yours,
Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke

“Much of what young children do as play – singing, drawing, dancing – are natural forms of art. These activities engage all the senses and help wire the brain for successful learning ~ David A. Sousa