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A huge week of events for our music students before the end of term!!

Rehearsals will still be on despite athletics carnival. Please see your instrumental teacher in regards to lessons.

GALA NIGHT

Tuesday, 20 June, 2017

6.00PM TCBC

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

It is an expectation that all members of our music program are available to perform at our outside school events. The gala night is a performance to showcase what your child has been learning for the first half of this year. 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 green room (Conference room in TCBC) 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. There is a gold coin donation to get you in the door. The following groups will be performing: Junior and Senior Choirs, Junior and Senior Orchestra, Beginner Band and Concert Band, Rock Band and Beginner Strings. All are welcome to come and watch our sensational musicians performing.

PRESBYTERIAN WINTER FAIR

The Junior Choir, Senior Choir and Rock Band entertained the crowd at the Presbyterian Winter Fair last Saturday. Thanks for your support in bringing your children out to support the event. We are proud of their progress and looking forward to entertaining you again at our Gala night.

STRINGS FESTIVAL

Sunday, 11th June, 2017

Over 100 students participate in the annual AUSTA Strings fest last weekend. As always we had a healthy representation from The Willows. Congratulations to the following students on their wonderful performances. Layla M, Maleia B, Lachlan J, Brock C, Abigail G, Max Q, Anthony LS, Aliza G, Violet A, Holly G, Chloe M, Hannah M, Alyssa S, Sylvane B, Lucas C, Amelia M and Verity C. All students received a trophy and adjudication report from various string teachers throughout the day. Congratulations to all!! ☺

"Confidence is something you create within yourself by believing in who you are." ~ unknown

SHEP

Friday 16th – Sunday 18th June, 2017

Ryan Catholic College

(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 is held at Ryan Catholic College over the weekend. Allyssa C and Rhyanna CS accepted their positions and will participate in this exclusive event. We wish you all the best and hope you enjoy the challenges and successes of the workshop in a short weekend.

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

Monday, 19th June, 2017

2.15pm The Willows State School TCBC

The senior choir and rock band have been invited to help celebrate NAIDOC week on Monday, 19th June. The senior choir will be performing a repertoire of small songs sung in various languages of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at this parade. You are more than welcome to come and watch.

CHORAL WORKSHOP

Tuesday 20th – Friday 23rd June, 2017

9am – 2.45pm The Willows State School TCBC

Our choral workshop is fast approaching. Thanks to our 15 students who have returned all forms required promptly. 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 20th – Friday 23rd June. 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.

A busy term!! ☺ If you have any further questions or want to find out more, please contact us.

Date Claimer

DATE	WHAT'S ON – TERM 2
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 Monday 19th June	NAIDOC celebrations – Senior Choir and Rock Band
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
DATE	WHAT'S ON – TERM 3
Week 9/10 5th – 13th September	Townsville Eisteddfod

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

Well done Brassies, I am happy to report that everyone has completed their assessment for the semester!! For the remainder of the term we can focus on learning new pieces in our book and prepare for our music gala night. Please continue to practise regularly even though the official brass assessment is complete. I am really proud of you all and impressed with the brassies being organized and prepared during this hectic time of the year.

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

Students have been excelling and getting better each week. Keep up the regular practise. Check out the *Speed note Reading Tutor* in the education section on www.vicfirth.com. There are lots of great performances and lessons on this website to help inspire and assist with skills and techniques in helping you develop.

Strings – Caroline Lloyd-Doolan - clloy28@eq.edu.au Wednesday 7.30am – 3.00pm

Thank you to all my students for a wonderful term 2. I have been very impressed with the amount of practise and preparation for each lesson and orchestra. The sports carnival this week should not affect many students as the senior carnival is on TUESDAY. Lessons are also on. Please come along if it does not clash with the middle session. Have a fun, and safe holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in Week 1 of term 3.

String Orchestra 1 & 2 – Caroline Lloyd-Doolan

THERE WILL BE NORMAL JUNIOR AND SENIOR ORCHESTRA ON THE
FINAL WEDNESDAY!

Beginner orchestra is now on every Thursday second break. There are a few students who are forgetting to come along and join in the fun!

Woodwind – Sarah Hill - shill256@eq.edu.au Tuesday 7.30am – 3.00pm and Thursday morning 9am
– 11am

Lessons are back to normal structure after our two weeks of assessing. I would like to congratulate all students on their success. Please do not forget to practice both lesson and band material.

Concert Bands – Sarah Hill

Beginner Band – We are continuing to work on our first piece of band music to hopefully be ready to present at the gala concert. This is quite a feat to achieve, so I expect all students to be working at home to learn their part to the best of their ability. I cannot wait to showcase these students' achievements at the concert!

Senior Concert Band – All members need to remember to make sure they are present at all rehearsals as we need to make sure our pieces are ready for the gala concert. I hope all of you are working on the tricky sections at home. Looking forward to hearing you all at the next rehearsal.

WOW AWARDS – Recognition of Practice and Great Work



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

Percussion WOW Winner: Riley B.

Brass WOW Winner: Cheyenne R.

Woodwind WOW Winner: Dakota P.

Strings WOW Winner:

100 minute club: Cheyenne R (240), Jenna C (90), Amy H (105), Ella D (100)

Awesome Work!! How many names can we add to the list after the holidays? It's important to keep up your practise over the holidays too. ☺

Junior & Senior Choirs - Fiona Coleman

Both choirs are doing an amazing job!!! Rehearsals are as normal this week in preparation to polish our pieces ready for our performance at Gala. After the holiday's we'll be preparing new songs for the Eisteddfod. ☺

Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments

A shirt has been allocated to every child in the music program which will stay stored at the school for various performances. The shirts will be in size order on Gala night and names on board. Beside the name will be an allocated size with a letter **Eg Mary Smith 12B**. Your shirt will have your name on the hanger and size, take your shirt and hang up your shirt you're wearing on the hanger and return to same spot. When you have finished performing, go and collect your shirt and return the music shirt hanging up on the hanger. This is so we can keep track of the shirts and wash them ready for the next performance.

If you are available to assist in washing shirts after the gala and returning them before the holidays, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

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

