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What a huge end to term 2 music!! Our Gala night was a huge success. Thank you to all the children who came and to you the parents who organized your families to be there and enjoy the great performances. We had a lot of positive feedback and we are very proud of how all our groups are progressing. A lot of the children gave comments reflecting on their performances as being better than the rehearsals which is a great boost to their confidence. They were very nervous and for some experiencing their first time on stage was overcome with a big smile and feeling of success.

A huge thank you to the parents who stayed for the whole concert at our Gala night and assisted in packing up, transporting children to all the events in the last fortnight that have been taking place and your support.. Thank you to the ladies who helped distribute and collect shirts and of course to all the parents who have taken them home to wash. **ABIG THANKS TO YOU ALL!!** ☺ You're a Wonderful Help!!

Welcome to term 3!!! This is a huge term for us as we prepare for the annual Townsville Eisteddfod starting on Tuesday, 5th September in week 9. It is expected that all children in the choral and instrumental ensembles are attending every rehearsal so we can showcase at our best during this time. Notes will be sent home in week 4 notifying you of what your child is participating in and when they will be out of the school. It is important that children are dressed appropriately in our school music uniform. Please ensure you are organized with appropriate navy blue skorts/skirts/shorts (of appropriate length), black shoes and white ankle socks.

Timetables for Term 3 were uploaded to the site at the end of term 2. Our goal for this term is to **NO** phone calls to classes reminding students to be at their lessons. Children should be organized and prepared with their instrument and books and know when lessons are. It is the child's responsibility to remind their class teacher for when they will be out of class. All teachers have received the new timetables to be displayed in the classroom, if not, please ask them. They are also displayed outside the music room.

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Congratulations to our concert band conductor and woodwind teacher who tied the knot over the holidays in a beautiful ceremony. Mrs Sarah Manthey looked absolutely stunning and we wish you all the best in your future happiness together. ☺

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DATE	WHAT'S ON – TERM 3
Week 9/10 5 th – 13 th September	Townsville Eisteddfod

Brass – Kelly Clarke-Flesser – kclar205@eq.edu.au Monday 11 – 3 Friday 1.30pm – 3.00pm

Don't forget lessons are Monday's and Friday afternoon's on a rotational timetable. Please check to make sure you are organized.

Percussion – Ian Brunskill – ibrun2@eq.edu.au Friday 11.00am – 1.10pm

Nothing to report.

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

Welcome to term 3 all my wonderful string students and parents.

Congratulations to all my students who performed in the Gala Concert week 10. Each group really put in their best effort and the results showed. I am very proud of everyone for creating such a great strings program at The Willows.

Term 3 is also set to be a very important and busy term. We have Eisteddfod at the end of this term and I need to have everyone on board right from the first week in terms of attending rehearsals, practising their music and showing up to lessons on time and prepared.

Remember how much you choose to put into improving your own personal skill levels is reflected in your ensemble as a whole group.

If everyone puts in the determination and organisation to practise and be prepared then we can all relax and just enjoy the wonderful music that will then transpire because of **YOUR** hard work behind the scenes!

There are normal lessons and orchestra this week and this will now include the new beginner orchestra will now rehearse every Thursday second break in the orchestra rehearsal room. I am really looking forward to another amazing term of music with you all.

String Orchestra 1 & 2 – Caroline Lloyd-Doolan

Senior Orchestra is before school Wednesday.

Junior Orchestra is second break 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 Manthey – shill256@eq.edu.au Tuesday 7.30 – 3 and Thursday morning 9 – 11

I hope everyone had a wonderful break, finding some time to practise! Lessons resume first week back and hope that students have found the spare copies in the instrumental practice room. There are no lessons in week 3 and 9 due to Pinnacles week and Eisteddfod. I have altered lessons in week 2 to accommodate for year 6 camp. Please check week 2 carefully. I am very much looking forward to a fresh term of music making! Please, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself via email.

Concert Bands – Sarah Manthey

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

No names this week due to holiday's.
See how many we can get for the next newsletter!! 😊

Junior & Senior Choirs – Fiona Coleman

All children must attend all morning and lunchtime rehearsals as we prepare for the Eisteddfod. Juniors will have another rehearsal time added in the next few weeks. Once we've looked at the timetables we will notify you. Juniors will be performing at the Eisteddfod also. We are only allowed 45 students on stage and preference will be given to the students who have dedicated their time to rehearsals regularly. We have also entered the novelty section again for the senior choir members. Simple costumes will be required and further details will be given shortly.

A great success at our choral workshop in the last week of term 2. Our guest conductor Anne O'Regan enjoyed working with the 100 students from around Townsville and they entertained a great audience performing exceptionally well at our concert in the afternoon. Well done to our 15 students who were involved. 😊

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke

“No music, no life. Know music, know life.” ~Thomas Carlyle

“Music is the universal language of mankind” ~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow