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The Pitch

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Eisteddfod notes should be commencing to come home by the end of week 4. I'm in the process of booking buses and a **draft** timetable is attached below. Please pencil these dates into your diary. Tuesday 5th – Friday 8th September. Cost of the bus will be \$10. This payment is due with the return of the permission note. Some children have been ensuring they are attending rehearsals and getting there on time, however there are some who are avoiding regular attendance. It is an expectation that all members of the instrumental and choral programs are attending all rehearsals and if there is an absence, we ask that it is being followed through with the ensemble teacher via email, phone call or note. If children have missed too many rehearsals, they will not be invited to the eisteddfod. We often have some children upset when they don't receive an invitation to attend. Please ensure that they are organized and ready for each rehearsal and lesson. Keep up the practise and attendance and your efforts will be rewarded. It is important that children are dressed appropriately in our school music uniform for the event. Please ensure you are organized with appropriate navy blue skorts/skirts/shorts (of appropriate length), black shoes and white ankle socks.

For the first few weeks we have children involved with rehearsals and training for Red Track and athletics. Most children have come to see us and organized a way around trying to get to both. Interschool sport is nearly finished and children who are involved in training of a morning have been released by the trainer to attend music rehearsals instead. We understand you can't be in two places at once, but appreciate you trying to organise yourself and informing us of your decisions. It will be a busy and tiring term for you but very exciting too. Remember to be resilient and persistent. Take some time out for yourself and think positive. You are all amazing and contribute to our school community with pride and always achieve fantastic results.

Date Claimer

DATE	WHAT'S ON – TERM 3
Week 6 Wed 16 th August	KSHS Tour 11.45am – Where - TBA
Week 9/10 5 th – 8 th September	Townsville Eisteddfod

Brass – Kelly Clarke-Flessner – kclar205@eq.edu.au Monday 11.00am – 3.00pm 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 week 3!

Preparation for Eisteddfod is well underway. This year I have 1 ensemble and the **Senior** and **Junior** Orchestra competing. It is very important that students in these groups are attending orchestra rehearsals each week. The roll is taken and if there are students who are consistently missing rehearsals then it makes it very difficult for the members who are doing the right thing. It is not just about practising your part at home. You also need to be part of the bigger group so you know how fast the pieces are, the correct dynamics and how it works together as a whole group.

There are some Junior Orchestra students who are choosing to not come to rehearsals. Please note if you choose not to commit to coming then you will not know how to play the music properly when you are representing the school at Eisteddfod. Let's make this a team effort and put our best musical foot forward so you can be proud of your achievements at the end of the term!

Beginners: My beginner classes are making great progress and what a wonderful sound when you all play together! Orchestra has now begun fully every **Thursday 2nd break**. We are learning our first real piece of music with different harmonies and we can't wait to show you this and other pieces at our next **GALA** Performance. Well done to all with your consistent practise and determination.

Have a great week and I look forward to hearing you all as always in your lessons and ensembles!

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 7.30am – 3.00pm and Thursday morning 9.00am – 11.00am

I hope everyone had a wonderful break, finding some time to practise! Lessons resumed first week back and hope that students are now back into the swing of things. Make sure all practice is recorded in your journals. I have noticed many students not doing this and missing out on the chance to be in the 100 minute club. Please, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself via email.

Concert Bands – Sarah Manthey

Senior & Junior Concert Band – A very exciting term for band music! We are working towards performing at the Townsville Eisteddfod. I have given out new music to both bands and they should be working on this during home practise. We need to make sure that all students are attending band. If you cannot make it, a written note is needed to explain the absence. If your student has too many absences without explanation- they may not be invited to perform at the Eisteddfod. Please email me if you have any questions.

WOW AWARDS - Recognition of Practice and Great Work



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

Percussion WOW Winner:

Brass WOW Winner:

Woodwind WOW Winner: Jenna N

Strings WOW Winner:

100 minute club: Allyssa C (101), Lana M (125), Natalie W (100), Ella D (100), Amy H (105), Krystal A (430), Max Q (130)

Junior & Senior Choirs – Fiona Coleman

All children must attend all morning and lunchtime rehearsals as we prepare for the Eisteddfod. Some children are at school and avoiding rehearsals. Juniors will be performing at the Eisteddfod also. A reminder that we are only taking students who have dedicated their time to rehearsals regularly. Senior Choir will continue rehearsals as normal and sectional rehearsals as follows.

Part 3 – Monday 1st Break

Part 2 ~ Tuesday 1st Break

Part 1 ~ Tuesday 2nd Break.

Senior choir have decided on a costume of *ANGELS* for our novelty performance. This will be required for seniors only who are in the novelty section. Children will be required to dress in white as angels - Wings, halo etc. We ask that you do not go to any expense for a 5 min performance. We hope this gives enough notice to prepare for this performance which will be on Tuesday, 5th September.

Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments

NA

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

2017 Townsville Eisteddfod **DRAFT**

	Junior Orchestra 1 154A – 1640	Novelty Chorus 7B - 1658 Flute Quartet 150 – 1995 (C2)	String Ensemble 154B – 1636 Senior Orchestra 161B – 1639 Folk Group 44 – 1660 (C2) Junior Concert Band 158 - 1632	Percussion Ensemble 153 - 1661 Brass Ensemble 154C - 1662	Senior Choral Championship Year 4 - 6 3B - 1658	Senior Concert Band 157C – 1634 Junior Choral Championship Year 1 – 3 4 - 1659	Senior Unison Chorus Year 4 - 6 5B – 1658 Senior Folk Chorus Year 4 - 6 9B - 1658
Date	Tue 5 th Sept AM	Tue 5 th Sept PM	Wed 6 th Sept AM	Wed 6 th Sept PM	Thur 7 th Sept AM	Fri 8 th Sept AM	Fri 8 th Sept PM
Be at Music Room	7.30am	11.45am	7.30am	11.15am	8.30am	8.30am	11.00am
Bus/car Departs School	8.00am	12.15pm	8.00am	11.45am	9.15am	9.15am	11.45am
Session Starts	9.00am	12.30pm	9.00am	12.30pm	9.00am	9.00am	12.30pm
Bus/car Departs Venue approx.	10.00am (depending on adjudication time)	2.00pm (depending on adjudication time)	12.30pm (depending on adjudication time)	1.30pm (depending on adjudication time)	11.30am (depending on adjudication time)	11.30am (depending on adjudication time)	2.15pm (depending on adjudication time)
What You Need	Music, Instrument, Mallets, Auxillary Percussion, Water bottle, small snack.	Music. Instrument, water bottle, small snack, Costumes	Music, instrument, water bottle, Lunch	Music, instrument, percussion instruments/ mallets, water bottle, small snack	Water bottle Small snack	Music Instruments, Mallets, Auxillary Percussion water bottle, small snack or lunch for whole day for those staying	Water bottle, small snack