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The Eisteddfod is nearly upon us and groups are rehearsing very hard so they are ready to perform at their best. We have 176 children participating in one or more events. Notes were sent home last Friday notifying you of what your child is participating in and when they will be out of the school. The eisteddfod is starting for us on Tuesday, 5th September and we will have various groups attending every day until Friday, 8th September.

The top of the note will list all events that your child is participating in. There is a timetable on the note indicating relevant times of when buses/taxi's leave the school and arrive back from the Civic Theatre and what to take. I have included a copy at the end of the timetable. Please confirm all the events listed on your permission with your child in case I have missed them out of a group. If I have missed them please let me know ASAP. The bus company is on a tight schedule with all Townsville schools being involved in the Eisteddfod and it is important that we are sticking to an agenda. Please check highlighted times of events on your child's permission note and ensure your child is at school dressed appropriately ready to go with appropriate gear. Please ensure you are organized with appropriate navy blue skorts/skirts/shorts (of appropriate length), black shoes and white ankle socks.

If you are available to assist with supervision on the bus and at the theatre, please indicate on the permission slip. I will notify you of your assistance ASAP. Please ensure the **whole sheet** is returned and each appropriate area is signed. There will be a one off payment of \$10 to cover buses and/or taxis. Your child will not be allowed to participate if there is no permission returned. ☺

KSHS Concert bands and orchestras are touring in week 6 and are coming to entertain at our school from 11.45am in TCBC on Wednesday, 16th August. This is a great opportunity for all our children to experience what they could be part of if they attend KSHS for secondary education or to see how great it is to learn an instrument and be part of a group and enjoy the arts. Parents and friends are welcome to attend!! ☺

Date Claimer

DATE	WHAT'S ON – TERM 3
Week 6 Mon 14th August	String Orchestra rehearsals – as below in string lesson notes
Week 6 Tues 15th August	NO WOODWIND OR CONCERT BAND Please refer to note sent home in week 4 with timetable changes and band all on Thursday
Week 6 Wed 16th August	KSHS Tour 11.45am – TCBC – NO STRING LESSONS or ORCHESTRA
Week 6 Thurs 17th August	Woodwind Instrumental Workshops/Senior Concert Band – 1st Break.
Week 9 5th – 8th September	Townsville Eisteddfod

Brass – Kelly Clarke-Flesser – kclar205@eq.edu.au Monday 11.00am – 3.00pm Friday 1.30am – 3pm

Hey Brassies – Welcome to Week 5! We have made it to the halfway point in the term and I have started to notice a slip in lesson and band attendance by some brassies. Please remember to keep on top of checking the timetable for your correct lesson time and be organised with all your equipment for each lesson. This also includes making your instrument has already been greased and oiled at home – **NOT AT LESSONS (OR BAND)!** Easily half of the 30 minute lesson gets wasted on this basic instrument maintenance at school.

Secondly I would like to remind all the brass students that we sat down at the beginning of this term and wrote out some fresh, new personal playing goals to try and achieve by week 10. These goals that you brainstormed can only be achieved with dedication to personal practice and concentrating on set tasks set by Ms Clarke during lessons. 1 lesson a week/ 10 lessons a term = only 5 hours of teacher time in 10 school weeks!!!! If you can't remember the goals you set for yourself, come get another "My next goals" sheet and we will fill it out again J

Nevertheless I can't stress this enough – if you don't practise your lesson material you will struggle with harder band pieces and will get behind other students in your same groupNot trying to be a negative Nancy this week – *just honest* – **KEEP UP THE PRACTICE AT HOME AND COME TO LESSONS!!!!!!**

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

The percussion ensemble are working hard on preparing their piece for eisteddfod. Attendance to lessons has improved. Practicing your parts, techniques and skills every week is very important. Keep up the great work!!

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

Hello everyone, Can you believe we are in week 5 already? We are all working very hard at preparing our multiple Eisteddfod items and this should take real priority now as we have until week 8 to be ready. I have 3 groups entering from this school alone so the more prepared each group is the less stressful it will be on the day when we are all there together! The beginners are not performing at the eisteddfod this year.

There are students who are forgetting to bring their instruments or arrive on time. At this stage every week counts towards a more polished performance. There are no school instruments to borrow if you are a viola or violin so please be organised the night before in case the morning gets busy so you have all your music and necessary equipment. Check the timetable each week for your lesson time.

On Wednesday 16th August (Week 6) I have to cancel all lessons and band rehearsals as my Kirwan high music ensembles will be performing at 3 local primary schools that day. A 'make up' rehearsal in week 6 for both Senior orchestra Junior Orchestra and the Senior Ensemble will occur on Monday, 14th August instead.

Time	SENIOR ORCHESTRA	SENIOR ENSEMBLE	JUNIOR ORCHESTRA
Week 6 Rehearsal Day	MONDAY 14 th August 2017	MONDAY 14 th August	MONDAY 14 th August 2017
Week 6 Rehearsal Time	7.50-8.30AM	9.00am	9.30am
Rehearsal Room	The rehearsal room	My teaching room	My teaching room
What to Bring	Instrument and music.	Instrument and folder	Instrument and folder

Woodwind ~ Sarah Manthey ~ shill256@eq.edu.au Tuesday 7.30am - 3.00pm and Thursday morning 9.00am - 11.00am

It is exciting to say that most beginner students are travelling well in their method book. Most students are learning more complex music markings and rhythms! Thanks for supporting your students to achieve this. Also, I have made changes with lessons in week 6. All lessons will be held on the Thursday due to my absence on Tuesday, and it will be instrument workshops. Week 6 as below:

Time - Thursday 17 th	Group
7.50am	Junior Concert Band
9.00am	All Flutes
9.30am	All Clarinets
10.00am	L
10.30am	A & G
1 st Break 11.00am	Senior Concert Band

Students are still required to enter their daily practice minutes in their journals. I am unable to mark them on the 100 minute club poster without them writing it down. Could you please make sure that your students are recording their time consistently? Thank you.

Concert Bands ~ Sarah Manthey

Junior Concert Band ~ I am very impressed with the team work during band rehearsals. Many students are helping to setup the band, and are more comfortable with the routine of the band rehearsal. A new piece was given, and students are expected to learn their parts by next week. Don't give up, keep trying, and we will achieve great work! A reminder that if your student is unable to attend due to sickness or family reasons, a written note or email is needed. Thank you.

Senior Concert Band - There will be **no rehearsal on Tuesday the 15th of August, week 6.** Instead, we will have a rehearsal on **Thursday the 17th, in first break.** I have given out letters to parents and will email teachers of this change. Thanks for your understanding.

Students, please continue to work on the hard sections of band pieces, all students should know what these hard sections are. We need all members to contribute to the sound as much as possible. Make sure you are also practicing dynamics, articulations and rests.

WOW AWARDS - Recognition of Practice and Great Work



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

Percussion WOW Winner:

Brass WOW Winner: Travis F., Cheyenne R.

Woodwind WOW Winner: Sophia B., Tahliyah H.

Strings WOW Winner: Angelique S.

100 Minute Club ~ Angelique S (330, 180) Anthony LS (110, 110), Mikayla) (120)

Junior & Senior Choirs ~ Fiona Coleman

The junior choir are getting so enthused with their preparations for the eisteddfod. Attendance to rehearsal has improved and they are putting in 110% effort in learning their parts and performing at their best. I've added a second rehearsal just for this term starting this week. **Junior Rehearsals are**

Wednesday's 1st break and Thursday's at 2nd break.

The senior choir are working very well. I can't be more proud of their dedication to rehearsals and the efforts being put into each rehearsal however attendance to sectionals could be better. We still have some work to do on parts and syncing actions for our novelty performance, so attendance to rehearsals is important. I'm looking forward to their polished performances at the Eisteddfod. A reminder that we are only taking students who have dedicated their time to rehearsals regularly.

Senior Choir will continue rehearsals as normal Monday mornings 8am and Friday's from 2nd break extending through until 2.55pm on a Friday. Sectional rehearsals as follows:

Part 3 – Monday 1st Break

Part 2 – Tuesday 1st Break

Part 1 – Tuesday 2nd Break

Folk Group (8 selected children from workshop) Thursday 1st break

Senior choir have decided on a costume of *ANGELS* for their 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

Shirts will be available in the music room on the day your child is performing at the eisteddfod. A list of names with shirt sizes is located on the window and children will change into their shirts at school before they leave and change back into their shirt when they arrive back to school from the theatre. Please ensure your child has white ankle socks, black shoes, matching coloured hair accessories and navy blue skorts/skirts/shorts ready to showcase our school at its best. No Make-up. If you are available to help wash shirts during and after the eisteddfod, it would be greatly appreciated.

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke

The true beauty of music is that it connects people. It carries a message, and we, the musicians, are the messengers. ~ Roy Ayers

Music is the strongest form of Magic. ~ Marilyn Manson

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	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 5th Sept AM	Tue 5th Sept PM	Wed 6th Sept AM	Wed 6th Sept PM	Thur 7th Sept AM	Fri 8th Sept AM	Fri 8th Sept PM
Be at Music Room	7.30am	11.45am	7.30am	11.15am	8.30am	8.30am	11.00am
Bus/Taxi 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)	11.30m (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
Transport	Townsville Taxi	Campbell's Coach	Campbell's Coach BIN BUS	Townsville Taxi	Campbell's Coach	Campbell's Coach BIN BUS	Campbell's Coach Change over Bus

