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The Pitch

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2 WEEKS and counting!! The eisteddfod is starting for us on Tuesday, 5th September and we will have various groups attending every day until Friday, 8th September. Notes were sent home a fortnight ago. I have currently received 95 permission notes back. Please return them as soon as you can and if you can help with supervision on the bus and at the theatre, it would be greatly appreciated. ☺☺ I will be in contact as soon as I can to inform you on what days you will be required.

The top of the note will list all events that your child is participating in. We have 173 children participating with most in several events. It is suggested that you highlight each section your child is performing in on the timetable to ensure organization for the correct day. (Included again at the end of this newsletter.) If in the case I've left an event off your child's list and they are positive that they are performing in that section, please come and see me so I can correct my rolls. Please ensure your child is at school dressed appropriately ready to go with appropriate gear on the correct day. 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. Some instrumental lessons will still be on if they are not involved at the Eisteddfod. Please check with your teacher

Our school had the privilege of hearing the great talents of Kirwan High Music program last Wednesday. The children and even teachers enjoyed the performances of the bands, orchestra's and choirs and all walked away singing 'Adele' & 'Frozen'. What a great experience for children to be exposed to such talent of our high school and see what they can be part of if going to Kirwan High.

Children who have applied to be part of the Kirwan Creative Arts Academy are asked to have submitted their application by Friday, 1st September. Letters are being sent out to all applicants notifying you of specific audition details. **Creative Arts Auditions** are being held at the music block on **Monday 4th September** from **3.30pm**. You will be notified of your application success in the first couple of weeks of term 4.

Date Claimer

DATE	WHAT'S ON - TERM 3
Week 7 Friday 25 th August	Fun Fair – Rock Band arrive 5pm for 5.45pm performance
Week 9 Tues 5 th – Fri 8 th September	Townsville Eisteddfod- Civic Theatre
WHAT'S ON - TERM 4	
Week 1	Application for Recruiting 2018 forms sent home
Week 2 Wednesday, 11 th October	Performers Concert TCBC 6pm - TBC
Week 3 Tues 17 th – Fri 20 th October	AUSTA Strings Festival

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

Being prepared from week to week As we are coming to the halfway point in the term it is important for students to maintain their practice routine and continue to work on their lesson and concert band pieces. Weekly practise helps with 'cementing' new concepts taught in lessons from short term into long term memories. It is only then that students feel prepared and confident to try more advanced musical techniques as well as being able to understand harder music theory concepts. It is this continuous cycle of weekly lesson attendance à practising those specific pieces à lesson attendance à personal practise on specific pieces etc that ensures the best chance of success and progression on their instrument.

Brass Students: - Townsville Eisteddfod Please ensure that you are attending your weekly rehearsal for your specific ensemble. Attendance at these rehearsals ARE NOT optional but rather a requirement from Education Queensland if you studying an instrument at The Willows SS. If you are unable to attend a lesson or rehearsal it is expected that a student either comes and explains their absence to a relevant staff member or write a letter or email to their instrument or concert band teacher.

Just remember the eisteddfod is only 2 and a bit weeks away!!!! ☺☺ I like to think of the eisteddfod as the grand final. Are you: - going to regular training sessions? (*Attending rehearsals every week?*)
- individually practising your skills at home in between training sessions? (*Regularly practising your music & playing techniques at home i.e: tonguing, pitching the correct notes?*)

If the answer is no, then you may need to rethink about how much effort you are putting in..... because if you were playing a sport without attending the training sessions and personally practising your skills you mostly likely would be sitting on the sidelines during the grand final rather than getting in on the action.....

So come on Brassies – get some solid practise done over the next few weeks and really help your team to perform to a high standard at the Civic Theatre. ☺

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

NA

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

Welcome parents and students to another very busy week of music. With such a big competition coming up and various events for teachers on there may be times when the lessons will change.

We only have 2 weeks to go until we are on stage. I really expect now that all my students will have the correct attitude towards practising their music and making sure they are prepared. Remember this is not a solo. Your personal practise affects everyone in the group so if you are working hard at home and playing well then the whole group sounds polished and prepared. Likewise if you don't learn your part you can make the group sound less polished as a whole. We are a team and this is a team effort!

Beginner orchestra has now been going for at least 8 weeks. There are some students now who are continuing to not bring instruments or their books to school. Parents please help your child to be responsible and make sure they are getting their lesson each and every week!

LESSON CHANGES:

Wednesday and Thursday week 7 23rd/24th August.

WEDNESDAY 23 RD AUGUST	THURSDAY 24 TH AUGUST
SENIOR ORCHESTRA BEFORE SCHOOL	JUNIOR ORCHESTRA 11.40AM AT THE MUSIC ROOM
NO LESSONS OR JUNIOR ORCHESTRA	SENIOR ENSEMBLE 2 ND BREAK IN REHEARSAL ROOM
	NO BEGINNER ORCHESTRA THIS DAY

Please see these changes. All students will receive tuition this week just on different times. It is very important that we all show up as these are also Eisteddfod rehearsals for the 3 groups. I am loving the dedication and improvement in many students! Please keep up the wonderful music and strive to be your very best each week!

Well the countdown to Eisteddfod is fast approaching and I am happy to say that the students are working very hard at perfecting their pieces ready to showcase in week 9! I can't wait for them all to perform I am sure they will represent Willows proudly!

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

Thank you for remembering the lesson changes for this week. It is back to normal times for next week. Please make sure you are working on your method book as well as band music. Your method book is designed to make you a better musician and your band music is there to showcase this ability. PLEASE RECORD MINUTES IN YOUR PRACTICE JOURNAL!!

Concert Bands – Sarah Manthey

Senior Band: I would like to thank all students that were at the lunchtime rehearsal, their commitment is a fine example of what makes a successful band! I would also like to acknowledge the following students for setting up: William B., Jasmine M., Cheyenne R., Caileigh F., Matthew S., Joshua T., Connor W. & Nicholas D.

On Tuesday mornings, there are still a few students arriving late, and as we have limited time until Eisteddfod it is important that all musicians are ready to play by 7:50am. Every minute counts!

Beginner Band: I would like to acknowledge the following students for going above and beyond with setting and packing up: Amarli B., Thomas F., Dakota P. & Janiqua O. Isadora R has actively helped the beginner band organise percussion instruments and equipment from the very first rehearsal. She is to be highly commended!

A big thanks to all of our beginner students whom are working very hard to create the best possible sound for Eisteddfod. I am so proud of their achievements so far, keep up the home practice!

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: Amy H

Strings WOW Winner:

100 Minute Club – Angelique S. (285), Allyssa C. (130, 110), Anthony LS. (120, 110), Jenna C (210), Max Q (130), Rhyanna CS (360), Mikayla O. (160)

Junior & Senior Choirs - Fiona Coleman

Rehearsals last week were exceptional with everyone and I left the school Friday afternoon feeling very content in their abilities thus far. We will be having a run through with our visiting accompanist soon and they will sound even more amazing!!! I think they are excited and ready to perform at the Eisteddfod also. We still have some tidying up on all the pieces and synchronising actions for our novelty piece – but we are well on our way!! There are still a few junior who are unsure of the words – please keep learning them. They also have some actions to learn!!

We have extended rehearsal practise for seniors in the lead up to Eisteddfod. Children will rehearse during 2nd break on Friday's from 1.10pm – 1.40pm. They will return to class for eating time and to mark rolls, collect notes and bags etc and be expected back to the music room to rehearse from 1.55pm – 2.55pm. This will only be for the next two weeks and all classroom teachers have been notified so that these children are not missing out on important learning or assessment.

Children who are performing in the novelty section this year will be singing a song called 'All Night, All Day'. If your child is performing in that section, it would be great if you could assist with costuming. Your child will be required to dress as an 'ANGEL'. All white, wings and halo. We do not ask that you go to great expense for a 5 min performance. Your child could even be crafty in making a halo.

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

2017 Townsville Eisteddfod

	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

