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It's Eisteddfod week and we're all very excited!! It is surely going to be a very busy and hectic week, yet very rewarding at the same time! We wish all 172 students the best as you participate in this grand event and hope you enjoy the experience of performing at the Civic Theatre. We are very proud of your efforts at rehearsals so far and know you will receive positive feedback on your performances.

Thank you to the overwhelming response of parents who indicated they could help with supervision. I sent home letters last week requesting your assistance. If you can no longer volunteer your time, please let me know ASAP. We hope to see you at the theatre if you can make it to support your child in their performances. Admission is \$10 a session, \$20 a day or \$50 for the week.

It is important your child is prepared and organized for the day. Please check the new timetable (at end of this newsletter) to make sure you have lunch, water bottles, instruments, music, costumes etc. for the correct day. There were some time changes with buses – so please check times carefully. Please wear your black shoes and white socks and correct coloured navy blue skorts, skirts or shorts. It may be a good idea to prepare the day before!! ☺ Your music shirt will be hanging up in the music room for you to change into when you arrive. It is only the Senior Choir who need to wear all white on Tuesday, 5th for the novelty section. Don't forget your angel wings. Our selected year 6 folk group children will be wearing overalls.

Thank you for those getting permissions back quickly. If your child is sick on the day and/or unable to attend, please inform the school immediately to let us know ASAP. Phone - 4799 1333 it is possibly better to avoid ordering tuckshop on the days your child is involved at the eisteddfod.

A reminder that our first year instrumentalists will be required to hand back their instruments at the end of term 4 so they are cleaned and repaired for our 2017 new recruits. Our 2016 beginner players have excelled greatly with their newly acquired skills and are sounding fabulous. We would hope that a lot of them are continuing in 2017. You will be required to purchase your own instrument as mentioned at our recruiting night and now is a good time to start looking for a good quality 2nd hand instrument. We do have a list available on preferred brands and further information on purchasing your own instrument that will go home early term 4. There are a lot of good 2nd hand instruments around at a good price – you just have to find them. There are a lot of stores with various payment plans available also. Please ask your child's instrumental teacher for further information on purchasing and brands to look for if you require further

information. If you play our more expensive instruments such as cellos, tenor sax, bass clarinet, double bass, euphonium, baritone and tuba, you will be loaned the instrument again in 2017.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Sarah Manthey for her wonderful contribution to The Willows Music Program over the last couple of years. Sarah has shared a wealth of knowledge with our students in helping them improve their skilling on their chosen instrument and becoming great musicians. Our bands have been very successful at Fanfare, the Eisteddfod and entertained many crowds at school functions because of your dedication and leadership. We wish you and your husband all the best in the Hunter Valley and hope your new adventure is as rewarding. You will be greatly missed and we hope to see you visit us again in the near future. Best of Luck!! ☺☺

Lessons will continue as normal in Week 1, Term 4. More information about Woodwind lessons and band will be given out early next term. Timetables will be uploaded or on display by that week.

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DATE	WHAT'S ON - TERM 3
Week 9	Tuesday – Concert Band Rehearsal but no Woodwind lessons Wednesday – No Orchestra or String Lesson, No Junior Choir Thursday – No Junior Concert band, Woodwind and String lessons as per timetable, Junior Choir – 2 nd Break Friday – No Percussion or Brass lessons
Week 9 Tues 5 th – Fri 8 th September	Townsville Eisteddfod- Civic Theatre
Week 10	No Rehearsals for both Choirs Percussion lessons cancelled on last day of term.
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
Week 4	Recruitment Testing

Brass – Kelly Clarke-Flessner – kclar205@eq.edu.au Monday 11.00am – 3.00pm, Friday 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Good luck to all the students who are auditioning for the Kirwan Arts Academy at Kirwan High on Tuesday. Remember to play well, play confidently and try to enjoy this performance opportunity! There

are no lessons on Friday, week 9 as I'm at Eisteddfod. Group F needs to join with group C and Group E will join with Group D on Monday.

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

Our percussionists have been entered in the ensemble section this year and their efforts in proving their capability in this last week has been outstanding. Dedication to individual practise by our percussionists has been AMAZING!! Each child has contributed 110% effort on their parts and together have created an ensemble that works. Congratulations on that extra effort from each of you!! ☺☺ We look forward to you representing our school on Wednesday afternoon and are very proud of you all. There are NO lessons on Friday Week 9 due to Eisteddfod and I'm away on the last Friday Week 10 of this term. Children will be notified of a make-up time in the next week.

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

What an eventful term this has been! Good luck to all my wonderful students who are participating in Eisteddfod this Tuesday and Wednesday. I am sure all the hard work will pay off! Please remember to have everything organised the night before and have your music shoulder rest, spare strings, and your instrument packed and ready to go. I can't wait for them all to perform I am sure they will represent Willows proudly!

There will be no lessons on Wednesday 6th September due to the Eisteddfod. There will be normal lessons on Thursday 7th for those students who are not involved in any other Eisteddfod performances.

THERE WILL BE NO LESSONS OR ORCHESTRA IN WEEK 10! I am on Long Service Leave.

Celebration of Strings notes went home a fortnight ago. All students received one colour, coded according to their levels. This is an amazing opportunity for students and those parents that have witnessed the end concert before will I am sure agree that is a wonderful week of learning. Please read the note carefully particularly how to book. **This is NOT a school based activity so no money is to go to the office.** All bookings must be done through the trybooking site on the note. **All MEDICAL FORMS** are to come back to either myself directly or Mrs Coleman.

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

Thanks to those students who have been remembering their lessons, however, I am still making too many calls to classes! Please try your best to remember ☺ Most students have been keeping up with practice and not writing it in their journals. It is very important that you record this still. I am rather impressed with the progress of our first year players, skills and concepts are coming together and it is a proud moment when we think back to how far they have progressed over the year. Keep up the good work, and just keep trying! If there are any parents thinking about buying an instrument for next year, I have a 'suggested brands list' that I can pass on, just send me an email. I am also happy to answer any questions you have ☺

Concert Bands – Sarah Manthey

Beginner Band: Wow! These students sounded AMAZING last rehearsal. I am looking forward to our Eisteddfod performance on Wednesday. Students, please remember to bring your instrument and band folder on the Wednesday for the bus ride to the Civic Theatre. Percussionists, don't forget to bring your mallets/sticks, and any auxiliary percussion we need for our songs.

THERE WILL NO BAND REHEARSAL this Thursday Week 9. They deserve a sleep in ☺ Rehearsals will be as normal in week 10.

Concert Band: Hi guys, please don't forget to bring your instruments/music on Friday for Eisteddfod. Percussionists, don't forget to bring your mallets/sticks. **We have rehearsal this Tuesday**, but will be cut a little short as I have to leave to get to the theatre ☺ I am very much looking forward to our performance! **There will be band rehearsal** in the last week of school, happy practicing!

Junior & Senior Choirs – Fiona Coleman

We had a run through with our accompanist again on Monday!! The children are working extremely hard and I'm very proud of their efforts, dedication and commitment to all the extra rehearsals. They've displayed great resilience and persisted in getting our harmonies and words correct. Your discipline will shine on the day and I look forward to you representing our school and enjoying the experience of performance and getting on stage. Good luck, smile and enjoy the experience!! ☺

There are NO rehearsals this week as we'll be at the theatre. Juniors will rehearse on Thursday at 2nd break before their big day on Friday. There are **NO** rehearsals during the last week of this term for both choirs. **ENJOY YOUR BREAK!!**

Our novelty section song for senior choir is prepared and need to do practise in their own time. They have been working hard on putting their display together. **Senior Choir Children only** need to wear all white on the day (Tuesday 5th). They do not require shoes on stage, but will need to wear some sort of closed footwear to

and from the theatre. Children will wear their uniform to school and change at 1st break. The whole idea of this section is to take singing to a different level including a bit of fun with actions. A reminder that we do not ask that you go to great expense for a 5 min performance.

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.

All our music shirts will be used constantly during the Eisteddfod and many of our music students will wear them many times throughout the week. If you can help assist with washing during this busy time, please email me or come and see us.

All children performing at the Eisteddfod need their folders with their music to be organized.

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 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	8.00am	11.00am
Bus/Taxi Departs School	8.00am	12.15pm	8.00am	11.45am	9.15am	8.45am	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)	12.00pm (depending on adjudication time)	12.30pm (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, Costumes for Folk group	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

