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Hope you all enjoyed your break with family and friends. Welcome back as we prepare for a very busy term 4. I've had some feedback in relation to the set-up of this newsletter, so I hope that this is more legible for you to access via phones etc.

Congratulations to all choir and instrumental students who participated in the annual 2017 Townsville Eisteddfod. Music is definitely thriving in Townsville. It was nice to see the amount of entries in the competition and lots of children representing their schools. The children were a little nervous but enjoyed the experience and performed with confidence and pride. The competition was of very high standard in all the sessions we were competing in. All the attendance to rehearsals and lessons were rewarded. All trophies are on display in the office and children will receive a copy of the comments on a certificate for every section they were involved in. Well done to all involved!!! We are very proud of you all. The following are our fantastic results.

- Junior string ensemble- HC
- Senior choir - Novelty section - 2nd
- Flute quartet - x
- Senior string ensemble - 1st
- Senior string orchestra - 3rd
- Junior concert band - 1st
- Folk group - 1st
- Percussion ensemble - x
- Brass Ensemble - 1st
- Senior choir championship - x
- Senior concert band - 1st

- Junior choir championship - HC
- Senior choir - unison section - 2nd
- Senior choir - folk section - 2nd

If you were unable to see your child perform at the Eisteddfod, you are invited to our performers night to be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October where they will do it all again. ☺

If your child is interested in learning an instrument and starting in our instrumental program for 2018, you are also invited to be guests at our performer's night and be entertained by our current members and see what our program has to offer and what your child may be part of from 2018.

## **INSTRUMENTAL RECRUITING 2018**

We have very limited spots for our new recruits to our instrumental program for 2018. This is determined on instrumental teachers, time allocation, school instruments and current students already in the program. All children in years 2 & 3 will receive an application to apply for testing. Any child in years 4 & 5 who would like to be considered can come and collect an application form from the music room or office. Acceptance to the program is based on subject achievement, behaviour, parental support and whether or not your child is physically attributed to their chosen instrument. Application forms will be sent home shortly.

Education Queensland states that only children in years 2 are invited to the strings program and years 3 - 5 for



woodwind, brass and percussion. If your child in year 2 is not interested in learning a string instrument, you are asked to wait until the next intake at the end of next year.

Forms must be returned no later than **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** so your child can be physically tested on their chosen instrument in **week 4**. You will be notified of your child's success by week 6 and are expected to attend an **Information Evening** on **Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November** to find out further information. If your child is accepted, there will be a cost of purchasing instrumental requirements (book, folder, stand, accessories), music fee levy of \$50 and an instrumental hire fee of \$100 for the year unless a violin/viola player. We look forward to seeing our prospective players join our program for 2018. If you have further questions, please come and see us.

Current instrumentalists in years 3 - 5 will also receive a note on whether they are continuing for 2018 shortly. It is important that this note is returned by **Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October** so we can allocate numbers for our 2018 instrumental program. If your child is not continuing, you must let their teacher know ASAP.

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 2018 new recruits. Our 2017 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 2018. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2018.

There is an exception for our cello and big brass instruments as these will be re-loaned to you in 2018. If you would like further information in regards to continuing in the program or about our recruiting process, please come and see one of us.

If you are upgrading your child's instrument and wish to sell it, I'm happy to add to the newsletter. Please send me the instrument and contact details via email and I'll publish in the next newsletter.

Instrumental Timetables have been uploaded to the site, given to your child, displayed outside the music room and emailed to your child's class teacher. Please ensure you are attending on time.

## **PERFORMERS CONCERT**

**Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**



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WHAT'S ON - TERM 4	
<b>Week 1</b>	Application for Recruiting 2018 invites sent home Continuing Notes for Current instrumentalists for 2018
<b>Week 3</b> Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> October	AUSTA Strings Festival No string lessons or Orchestra rehearsals this week
<b>Week 3 Thurs</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Performer's Concert</b> TCBC – 6pm All Groups
<b>Week 4</b>	Recruitment Testing
<b>Week 6 -</b> Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day - Senior Choir 10.30am TCBC
<b>Week 7 -</b> Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Recruitment Information Night - 6PM TCBC
<b>Week 9 -</b> Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Carols All year levels, Instrumental and Choir
<b>Week 10 -</b> Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony - Senior Choir/Rock Band TCBC

**Strings-** Caroline Lloyd-Doolan -  
[clloy28@eq.edu.au](mailto:clloy28@eq.edu.au)

**Wednesday 7.30 – 3.00pm**

**Thursday 11.00 – 3.00pm**

Well the countdown is on now as we reach our final term for this busy year.

Our end of year Performers Concert is on this term and I am really looking forward to showcasing the fantastic work all my groups did for Eisteddfod. I am sure you

will agree when you hear them that the hard work really paid off! A little reminder to say to your children to please look over the pieces again so it is still fresh in their minds!

Recruiting will be happening again as always. I will be testing my students in week 4 on a Thursday. All Thursday students will go into the Wednesday timetable so everyone still receives a lesson that week. This is already reflected in the timetable. Please print one out for your child so they have it in their folders or on the fridge at home. Timetables were sent out in last months newsletter.

A continuation form will be going home with your child this week. In order to have accurate recruiting numbers for next year I would ask that these be filled out and handed back no later than week 2 Friday so I can properly prepare for week 4.

**CELEBRATION STRINGS** is on in week 3! This is a fantastic opportunity for every string player to receive valuable tuition and to play with students from all over Townsville.

Entry forms for the **trybooking site close this Friday**. If you are unable to get on to the site you may still hand me your medical form and just pay CASH on the day. Correct money only please!

I would like as many students as possible to enter these workshops. If you have lost your note please come and see me in class this week! There are no normal lessons or orchestra that week as all the string teachers are at the workshops.



Finally, please keep up the practise, keep up the diligence in coming to lessons on time and please be responsible music students and turn up to your designated rehearsal promptly and with the correct equipment ready to go!

**Brass- Kelly Hosking -**

[kclar205@eq.edu.au](mailto:kclar205@eq.edu.au)

**Monday 11.00 - 3.00,**

**Friday 1.55 - 2.55**

New Timetables on display outside music room and uploaded to website. Brass lessons are quite disrupted at the start of this term due to the Monday's off and recruitment testing, so students need to ensure they come to the combined lesson times as written on the timetable.

**Percussion- Ian Brunskill -**

[ibrun2@eq.edu.au](mailto:ibrun2@eq.edu.au)

**Friday 11.00 - 1.10**

New Timetables on display outside music room and uploaded to website.

**Woodwind- Ruby Johnson**

**Tuesday 7.30 - 3.00**

**Thursday 9.00 - 11.00**

Ruby will be replacing Sarah for woodwind lessons and band rehearsals.

Unfortunately, we are unsure on when Ruby will be officially allowed to start her teaching. It would be expected that children are carrying out regular practise and trying to progress through their books until week 5 when we hope Ruby will join us as staff. Woodwind children are encouraged to come into the music room during lunch time and sit with Mrs Coleman

to seek assistance and get help with their playing and reading if needed.

**Junior Concert Band & Senior Concert Band-Ruby Johnson**

Mrs Coleman and Mr Schimke will endeavor to keep rehearsals going during the time until Ruby starts and in preparation for our performer's concert. All children need to bring their instruments on the correct days and be ready as normal to set up and participate in rehearsals.

**WOW AWARDS**

**Recognition of Practice and Great Work**

~ ~ Are you on the list this week? ~ ~

★ 🏆 CONGRATULATIONS 🏆 ★

**WOW Awards -**

**100 minutes of practise -**

Who's on the list for next newsletter?


**Junior & Senior Choirs**


**Fiona Coleman**

Big congratulations again to both choirs who performed at a very high standard at the annual eisteddfod. I was very proud of you all. Your commitment and dedication were really rewarded. I look forward to you presenting again and hearing your wonderful sounds at our Performers Concert. Rehearsals will continue as normal for both choirs this week as we prepare for Remembrance Day, Graduation and Christmas and most importantly to



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celebrate and have fun in doing what you  
love - SINGING!! ☺

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke

***"Life is one grand sweet song to start  
the music." ~Ronald Reagan***

***"Do not neglect your music, it will be a  
companion which will sweeten many hours  
of life to you." ~ Thomas Jefferson***