



The Pitch

Music News – Issue

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All notes for prospective instrumentalists have been sent home and are due back no later than this **Friday, 20th October, 2017**. Current instrumentalists need to have returned your continuing note by this date also so we can plan for our next intake. Testing for our potential students will happen in Week 4 as follows.

(Caroline Lloyd-Doolan)

WK 4 Thursday, 26th October
11.40am – 2.55pm

Testing for Percussion

(Ian Brunskill)

WK 4 Friday, 27th October
11.40am – 1.10pm

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WHAT'S ON - TERM 4	
Week 4	Recruitment Testing - Please see instrumental teacher about lessons
Week 6 - Friday 10th November	Remembrance Day - Senior Choir 10.30am TCBC
Week 7 - Wednesday, 15th November	Recruitment Information Night - 6PM TCBC
Week 9 - Wednesday 29th November	Christmas Carols All year levels, Instrumental and Choir
Week 10 - Wednesday, 6th December	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony - Senior Choir/Rock Band TCBC

You will be notified if your child has been successful by week 6/7 prior to our instrumental information night. You must attend this information session on **Wednesday, 16th November at 6pm in TCBC** to find out further information to help you make your decision and accept your offer. This is so you are well informed of the process, we can check numbers and offer positions to children who may be on a waiting list before the end of the year. All continuing students need to return their notes and notify us if you are continuing so we can cater for numbers for 2018.

Strings - Caroline Lloyd-Doolan -
clloy28@eq.edu.au

Wednesday 7.30am – 3.00pm
Thursday 11.00am – 3.00pm

Testing for Woodwind and Brass

(Kelly Clarke-Flessner)

WK 4 Tuesday, 25th October
9.00am – 2.55pm
Thursday, 27th October
9.00am – 11.00am

I would just like to touch base with you over a few events that are coming up in the near future and the expectations I have as a teacher.

Testing for Strings



Firstly, there are a number of students even at this stage of the year forgetting to bring their equipment or instruments to their lessons or leaving the instruments sitting in the classrooms week after week.

All students will be having their final assessment in week 5 so it is important that they practise and prepare for this task.

Instrumental music has a curriculum to follow just like any other subject and that is why students receive a grade and comments on their report cards. I would love to give your child the best possible mark but it is a team effort to make this happen!

The final assessment mark will reflect the student's preparation to lessons, practise at home and orchestra attendance.

All students are participating in the GALA CONCERT next Thursday.

It is very important I have FULL attendance of my groups in order to show case the wonderful skills and hard work that your child has been putting into their orchestras.

There will be **AN EXTRA REHEARSAL** for all my **BEGINNER ORCHESTRA STUDENTS THIS Wednesday 18th** during the Celebration Strings Week. I will come from the workshops especially to take this rehearsal so please make sure your child brings their instrument to school on this day. This is so we can be ready for the school concert the following night. I have an expectation now for all students to be doing at least **1 hour** of practise per

week at home. Most students are already doing this but if you think your child needs to put in greater effort please keep encouraging them, praising them and helping them to continue with their practise. I know myself being a musician that there are times when life gets busy and we don't always want to but the rewards are so much greater than the effort it takes in the end!

Continuation forms are now due back so please hand those in to Fiona Coleman so I can have an accurate assessment of numbers for recruiting the new students.

Finally, thank you for supporting your child this year in their music! They have certainly come a long way and I am sure they are looking forward to showing how far they have come at the GALA concert next Thursday!

Brass- Kelly Hosking -

kclar205@eq.edu.au

Monday 11.00am - 3.00pm

Friday 1.55pm - 2.55pm

Children have received their music for their assessment happening from now. Please ensure you are practicing and ready to perform at your best.

Percussion- Ian Brunskill -

ibrun2@eq.edu.au

Friday 11.00am - 1.10pm

I'm looking forward to the percussion ensemble performing at the concert on Thursday night. Lessons are going well and children have music to practise in preparation for assessment taking place in weeks 4 and 5. Lessons in week 4 will be



rearranged to accommodate for recruitment testing also. Children will be told their lesson time this week.

Woodwind

Tuesday 7.30am - 3.00pm

Thursday 9.00am - 11.00am

Unfortunately, I've seen one person come to practise during lunchtime over the past fortnight. Therefore, to have consistency in playing, all woodwind children will have sectional lessons.

TUESDAY 1st Break - FLUTES

TUESDAY 2nd BREAK - CLARINETS

THURSDAY 1st BREAK - SAXOPHONES

Children are expected to come into the music room during lunch time and sit with their ability group to run through their instructional books. I will be there to guide and assist with their playing and reading.

Junior Concert Band & Senior Concert Band

Thank you to all the children showing up for band rehearsals. They are playing exceptionally well and have been asked to do individual practise leading up to the performer's concert on Thursday night to perform at their best.

WOW AWARDS

Recognition of Practice and Great Work

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

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WOW Awards -

100 minutes of practise -

Junior & Senior Choirs

Fiona Coleman

Both choirs will be performing and showcasing their pieces from the Eisteddfod for you on Thursday night. Senior Choir will perform their novelty piece first to start the night so are asked to wear their Angel costumes to school. Don't forget to bring your music uniform to change into after to perform your other pieces later on. The Senior and Junior choir are preparing for Remembrance Day also and will perform on Friday, 10th November. You are invited to attend the service in TCBC at 10.30am. Both choirs will also be joined together to perform for our school Christmas concert. All children should receive their certificates from the eisteddfod soon. The comments are on the back.

Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments

We would love for some parents to help wash the shirts for the last time this year after our performer's concert. If you are available to help, come and grab a bag after the concert and let me know that you have them.

All instruments will be collected by **Friday, 1st December** for repairs and cleaning and to get ready for our 2018 instrumentalists.

If you are a beginner and continuing into 2018, you need to purchase your own instrument. If you need further information on this, please contact your child's instrumental teacher or myself.



If your child has outgrown their instrument or looking at upgrading, you are more than welcome to advertise the instrument through this school newsletter. We always have parents looking for good quality 2nd hand instruments. Please contact me with any information you would like published for the next newsletter.

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

TOWNSVILLE BRASS YOUTH BAND

Does your child play brass (trumpet, trombone, baritone or euphonium) or percussion, and want to take it further outside of school and beyond?

Townsville Brass Youth Band is one of three brass bands in the Townsville Brass organisation, and is a performing band in its own right! The band rehearses weekly with qualified instructors and regular visiting mentors from the rest of the organisation. Players can progress through the other bands, and it is a great way to develop brass banding through to adulthood.

Yearly membership is around \$40 per student, including loan of an instrument, uniform, music, music bag and tuition at rehearsals.

Rehearsals are Monday evenings 5:15pm to 6:30pm at the Cathedral School. All players with one year of experience in a school instrumental programme are welcome, and parents can sit in and listen at any time.

Enquiries to youthband@townsvillebrass.org or the Townsville Brass Facebook page - come along to any rehearsal to try it out.