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# *The Pitch*

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Congratulations to all our music students who performed in our Concert last Wednesday night. It was great to see so much support from parents and so many of our talented children perform. Thank you to the parents and teachers who helped set up, pack up and wash shirts. Your support to our music program is greatly appreciated. We had a lot of positive feedback and glad you all enjoyed the performances of your talented children. We are very proud of them too. ☺ Thank you! ☺ The live recording was picked up well and sounds great. We now have the task of collating and copying all these as a gift for your child at the end of the year. You are more than welcome to copy this CD as gift for family and friends but a reminder that it remains for personal use only and not to be distributed via social media or uploaded anywhere due to copyright restrictions.

Thank you to Mrs Winter who took some great group photos of our ensembles and some fantastic pictures of the Year 6's for their yearbook. It is unfortunate that not all members were presented in their groups but we did our best to include everyone that attended. These photos will also be available on the CD.

We are still waiting for some continuing notes to be returned. Please return these ASAP and notify your instrumental teacher. We need to check numbers of continuing students with our time allocation and how many children we can recruit for 2018.

Recruitment testing for Strings, Woodwind, Brass and Percussion happened last week with a lot of eager students displaying their willingness to be selected. A couple of children were absent or not seen and will be seen by the instrumental teacher sometime in week 5/6. We have had few applicants this year and all will receive a note by the end of week 6 on whether they have been successful or not. It is essential that you attend our information night on **Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm in TCBC Conference room** if you or child has been accepted or put on a waiting list. 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. If you do not attend, your place may be given to someone on the waiting list.

Instruments will be collected at the end of the year for cleaning and repairs. If you are a 1<sup>st</sup> year instrumentalist, you need to ensure that you are purchasing an instrument to continue in 2018. Reputable brands were listed on the bottom of the continuing note. There is also payment plans available in helping you purchase new instruments. If you are purchasing second hand instruments, please get them checked prior to purchase as repairs may cost more than the instrument is worth. Please come and see us if you require further information. Children who currently learn on a more expensive instruments including French Horn, Baritone, Cello, Euphonium,



Bass Clarinet, Tenor Saxophone etc will be loaned the instrument again in 2018 for an annual fee of \$100. There is also a \$50 music program fee being introduced next year for all instrumental and choral members.

Kirwan High Arts Academy nominations have been sent out. Congratulations to all those accepted for 2018!! 😊

### Date Claimer

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

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

**Wednesday 7.30am - 3.00pm**  
**Thursday 11.00am - 3.00pm**

Hello string players and parents! Welcome to weeks 5 & 6!

What a fabulous week we had in week 4 with not only our GALA concert but many of my students also participating in the AUSTA NQ annual Celebration strings along with 400 other students. The concert was once again magnificent and all students should be very proud of their

wonderful performances and hard work throughout the week.

Thank you to those students who attended the Performers music concert held at the school last week. There are only 2 opportunities like this for your child to perform at the school so it is really important that students attend.

The instrumental program is an ensemble based program so participating in band orchestra is a vital part of why they learn the instrument in the first place.

Your presence in the orchestra is equally important in a performance. If key players are missing it leaves large gaps in the ensemble and can really affect the sound and overall performance.

Week 5 is assessment. All students know what they have to play. This is their final progress performance for the year. By now all students should be prepared and be practising so they can put their best skills to the fore in next weeks "Under the Spotlight".

Recruiting for the new 2018 beginners happened during week 4.

Have a great week and keep the music alive!

**Brass**- Kelly Hosking -  
[kclar205@eq.edu.au](mailto:kclar205@eq.edu.au)

**Monday 11.00am - 3.00pm,**  
**Friday 1.55pm - 2.55pm**



**Percussion**- Ian Brunskill -

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

Friday 11.00am - 1.10pm

**Woodwind** - Ruby Johnson

Tuesday 7.30am - 3.00pm

Thursday 9.00am - 11.00am

We officially welcome our new Teacher - Ruby Johnson who will be starting at the school in week 5. All lessons will be on as indicated on the attached timetable.

**Junior Concert Band & Senior Concert Band**

Rehearsals will go ahead as scheduled with Ruby in preparation for our upcoming Christmas concert and Remembrance Day service.

**WOW AWARDS**

**Recognition of Practice and Great Work**

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

★🏆🏆 CONGRATULATIONS 🏆🏆★

**WOW Awards -**

**100 minutes of practise -**

**Junior & Senior Choirs**

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The choirs will be combined for their Christmas performances and Remembrance Day service. Please ensure your child is still coming along to rehearsals. If your child is interested in joining choir for 2018, they are more than welcome to come

and join in with our rehearsals for the rest of the year.

**Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments**

Thanks to the mothers who came and helped hang the shirts. Greatly appreciated. All instruments will be collected by **Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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*