



The Pitch

Music News - Issue 4

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Term 2 timetables will be uploaded to the website before the holidays. Lessons and rehearsals will continue **as normal day 1, week 1 of term 2**. Your child's classroom teacher will receive a copy of the term 2 timetable as will your child. Our goal this term is to have no interruptions to lessons and getting to lessons on time without reminders. Please ensure you have a copy of the timetable viewable at home to help with these organizational skills. There have been some minor changes with some groups.

We will be involved in Fanfare this year. Fanfare is a statewide competition for bands and orchestras from Queensland state schools only. It happens every 2nd year. Both our orchestras and Senior Concert Band will be participating. Please claim the date -

SATURDAY/SUNDAY, 19th/20th May, 2018 in your diaries!! ☺ ***It is an expectation that every member of the orchestras and band attend.*** Notes will be sent home with more information in term 2.

It is essential that children are at rehearsals on time ready to start. Both orchestra's and concert band are preparing pieces to showcase at their best for Fanfare. They have already got pieces ready for performing also. The work effort has been fantastic - however some children are arriving late. Children need to be at school by 7.40am to help set up and

Wk 8/9 - 12th March, 2018

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40 mins practise. School starts at 8.45am so children need to be packed up and ready to head to class by 8.40am.

(SHEP) State Honours Ensemble Program

SHEP is a firmly established aspect of music learning in Queensland, bringing together young people from all over the State, in regional centres and Brisbane to share their passion for making music. Its pursuit of excellence defines it as the highest quality performance avenue available to young ensemble-based instrumentalists outside of the Queensland Conservatorium and the Young Conservatorium. It is a unique opportunity for Voice, Strings, Wind, Brass and Percussion middle school students from North Queensland to work with their peers in an intensive environment of musical excellence. The program is guided by a team of international and national conductors from the Queensland Conservatorium and will be held at **Ryan Catholic College from 22nd - 24th June.**

Our instrumental teachers have nominated students in year 5 & 6 who would benefit educationally and improve their musical skills by participating in this intensive weekend program. Students will be contacted via e-mail if successful. The cost of the three day activity is \$280. Upon receiving your offer it is then your decision whether to accept or decline. Can you please notify myself or your child's instrumental teacher on whether your child



is attending or not once you're notified on success of a position?

If you require more information please don't hesitate to contact the music staff or visit www.griffith.edu.au.

day of the workshop as the school will be unaware of your child's participation at this event. We are looking forward to seeing your achievements in the concert on Friday afternoon. We are assured you will have a feeling of success after participating in this workshop and enjoy your time. Best of Luck and Enjoy!! ☺

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

Date Claimer

WHAT'S ON - TERM 1	
Week 9 Friday, 23 rd March	FUN RUN/COLOUR EXPLOSION – Percussion/Brass Lessons may be affected but will run as per timetable.
WHAT'S ON - TERM 2	
Week 2 Tuesday 24 th April	ANZAC Day Service Senior Choir Time – TBA TCBC
Week 4 8 th – 11 th May	NAPLAN changes to lessons to accommodate children involved
Week 5 Thursday, 17 th May	Beginner Band first rehearsal 7.40am for 7.50am start
Week 5 Saturday/Sunday, 19 th / 20 th May	FANFARE – Junior and Senior Orchestra, Senior Concert Band
Week 9/10 22 nd – 24 th June	SHEP – Nominated children
Week 10 Tuesday 26 th – Friday 29 th June	Choral Workshop – Selected years 5 & 6 Choral Students

Pinnacles

Honours Band Workshops

Pinnacles workshop is happening this week at the Kirwan State High School Performing Arts Block. We have a great number of students attending over the 2 days. Only students who have handed back their forms which have been signed by parents will be able to attend on the day. Please do not hand in the form on the

Wednesday 7.30 - 3

Thursday 11 - 3pm

It is hard to believe we have just finished week 7! What a busy term it has been so far.

Assessment: Our first "Under the Spotlight" performance will be happening in week 9. As part of the new Instrumental Curriculum roll out we will also be recording the assessment from now on so there is a greater transparency for students and parents to reflect and see their progress. There is a very clear marking criteria set out and this goes towards determining their report card marks each semester.

Students are very aware of their pieces and we have had 4 weeks preparation. I would expect all students to be diligently working towards their goals so their performance runs smoothly. Practise charts are going well plenty of green lights every week! Please note it is a requirement to fill them out each week as this goes towards their effort mark.

I am really looking forward to hearing all my students play their pieces in week 9 and



I am sure they will enjoy playing them as well!

Orchestras

Caroline Lloyd-Doolan

Orchestra rehearsals are running quite well and we are busily preparing for the FANFARE competition on Saturday May 19th. There are a few students still not showing up regularly and I receive no note from the parents explaining their absence. Please note that unexplained absence on a regular basis can result in your child not being able to participate in events due to their not knowing the work well enough.

I can always be contacted via email so please take advantage of this. Likewise if you have ever have any questions I will try my best to help you find the solution!

Brass- Kelly Clarke-Flesser -

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Monday 11.00am - 3.00pm

Friday 1.55pm - 2.55pm

All brassies will be undertaking assessment performances in week 9 during their lesson time. It is based on the new curriculum requirements and content we have been focussing on during the term. Look forward to hearing your progress. ☺

Percussion- Ian Brunskill -

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Friday 11.00am - 1.10pm

Great to see you all turning up with your equipment and ready for great music making. There are still some beginners without equipment - please ensure you have this to have success in your lessons. I'm happy with the progress of the lessons- keep up the great practise. Term 1 Assessment starts this Friday.

Woodwind - Ruby Johnson

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Tuesday 7.30am - 3.00pm

Thursday 9.00am - 11.00pm

I am very happy with students' progress and dedication towards home practice since last fortnight. Some children are arriving a little late for lessons, please ensure you check the timetable in the morning before school on Tuesday and Thursday's so you are on time. Please make sure students are writing in their minutes into the practice journal - some are forgetting! I am very happy with the progress of some groups. Keep up the GO FOR GREEN!!

Concert Bands

Ruby Johnson

Beginner Band - All students who started learning a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument this year, will be asked to play in Beginner Band. This will start in **week 5, next term, Thursday 17th May.**

Rehearsals will start at 7:40am every Thursday for the rest of the year. Playing in an ensemble is an integral part of students learning development and is a requirement of Education Queensland's Instrumental Music Curriculum. A letter will be sent home early next term with more details. If you have any current queries, please do not hesitate to email me - rjohn479@eq.edu.au



Senior Concert Band - Our pieces being rehearsed this term are nearly performance ready! The band will soon receive their piece for Fanfare. This one will need to be individually practised, so we have the most success in progressing during rehearsal when we all come together. We are still starting band late every morning. We really need to try to be ready to play at 7:50am sharp. The band will also be performing for the ANZAC Day Ceremony. I hope all will look at it as there are some tricky parts, Happy playing!

Junior & Senior Choirs

Fiona Coleman

The Senior Choir will perform 2nd week back on Tuesday, 24th at our ANZAC day parade. You are invited to attend our ceremony. Children will be singing the Australian and New Zealand national anthem and a new song called Our Heroes Today. There are some outstanding commitment choir notes with the media release that need to be returned ASAP. If your child is committed to being a part of the choir - this form must be returned no later than Friday, 23rd March - so I can organise an official choir roll and have families invoiced for our program fee.

Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments/Fees

Thank you to all our families with the prompt payments of fees and returns of contract and loan agreement forms. All children who are part of the music program are required to pay a compulsory \$50 music program fee. There are still are few outstanding. This will assist in maintaining and upgrading music uniforms, maintaining the music library, photocopying, music

scores, competition entry fees, upgrading accessories, equipment and instruments and Eisteddfod bus. All new choir children will be invoiced soon once notes are all returned.

Musically Yours,
Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke

GO FOR GREEN - Recognition of Practice and Great Work

~ ~ **GREAT START EVERYONE!!** ~ ~
Are you working towards getting rewarded for your efforts?

RED DOT: I attended my lesson but I am **UNORGANISED** (didn't bring either my instrument, book or folder)

YELLOW DOT: I attended my lesson but **DIDN'T** practise this week.

GREEN DOT: I attended my lesson, practised **AND** brought my equipment.





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*"Music is worth teaching because it empowers
children spectacularly." - Richard Gill*