



The Willows State School

(07) 4799 1333

(07) 4723 4665

The Pitch

Music News - Issue 5

Fiona Coleman - fcole7@eq.edu.au

Wk 10 - 26th March, 2018

Trevor Schimke - tschi15@eq.edu.au

~ CONGRATULATIONS!! ~

Term 2 timetables will be uploaded to the website. 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. 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 - **SUNDAY, 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 orchestras and concert band are preparing pieces to showcase at their best for Fanfare. They already have got pieces ready for performing. 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 be seated by 7.50am to get a good 40 mins practise. School starts at 8.45am so children need to be packed up and ready to head to class by 8.40am.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs Caroline Lloyd-Doolan who has been appointed the role of Regional Instrumental Music Co-ordinator starting in term 2. Caroline was a foundation instrumental teacher starting in 1997 when the school was first established and we have been privileged to have her for many of those years since. Caroline has shared a wealth of knowledge with our students in helping them improve their skilling on their chosen instrument and becoming great musicians. Our orchestras have been very successful at Fanfare, the Eisteddfod and entertained many crowds at school functions because of her dedication and leadership. We thank you Caroline for your wonderful contribution to The Willows Music Program. You are perfect for the position and we wish you all the best in your new role and hope your 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!! ☺ ☺



(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 40 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.

Date Claimer

WHAT'S ON - TERM 2	
Week 2 Tuesday 24th April	ANZAC Day Service Senior Choir Time – TBA TCBC
Week 4 8th – 11th May	NAPLAN changes to lessons to accommodate children involved
Week 5 Thursday, 17th May	Beginner Band first rehearsal 7.40am for 7.50am start
Week 5 Sunday, 20th May	FANFARE – Junior and Senior Orchestra, Senior Concert Band
Week 9/10 22nd – 24th June	SHEP – Nominated children
Week 9/10 TBC	GALA PERFORMANCE - TWSS
Week 11 Tuesday 26th – Friday 29th June	Choral Workshop – Selected years 5 & 6 Choral Students

Pinnacles

Honours Band Workshops

CONGRATULATIONS to all the children who participated in the Pinnacles workshop at KSHS. The concerts were a great success and we had very positive feedback about the behaviour, enthusiasm and the great music being made with other local school children. All children will receive a participation certificate in the coming weeks.

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

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

Wow! Where did the first term go! Lots of lovely playing and many students tried their best in their first "Under the Spotlight Assessment".



I will miss all the students greatly but hope to still be around for a little bit early in term one to help settle the new teacher in. Keep striving to be the best you can be and always remember to believe in yourself!

Orchestras

Caroline Lloyd-Doolan

I will endeavour to keep you updated on what is occurring during Term 2 for rehearsals and preparation for Fanfare.

Brass- Kelly Clarke-Flessner -

kclar205@eq.edu.au

Monday 11.00am - 3.00pm,

Friday 1.55pm - 2.55pm

Awesome job to all the Brassies who played their assessment pieces. You were wonderful. Have a lovely Easter break and I look forward to seeing you on the First Friday back after the school holidays.

Percussion- Ian Brunskill -

ibrun2@eq.edu.au

Friday 11.00am - 1.10pm

Great work with everyone being prepared for assessment. Keep up the practise over the Easter holidays and I look forward to seeing you all first week back.

Woodwind - Ruby Johnson

rjohn479@eq.edu.au

Tuesday 7.30am - 3.00pm

Thursday 9.00am - 11.00am

Well done to everyone on their assessment. The timetable has changed slightly, please be aware of your new groups if it effects you. Have a great Easter. See you next term!

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 - Rehearsal is on as per schedule first day back in term 2. Please be prepared and ready to put in lots of hard work as we prepare for Fanfare competition.

Junior & Senior Choirs

Fiona Coleman

Our next performance is at our ANZAC day parade at school in the TCBC at 2pm on Tuesday, 24th April. You are invited to come to our parade. Children will be singing the Australian and New Zealand national anthem and a new song Our Heroes Today. It is essential you are attending rehearsals so you are familiar with your parts and what is expected from you as a member of the choir. Please ensure you take them home to learn words of your songs and bring them to every rehearsal. Both choirs are working on better breathing techniques and good posture for better singing. Keep practicing your words, breathing and phrasing at home!! ☺



Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments/Fees

Thanks for the last lot of commitment and contract notes that were due last Friday. I will now confirm the choir list and have parents invoiced for our program fee of \$50 if not already paid. All shirt arrangements will now be made and up for viewing next term. The shirt is allocated to your child for use throughout the year and is stored at the school. All shirts are washed after every performance. If you are able to volunteer your time in helping to wash shirts after performances, it would be greatly appreciated.

Musically Yours,
Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke

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

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.

"Go for Green!"

The traffic light image represents 3 different levels of student **EFFORT**. Students will place the appropriate dot beside their name to reflect their weekly level of effort towards instrumental music.



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.

Black space in the table - You didn't come to your lesson
Or arrange a different lesson this week ☹