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Music News - Issue 6

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Congratulations to the concert band and senior choir who performed at our school ANZAC service. The ceremony was well organized and the band and choir children performed beautifully.

This term has been very busy already with lots happening in preparation for our next big performance including FANFARE on Sunday, 20th May and GALA night on Tuesday, 26th June week 11 along with our choral workshop in wk 11 for selected year 5/6 students. If your child has not yet put their shirt size up I will 'guesstimate' a size for them.☺ Please get them to do this ASAP. Everyone is busily working and getting organized for these performances.

All instrumental students are doing a fantastic job and we couldn't be more pleased with their efforts and having them be a part of our music program. A reminder that children are being assessed this term. The report is a progress of how they are going. Your child needs to understand their results and ask themselves if they have met their goals and what they need to do to improve to meet their next lot of challenges. Persistence, motivation and overcoming these hurdles makes us stronger and give us the ability to achieve and feel confident about our accomplishments. Please ensure children are aware of their lesson times and putting in the extra effort to showcase to the instrumental teacher what they have learnt during semester 1. Be aware of your expectations and what is

required from you for success. Practicing and preparing for your assessment will assist in great results. Good luck!! ☺

Term 2 timetables are uploaded to the website with this newsletter. 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.

A reminder that we will be involved in Fanfare. Notes were sent home last week. Please read the note, sign the forms for attending and return ASAP. Fanfare is a statewide competition for bands and orchestras from Queensland state schools only. It happens every 2nd year and primary schools are now officially involved in the grand final. Both our orchestras and concert band will be participating. Please claim the date - **SUNDAY, 20th MAY, 2018** in your diaries!! ☺ More information on times are below.

It is an expectation that every member of the orchestras and band attend so we can showcase our school at its best.



(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 centers 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** **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 were recently contacted via e-mail if successful. **CONGRATULATIONS to Alyssa C, and Alex S who were successful.** Congratulations also to Kieren A, Emma B, Haley B, Amarlie B, Sylvane B, Chloe C, Mackenzie C, Jenna C, Marnie F, Joel H, Jasmine M, Emily O, Max Q Anthony LS, Natalie S, Bailey S, Angelique S who are reserves. 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.

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

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WHAT'S ON - TERM 2	
Week 2	No Brass or Woodwind Instrumental Lessons due to KSHS Fanfare Camp No String Lessons or orchestra due to ANZAC Day
Week 2 Tuesday 24th April	ANZAC Day Service Senior Choir/Senior Concert Band Time – 2pm TCBC
Week 4 7th May	Labour Day – No Brass lessons
Week 5 14th – 18th May	NAPLAN changes to lessons to accommodate years 3 & children
Week 5/6 Sunday, 20th May	FANFARE – Junior and Senior Orchestra, Senior Concert Band
Week 6 Thursday, 24th May	Beginner Band first rehearsal 7.40am for 7.50am start
Week 9 Tuesday, 19th June	Senior Athletics Carnival – Woodwind children check with teacher for times
Week 9 Wednesday, 20th June	Junior Athletics Carnival – String children check with teacher for times
Week 9/10 22nd – 24th June	SHEP – Nominated children accepted
Week 10 Tuesday, 26th June	GALA PERFORMANCE – TCBC – All Groups 6pm
Week 11 Tuesday 26th – Friday 29th June	Choral Workshop – Selected years 5 & 6 Choral Students



FANFARE 2018

Celebrating Instrumental music in Queensland State Schools

All forms are being sent home this week with all the information you need. At this point all junior and senior orchestra and senior concert band are performing on Sunday, 20th May. The **Junior Orchestra need to be at JCU at 9am** ready to play at 10.05am. The **Concert band need to be at JCU at 1pm** ready to play at 1.57pm and the **Senior Orchestra need to be at JCU at 3pm** ready to play at 3.58pm.

These are approximate times. Parents, students, family and friends are welcome to attend. Snack food and drinks will be available for purchase - CASH only and gold coin donation for entry.

CHORAL WORKSHOP

Every year the state primary schools put together a culminating workshop with selected year 5 & 6 students from around Townsville. Children in the current choir in years 5 & 6 will be invited to this exciting event. The workshop is being conducted during the last week of term 2 from Tuesday 26th - 29th June. Mr Brett Holland- choral conductor from Brisbane will be joining us during this time. Notes will be distributed in a few weeks.

Strings- Caroline Lloyd-Doolan &

Carla Mulligan

clloy28@eq.edu.au

Wednesday 7.30 - 3

We would like to welcome Carla Mulligan to our instrumental teaching staff. Carla will be working with all the continuing string students. Until Caroline is able to be

replaced fully, she will be continuing with the Beginners only - who will now have their lessons on Wednesday's as well. Please check the new timetable.

Please be aware that there may be changes in week 5 with lessons due to NAPLAN with the years 3 & 5 students. All students will be playing in the Gala performance in week 11.

Orchestras

Carla Mulligan

Carla will continue rehearsals with Senior Orchestra as per regular rehearsal on Wednesday morning at 7.50am. Junior Orchestra will be scheduled for 2nd break on Wednesday's instead. This restarts in week 3.

Brass- Kelly Clarke-Flesser -

kclar205@eq.edu.au

Monday 11 - 3,

Friday 8.50am - 10am

Please note changes in the timetable from Friday afternoons to Friday mornings starting at 8.50am. This was to accommodate the continual disruption with other class activities and rewards happening on Friday afternoons so children were still able to receive their lessons.

Percussion- Ian Brunskill -

ibrun2@eq.edu.au

Friday 11 - 1.10

I'm looking forward to having a very successful term with all the percussionists. Thanks for those who were able to organise their requirements over the holidays. Please note on the timetable



there are no lessons in week 4 as I'm away with Pimlico SHS on camp.

Woodwind - Ruby Johnson

rjohn479@eq.edu.au

Tuesday 7.30 - 3

Thursday 9 - 11

Well done to the beginners. I'm very pleased with your progress and keeping up your practise over the holidays. Please be aware of NAPLAN in week 5. There will be changes to the timetable to accommodate all children receiving a lesson.

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 6, next term, Thursday 24th 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 was sent home this week. I'm very much looking forward to a fantastic year of band rehearsals with these students. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to email me - rjohn479@eq.edu.au

Senior Concert Band - I would like to congratulate all students on their wonderful performance and behaviour at the ANZAC Day Ceremony last Tuesday! There are some new pieces given out this term, make sure all students are practicing their parts at home and are arriving on time with all equipment ☺

I am excited to see all students committed, focussed, and ready to learn and play together!!

Junior & Senior Choirs

Fiona Coleman

Congratulations to our Seniors who performed at our school ANZAC service. You sounded amazing and it's only the beginning of the year. Keep up the great work and looking forward to your next performance at our school GALA night in week 11.

The roll is now official. Any child who returned their note of commitment have been added to the roll and should have been invoiced the \$50 music program fee if not already part of the instrumental program. Some children who returned their form have been spoken to and chased up to turn up to rehearsals. This is a non-refundable fee - so please ensure your child is being committed.

Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments/Fees

A list is up on the wall in the music room of every child involved in the music program. Please ensure your child has added their shirt size beside their name. If it hasn't been added by the end of next week, I'll 'guesstimate' a size. ☺

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.

"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.



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

Music learning has been proven to not only assist in developing children's confidence, self-esteem and team skills, but also in improving literacy and numeracy." ~ Unknown