



# The Pitch

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Half way through our busy term -  
Where's it gone? 6 weeks countdown until  
**GALA NIGHT!!**

Congratulations to everyone who is  
turning up for rehearsals and learning their  
parts in preparation for these upcoming  
performances. Your efforts are  
appreciated and will be rewarded when you  
represent our school for family, friends  
and community at **Fanfare on Sunday,  
20<sup>th</sup> May, Presbyterian Church Fete on  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and Gala night on  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June.**

It is an expectation and a  
requirement that every member of our  
music program in all instrumental  
ensembles and choirs are available for  
these performances and attending all  
rehearsals over the next couple of weeks  
so we can showcase at our best. We are  
looking forward to seeing them perform!!

An information note of these special  
events was sent home last week. All groups  
are performing and will be required to wear  
full school music uniform as stated in  
previous letters and the beginning of the  
year.

A reminder that instrumental  
assessment will be happening this term  
during lessons. Please ensure you are  
aware of the expectations and what is  
required from you for success. Practicing  
and preparing for your assessment will  
assist in great results. Good Luck!! ☺

Thank you for the quick return of  
permission notes for fanfare. Notes were  
sent home last week. Please read the note,  
sign the forms for attending and return  
ASAP. Please check times you need to be  
at JCU Sir George Kneipp Theatre so you  
are warmed up ready to perform.

## Date Claimer

WHAT'S ON - TERM 2	
<b>Week 5 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>NAPLAN</b> changes to lessons to accommodate years 3 & children
<b>Week 5/6 Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>FANFARE</b> – Junior and Senior Orchestra, Senior Concert Band
<b>Week 6 Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Beginner Band first rehearsal 7.40am for 7.50am start</b>
<b>Week 8/9 Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> June TBC</b>	<b>AUSTA Junior Strings Festival</b> – More information for all strings available soon
<b>Week 9 Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Senior Athletics Carnival – Woodwind children check with teacher for times</b>
<b>Week 9 Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Junior Athletics Carnival – String children check with teacher for times</b>
<b>Week 9/10 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>SHEP</b> – Nominated children accepted
<b>Week 9 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Presbyterian Church Fete – Junior and Senior Choir, Rockband</b>
<b>Week 10 Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>GALA PERFORMANCE – TCBC – All Groups 6pm</b>
<b>Week 11 Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Choral Workshop</b> – 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, 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> June. Mr Brett Holland- choral conductor from Brisbane will be joining us during this time. Notes will be distributed in a few weeks.

## **AUSTA JUNIOR STRINGS FESTIVAL**

All students will receive an invitation to go into the Junior String Fest. This is a FANTASTIC performance opportunity for students to play of their favourite songs in front of a family friendly audience. **It is not a competition** and students are placed in year levels.

They will also receive a small workshop from the teachers to enhance some aspects of their technique and receive a report on how they are progressing and best of all a music trophy to take home as a thank you for all their hard work in learning their instrument!

All students are encouraged to do this as the more performance opportunities they have the more confident they become. Students can use backing tracks to play along to as well. Pieces are own choice. Further information with exact times what to wear what to bring will be handed out soon.

### **Beginner Strings-**

**Caroline Lloyd-Doolan**

[clloy28@eq.edu.au](mailto:clloy28@eq.edu.au)

**Wednesday 9am - 11am**

Hello!

As you can see I am still temporarily teaching some classes until a replacement teacher can be found. In the meantime beginner strings will still receive tuition from me on a Wednesday morning subject to some slight changes when I have to travel.



Students will be having their first "Under the Spotlight" progress performance in **week 5** playing "Merrily We Roll Along" and a "D major scale" which they learnt this week! Very exciting.

Please encourage your child to pick up their instrument and play everyday even if it is just for 10 minutes at a time. It all adds up and it makes for a more confident, happy string player in both lessons and at home!

### Continuing Strings

**Carla Mulligan**

**Wednesday 7.30am - 3pm**

There will be no strings lessons in week 5 and 6. Lessons will resume as normal in week 7 with Miss Mulligan.

Early morning String Orchestra rehearsals 7:45-8:30 will continue with Ms Lloyd Doolan. Junior String Orchestra will rehearse at 1<sup>st</sup> break these weeks only.

**GOOD LUCK AT FANFARE WILLOWS  
STRING ORCHESTRA!**

### Orchestras

**Carla Mulligan**

As above

### Brass- Kelly Clarke-Flessner

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**Monday 11am - 3pm**

**Friday 8.50am - 10am**

Hi Brassies, Please keep checking the timetable every week to make sure you are

coming to your correct lesson on the correct day. Remember that the 2 Friday lessons are now scheduled in the morning at 8: 50am and 9: 20 am (not the afternoon).

Keep working hard on your fanfare pieces as the competition is only a few weeks away! As well as this, you will most likely perform some of these pieces at the Gala concert later in the term.

The entries for the Townsville Eisteddfod are now open. If any brassies are keen to play in a brass ensemble they need to let me know at their next lesson ☺. Rehearsals for this ensemble would be Friday before school (closer to the Eisteddfod competition of course!!!)

### Percussion

**Ian Brunskill**

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**Friday 11am - 1.10pm**

No notes this week.

### Woodwind

**Ruby Johnson**

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**Tuesday 7.30am - 3pm**

**Thursday 9am - 11am**

During lessons students are engaging with 'Go For Green'. This is a traffic light system that tracks students attendance and practice. Ensure to keep up the regular practice and aim for green in your next lesson! 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** - We start rehearsals in week 6!! I'm very excited to hear all our beginners playing together! Please don't be worried about this, we are all beginners and we will learn how to play together. Please remember to be at the music block at **7.40am sharp** on **Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> May**, with your instrument, band folder, tutor book and pencil. See you all then!

**Senior Concert Band** - It was great to see a wonderful turnout last Tuesday morning. You are sounding great!! Fanfare is very soon and we need to make sure we are attending each rehearsal and practicing our parts regularly. Keep up the wonderful work! It would be great to see all percussionists arrive on time as it makes it easier to organise instruments - ready to start on time. Just a reminder that band starts at 7:40am and students need to be there at 7:30am to set up and be seated and ready to play.

### Junior & Senior Choirs

#### **Fiona Coleman**

Both choirs have been asked to perform at The Willows Presbyterian Winter Fair on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June sometime between 9 - 11am. Please claim the date as it would be great to have as many of our choral members there to sing. They are working really hard and are looking forward to presenting to family and friends at our GALA night in week 11 too. There are some children who I haven't seen for a while, yet

I have their commitment note. Please check to see if your child has been attending rehearsals ready for these special events.

Our choral workshop is fast approaching. Our guest conductor is Brett Holland from Brisbane. He will work with 100 year 5 & 6 students from around Townsville primary state schools. The workshop is being held at our school during week 11, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Selected year 6 students will receive an invite this week. Please return notes as soon as possible to accept your offer. If more places become available, we will offer some places to the next lot of year 6 students. Positions will be allocated as a first in basis. A culminating performance of the week's work will be on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June from 4pm in TCBC. You are all invited to attend to see what magic this group will produce in a matter of 4 short days. Brett will also be performing on the Friday. ☺

### Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments/Fees

I've decided to have shirts available without allocating a size this year as a trial. Children will just come in and grab a shirt of their size and write the size and letter up on the wall against their name to monitor who has the shirts. I hope this makes it an easier process.

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*