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WOW!! What great results from FANFARE. All concert band, Junior and Senior string orchestra children proudly represented the school out at JCU on Sunday. There were over 1000 entries across Queensland from 48 regions. Fifty-one of those ensembles were just from Townsville state schools. There were 20 entries in the primary division 2 with our Concert Band receiving Gold. Our Junior Orchestra played beautifully receiving a Bronze and our Senior Orchestra in the top Division 3 receiving Silver. The standard of playing was excellent in all groups across Townsville showing that music is very strong and well supported in our state system.

All our groups received exemplary remarks which can be seen on the back of their certificates that will be sent home in the next week. Our Senior Concert Band were selected out of 5 to perform in the Regional Finals on **Sunday, June 24th at JCU Sir George Kneipp Theatre**. The winning ensemble will then go to Brisbane for the State final in August. Practise and attendance to rehearsals is priority for the next few weeks as we busily prepare for another outstanding performance. A note with further information will go home as soon as we receive further information. If there are any photos that you would like to share with us, please forward to my email fcole7@eq.edu.au and we'll share on parade. Thanks to the parents who have passed some on already. We are so proud of the student results, playing and the way they represented our school.

Congratulations to the conductors, Ruby and Caroline and all students whom attended. Awesome Achievement!! ☺

We also have our Gala night and choral workshop happening this term amongst all the other wonderful things happening at the school. Please check the newsletter regularly to be well informed and updated with information as it comes to hand.

G A L A N I G H T

Tuesday, 26 June, 2018

6.00PM T C B C

All our performers are ready and invite you to an evening of entertainment.

The gala night is a performance to showcase what your child has been learning for the first half of this year. It also allows your child to build confidence and perform in front of a large crowd in preparation for the Eisteddfod in term 3 and share with you their learning progress. A sausage sizzle and drinks will be available for purchase from 5.30pm. No food or drinks are allowed in TCBC. Children will change into music shirts after eating. All performers are required to wear full music uniform as requested in previous newsletters. Please make sure you have your music and instrument ready for the night. We would like the night to run smoothly and quickly with all children ready in the Performing Arts Centre. Groups will be called for during the evening to go to the music room to get ready. All children to be seated at the front of the stage to



minimize entry and exit and to get children up on stage and off as smoothly as possible. Younger children must be with their parents at all times displaying audience manners. No children are to be left unsupervised or on play equipment.

This is reporting term. Children need to ensure they are at lessons to prepare for assessment. We appreciate the respect of being notified of your child's absence to lessons or rehearsals. These lessons are formal instruction and are recorded on your child's report card at the end of semester 1. We are noting that some children are attending without practice. If they are unable to meet expectations based on requirement levels of the national curriculum, it will be reflected in their report. Please ensure your child is practicing and meeting expectations.

Keep up the great musical enthusiasm around the school. It is certainly not one to be missed and you should all be very proud of your efforts.

CHORAL WORKSHOP

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 26th – Friday 29th June**. Selected year 6 students have been invited and we have a lot who have accepted the offer. Another note for all our children who've accepted has been sent home this week. Please return these forms ASAP to the office with money, medical notes and permissions attached.

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WHAT'S ON - TERM 2	
Week 9/10 Sunday, 17 th June TBC	AUSTA Junior Strings Festival – More information for all strings available soon
Week 10 Tuesday, 19 th June	Senior Athletics Carnival – Woodwind children check with teacher for times
Week 10 Wednesday, 20 th June	Junior Athletics Carnival – String children check with teacher for times
Week 10/11 22 nd – 24 th June	SHEP – Nominated children accepted
Week 10 23 rd June	Presbyterian Church Fete – Junior and Senior Choir, Rockband
Week 11 Sunday 24 th June	FANFARE REGIONAL FINALS – Senior Concert Band Time TBA
Week 11 Tuesday, 26 th June	GALA PERFORMANCE – TCBC – All Groups 6pm
Week 11 Tuesday 26 th – Friday 29 th June	Choral Workshop – Selected years 5 & 6 Choral Students

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 and what to bring will be handed out soon.

Beginner Strings

Caroline Lloyd-Doolan

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Wednesday 9am - 11am

The beginners had their first under the Spotlight Assessment in week 5. They had to perform their D major scale and Merrily We Roll Along using plucking style. Most students were well prepared.

Still on the note of practising, although the majority of students are in a regular practise routine and setting goals, there are also some students clearly not practising enough or at all from lesson to lesson. To learn a new skill particularly the complexities of an instrument, students need to be practising nearly every day. Please help your child establish a good routine and encourage them at every opportunity to strive to excel at their instrument. A sports training session may go for a couple of hours and be several times a week. Practising skills on an instrument also needs dedicated time at home or training. The difference is that it is usually individual training with group training in lessons and orchestra.

Students will be issued their report card at the end of this term and the instrumental curriculum has very clear guidelines for marking.

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 1st break these weeks only.

Orchestras

Caroline Lloyd-Doolan

Congratulations to The Willows Junior and Senior Orchestras for their wonderful performances at Fanfare!! Look forward to seeing you at the next rehearsal for new pieces.

Brass

Kelly Clarke-Flesser

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Monday 11am - 3pm,

Friday 8.50am - 10am

Well done to all the students who participated in Fanfare on the weekend. It was a real pleasure to listen to your performances in full. Your hard work and dedication has really paid off.

All Brass students please remember to continue practicing your instrument on a regular basis. It is only through consistent practice that you will see better results in



relation to pitching the correct notes and tonguing accurately.

Don't forget your performance examination begins week 7 Monday (and Friday). Students will complete their theory test the week after (or some students may have the opportunity to start it after their performance exam). Please make sure you are prepared with your instrument, music and a pencil.

Percussion

Ian Brunskill

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Friday 11am – 1.10pm

The percussion students will start with their playing tests on Friday, 2nd June. They have all received a handout with expectations and information during their lesson.

Woodwind

Ruby Johnson

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Tuesday 7.30am – 3pm

Thursday 9am – 11am

Students are currently working on their assessment songs and are being tested. Will all students remember to practise your songs, and to bring all equipment to lessons. If you need to buy more reeds, please do so before your assessment.

Concert Bands

Ruby Johnson

Beginner Band - A very exciting week for beginning students- Beginner Band **started this Thursday morning at 7:40am.**

Students are to bring their instrument, band folder, method book, pencil and water bottle. A letter of invitation should have been given to students. Please make sure that the signed section is returned before rehearsals begin. If a student is unable to attend for a rehearsal, a written letter of explanation is needed. If a student has 3 or more 'unexplained' absences during a term, they will not be invited to perform. Very much looking forward to it!

Senior Concert Band - A very big thankyou to students and parents for their commitment over the last few weeks. We had a very busy rehearsal schedule- AND IT PAID OFF!!!! I am so very proud of all the hard work from the students. We are now working towards the FANFARE regional finals on the 24th of June. Rehearsals are back to only Tuesday mornings. I may hold extra sectionals during the lunch breaks if needed. Congratulations!!

Junior & Senior Choirs

Fiona Coleman

Well done to the children who are making Monday morning rehearsals. A record is kept of attendance for every rehearsal. Children who have attended regularly will be invited to represent the school at the Townsville Eisteddfod in September.



Both choirs have been asked to perform at The Willows Presbyterian Winter Fair on Saturday, 23rd June sometime between 9 - 11am. Please claim the date as it would be great to have as many of our choral members there to showcase at their best. They are working really hard and are looking forward to presenting to family and friends at our GALA night in week 11.

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.

If your child was involved in Fanfare - please return the shirt unwashed ASAP so we can wash and restore them for our next event.

Musically Yours,
Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke

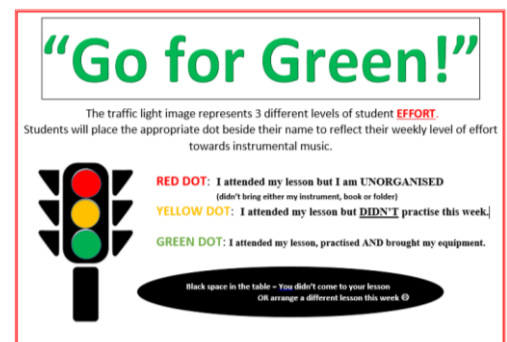
GO FOR GREEN - Recognition of Practice and Great Work

~ ~ 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.



"Much of what young children do as play ~ singing, drawing, dancing ~ are natural forms of art. These activities engage all the senses and help wire the brain for successful learning ~ David A. Sousa