



The Willows State School

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# *The Pitch*

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This busy term is quickly coming to an end. 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 TCBC

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

It is an expectation that all members of our music program are available to perform at our outside school events. 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 the 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 all 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. All children are 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. The following groups will be performing: Junior and Senior Choirs, Junior and Senior Orchestra, Beginner Band and Concert Band, Rock Band and Beginner Strings. All are welcome to come and watch our sensational musicians performing.

## F A N F A R E F I N A L S

Regional Finals on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at JCU Sir George Kneipp Theatre will be held in the morning. A note with further information will go home as soon as we receive further information.

## C H O R A L W O R K S H O P

All year 6 children attending the choral workshop with Brett Holland in **week 11** need to have their permissions, medical and media forms and payments sent back this week.

## S H E P

Alex S, Kieren A, Amarli B and Alyssa C accepted their positions and will participate in SHEP. The program is guided by a team of international and national conductors from the Queensland Conservatorium and is held at Ryan Catholic College over the weekend - 22 - 24<sup>th</sup> June. We wish you all the best and hope you enjoy the challenges and successes of the workshop in a short weekend.



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**PRESBYTERIAN**

**WINTER FAIR**

**Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2018**

**9.30AM Presbyterian Church Grounds  
(Carthew Street)**

The Junior & Senior Choir and Rock Band will be performing at the Presbyterian Winter Fair. Performances start at 9:30am with the Rock Band. The Junior Choir performs after them at 10:30am. Students are asked to arrive half an hour before to tune up and warm up for their performance. The Willows Presbyterian Church grounds are opposite Big W on Carthew Street. Children are required to wear normal school uniform with navy blue skorts/skirts/shorts, white ankle socks and black shoes.


**AUSTA JUNIOR**


**STRINGS FEST**

**AUSTA STRING FEST ENTRIES  
CLOSE JUNE 8th!**

This is such a wonderful performance opportunity for students **AT ALL LEVELS** including beginners! I do encourage all my students to consider this if possible. Entries must be done online not through the school. Once the entries have shut and I have a list I will send out another note reminding parents of the date time and venue.

I do encourage all my students to do this as the more performance opportunities they have the more confident they become. I will be there to play for the students if they request it and students can also use

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backing tracks to play along to as well.  
Pieces are own choice.

**PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOT A  
SCHOOL EVENT SO NO MONEY TO  
THE OFFICE PLEASE!**

**Trybooking** is how you must pay and register for all AUSTA events. To enter follow the trybooking site and tick the year level of your child.

### **Date Claimer**

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

### **Beginner Strings**

**Caroline Lloyd-Doolan**

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

**Wednesday 9am – 11am**



### Continuing Strings

**Carla Mulligan**

**Wednesday 7.30am – 3pm**

I enjoyed working with the students again last week after my leave and look forward to them perform their assessment tasks for reporting in the coming weeks. Keep up the practise. It only takes 5 - 10 mins today to improve those skills.

### Orchestras

**Carla Mulligan**

There are a small number of students who have missed a few orchestra rehearsals this term. Please remember that being part of an orchestra or band is part of the requirements of learning an instrument as set out by Education Queensland Guidelines.

The music can sometimes be challenging however, the only way to learn and improve is to make sure you are there each week! Remember a mistake is not a failure! It is always a learning curve so just go in with the mindset to do your best and the rest will follow.

### Brass

**Kelly Clarke-Flessner**

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**Monday 11am – 3pm**

**Friday 8.50am – 10am**

Well done Brassies, I am happy to report that everyone has completed their assessment for the semester!! For the remainder of the term we can focus on learning new pieces in our book and prepare for our music gala night. Please continue to

practise regularly even though the official brass assessment is complete. I am really proud of you all and impressed with the brassies being organized and prepared during this hectic time of the year.

### Percussion

**Ian Brunskill**

[ibrun2@eq.edu.au](mailto:ibrun2@eq.edu.au)

**Friday 11am – 1.10pm**

Students have been excelling and getting better each week. Keep up the regular practise. Check out the **Speed note Reading Tutor** in the education section on [www.vicfirth.com](http://www.vicfirth.com). There are lots of great performances and lessons on this website to help inspire and assist with skills and techniques in helping you develop.

### Woodwind

**Ruby Johnson**

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**Tuesday 7.30am – 3pm**

**Thursday 9am – 11am**

Congratulations to all woodwind students on completing your assessment successfully. Everyone prepared very well and played beautifully. Keep up the practice and Go for Green!

### Concert Bands

**Ruby Johnson**

**Beginner Band** - We are continuing to work on our first piece of band music to hopefully be ready to present at the gala concert. This is quite a feat to achieve, so I expect all students to be working at



home to learn their part to the best of their ability. I cannot wait to showcase these students' achievements at the concert!

**Senior Concert Band** - Hi senior band members! The Fanfare Finals for our region is coming up quickly and we are playing the same music as we did for our first Fanfare performance, only this time we need to play the music even better! We need to make sure that we are starting rehearsals on time and getting the most out of each one. This means we need to be arriving on time and setting up immediately, ready to play. Students need to arrive at 7:30am ready for a 7:40am start. Keep practicing your parts and I am looking forward to our performance at the Fanfare Finals!

### Junior & Senior Choir

**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. Please remember to bring your words to help in learning the pieces faster.

Musically Yours,  
Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke

*"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*

### 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.

