

Dear Principals,

I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to all schools who participated in the first round of Fanfare 2018 at James Cook University on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20th May

The level of all groups in both primary and secondary was outstanding, entertaining and demonstrates the talent in our region from both our young players and the dedication of their teachers.

We had 22 primary school groups and 25 secondary compete over the two days from Townsville Charters Towers.

Adjudicator Raquel Bastos provided thoughtful insight into each performance and spoke passionately about the importance of music within our lives. It was a joy to see her speak with such conviction and to see how she enjoyed the performances over the weekend.

Congratulations must be extended, to Pimlico SHS for hosting the event this year, in particular the Fanfare Coordinator for this event Heidi Newel. Heidi has worked tirelessly in the months leading up to this event and her dedication and expertise ensured the event ran smoothly and on time for the whole weekend.

The many students who helped usher, stage hand, organise the raffle tickets and compere the weekend, also deserve a big thank you along with the Pimlico Music Support group for providing the food and drinks over the weekend.

The Semi Finals will be held in Townsville on the morning of June 24.

I look forward to supporting this event and for our schools to continue to support Fanfare and grow in strength and numbers every time.

Below is a list of schools who will be performing for the chance to go to the Grand Finals in Brisbane.

Best Wishes,

Caroline Lloyd-Doolan

Regional Instrumental Coordinator North Queensland.



## **Primary Schools in the State Semi Finals:**

Name of Group	Conductor
String Theory	Rebecca Brown
Belgian Gardens String Orchestra	Richard Newel
The Bow Jesters	Rebecca Brown
Mundingburra Senior Concert Band	Jacinta Payne
Kelso State Primary School Band	Fiona Murakami
The Willows Senior Concert Band	Ruby Johnson
Magnetic Island Concert Band	Suzanne Darrigan

## **Secondary Schools in the State Semi Finals:**

Name of Group	Conductor
Kirwan High Big Band	Ashley Baxter
Pimlico Symphony Orchestra	Richard Newel
Pimlico Big Band	Rianta Belford
Pimlico Wind Symphony	Suzanne Darrigan
Kirwan State High School Wind Symphony	Ruby Johnson