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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 5.15pm. 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 be seated at the back of the TCBC 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. times displaying audience manners. 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.

P R E S B Y T A R I A N

W I N T E R F A I R

Saturday, 23rd June, 2018

9.30AM Presbyterian Church Grounds
(Carthew Street)

The Junior & Senior Choir and Rock Band will entertain a crowd at the Presbyterian Winter Fair this Saturday. Performances start at 9:00am with the Junior Choir. The Rock Band performs after them at 9:30am. Senior Choir will perform at 10.30am. Students are asked to arrive half an hour before their performance. The Willows Presbyterian Church grounds are opposite BigW on Carthew Street. Children are required to wear normal school uniform with navy blue skorts/skirts/shorts, white ankle socks and black shoes.

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

Regional Finals are on this **Sunday, June 24th** at **JCU Sir George Kneipp Theatre**. All Senior Concert Band members are to collect their shirts, music, instruments from the music room on Friday. We will meet at 11am to warm up ready for our performance around 11.30am.



CHORAL WORKSHOP

We look forward to our 22 year 6 students participating in our annual choral workshop with Brisbane Guest Conductor Brett Holland next week. You are all invited to the performance at 4pm in TCBC on Friday. Mr Holland is an operatic Tenor and will also be performing for all to enjoy on Friday.

SHEP

We wish Alex S, Kieren A, Amarli B and Alyssa C all the best and hope you enjoy the challenges and successes at SHEP this weekend. The program is guided by a team of international and national conductors from the Queensland Conservatorium and is held at Ryan Catholic College.

AUSTA JUNIOR

STRINGS FEST

Sunday, 19th June, 2018

Congratulations to the following students who performed at the Junior Strings Fest on Sunday. Every student's performance was well prepared and it was lovely to see The Willows SS represented in such a great community event. We had just under 100 students perform from grade 3-6. Each Student had a short workshop following the performance followed by a trophy presentation and feedback report on their performance. The Strings Fest is an annual event held by the Australian Strings Association.

Grade 3 - Charlotte H, Siara S, Liedyn G, Natalie H, Evelyn G

Grade 4 - Abigail G, Amaya B, Jade R Brock C

Grade 5 - Holly G

Grade 6 - Sylvane B.

"Confidence is something you create within yourself by believing in who you are." ~ unknown

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

Monday, 16th July, 2018

10am The Willows State School TCBC

The senior choir have been invited to help celebrate NAIDOC week on Monday, 16th July. The senior choir will be performing a repertoire of small songs sung in various languages of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at this parade. You are more than welcome to come and watch.

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WHAT'S ON - TERM 2	
Week 10 22nd – 24th June	SHEP – Nominated children accepted
Week 10 23rd June	Presbyterian Church Fete – Junior and Senior Choir, Rockband
Week 10 Sunday 24th June	FANFARE REGIONAL FINALS – Senior Concert Band Time 11am JCU
Week 11 Tuesday, 26th June	GALA PERFORMANCE – TCBC – All Groups 6pm
Week 11 Tuesday 26th – Friday 29th June	Choral Workshop – Selected year 6 Choral Students Concert 4pm Friday
WHAT'S ON - TERM 3	
Week 1 Monday 16th July	NAIDOC Celebrations– 10am TCBC Senior Choir
Week 9/10 11th – 14th September	Townsville Eisteddfod



Beginner Strings

Caroline Lloyd-Doolan

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Wednesday 9am - 11am

Wow we are nearly at the end of a long term. It has been very productive and my beginner students are certainly starting to show off their skills with the bow and finger placement.

A reminder that all beginners will be required to perform at the Gala Concert where they will be débating their skills for the first time!

The songs will be Twisted, Merrily We Roll Along, and the D major Scale. We will be doing a full rehearsal this week in order to perfect our moves!

Please encourage your child to be diligent with their home practise. Without consistent effort and repetition it is very hard for the muscle memory needed to play accurately to form in the brain without constant training!

Remember, what you get out of your instrument matches the effort you put into it! Success comes from hard work, dedication and consistency! The rewards are immense!

I am looking forward to seeing all their hard work pay off and the proud parents and students as we celebrate their musical success.

Continuing Strings

Carla Mulligan

Wednesday 7.30am - 3pm

Children have been turning up enthusiastically to lessons and I'm looking forward to showcasing their musical talents at the gala.

Orchestras

Carla Mulligan

NA

Brass

Kelly Clarke-Flessner

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Monday 11am - 3pm

Friday 8.50am - 10am

Hey Brassies, now that we have finished our performance assessments for term 2. I expect you all to be practising for your first concert for the year. This will put you all in good stead for term 3 and the upcoming Townsville Eisteddfod in September.

Next term, a Senior brass ensemble will be forming for the remainder of the year and will be expected to perform at the Townsville Eisteddfod and other performances within the school. Rehearsals will be every Friday morning from 8am to 8:30 am. If you are interested in participating in this year's Brass ensemble please let Ms Clarke during your lessons next week. This will be starting Week 3 of Term 3.



Percussion

Ian Brunskill

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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 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

Lessons are back to normal structure after our two weeks of assessing. I would like to congratulate all students on their success. Please do not forget to practice both lesson and band material.

Concert Bands

Ruby Johnson

Beginner Band - Well done to all our beginners who are nervous and excited to present their first couple of pieces at gala night after their very few short rehearsals together. This is a good practise for their next stage event at the Eisteddfod. I'm looking forward to 100% attendance and everyone doing the best they can.

Senior Concert Band - Everyone is ready and looking forward to showcasing at the fanfare Finals. Keep practicing and going over your part and dynamics. Please remember to watch me. You are all fabulous and I look forward to what will be a wonderful performance. See you on Sunday at 11am at JCU.

Junior & Senior Choir

Fiona Coleman

Both the choirs and sounding amazing. I'm excited to share with you their pieces they've been working on at the fair and gala night. After the holiday's we'll be preparing new songs for the Eisteddfod.

Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments

A shirt has been allocated to every child in the music program which will stay stored at the school for various performances. The shirts will be in size order on Gala night. Your child is to collect a shirt and then go write the size beside their name. **Eg Mary Smith 12B** When you have finished performing, please return the music shirt to the music room. This is so we can keep track of the shirts and wash them ready for the next performance.

If you are available to assist in washing shirts after the gala and returning them before the holidays, your assistance would be greatly appreciated

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.

