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Music News - Issue 12

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What a huge end to term 2 music!! Our Gala night was a huge success. Thank you to all the children who came and to the parents who organized your families to be there and enjoy the great performances. We had a lot of positive feedback and we are very proud of how all our groups are progressing. They were very nervous and for some experiencing their first time on stage was overcome with a big smile and feeling of success.

A huge thank you to the parents who stayed for the whole concert at our Gala night and assisted in packing up, transporting children to all the events in the last fortnight that have been taking place and your support.

The announcement of our Senior Concert Band being invited to the grand final in Brisbane was a welcome surprise for all. We are all very excited and very proud of their efforts. All information regarding this great opportunity has been sent home and we thank Education Queensland for helping with airfares to transport and a huge thank you to our fantastic P&C who contributed \$10 000 to help make this affordable for families and showcase our fabulous work in the north to our southern partners.

Welcome to term 3!!! This is another big term for us as we prepare for taking our Senior Concert Band to the Fanfare Grand Final in Brisbane on the 13/14th August and the annual Townsville Eisteddfod starting on Tuesday, 11th September in week 9. It is expected that

all children in the choral and instrumental ensembles are attending every rehearsal so they can be invited to Eisteddfod and help showcase the ensembles at their best during this time. Notes will be sent home in week 4/5 notifying you of what your child is participating in and when they will be out of the school. It is important that children are dressed appropriately in our school music uniform. Please ensure you are organised with appropriate navy blue skorts/skirts/shorts (of appropriate length), black shoes and white ankle socks as indicated in your commitment form and various notes throughout the year.

Timetables for Term 3 are on display outside the music room and have been emailed to class teachers and given to your child. Children should be organized and prepared with their instrument and books and know when lessons are. It is the child's responsibility to remind their class teacher for when they will be out of class.

A U S T A J U N I O R
S T R I N G S F E S T

Sunday, 19th June, 2018

Congratulations to the following students who performed at the Junior Strings Fest last term. Every student's performance was well prepared and it was lovely to see The Willows SS represented in such a great community event. There were 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. Congratulations to the following students -

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, Anthony P,

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

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WHAT'S ON - TERM 3	
Week 5 Sunday 12th – Wednesday 15th August	FANFARE FINALS – BRISBANE Senior Concert Band
Week 9/10 11th – 14th September	Townsville Eisteddfod – All Groups

Beginner Strings-

Caroline Lloyd-Doolan

clloy28@eq.edu.au

Wednesday 9am - 11am

Welcome back to term 3! This term I am looking forward to consolidating the skills that our beginners have learnt in the first semester.

This term too, beginners will receive a practice sheet. It is important that the practice expectations I have in place are met in order to achieve all the goals and curriculum outcomes for semester 2.

Students will also begin the Go for Green and there will be prizes at the end of the term for students meeting their targets each week. More information regarding "go for Green" at the end of this newsletter.

Timetable Changes.

The timetable will then be as normal again for our Wednesday lessons from week 3.

I look forward to an exciting and productive term 3.

Continuing Strings- Carla Mulligan

Wednesday 7.30 - 3pm

Congratulations to all my students who performed in the Gala Concert week 11. Each group really put in their best effort and the results showed. I am very proud of everyone for creating such a great strings program at The Willows.

Term 3 is also set to be a very important and busy term. We have Eisteddfod at the end of this term and I need to have everyone on board right from the first week in terms of attending rehearsals, practising their music and showing up to lessons on time and prepared.

Remember how much you choose to put into improving your own personal skill levels is reflected in your ensemble as a whole group.

If everyone puts in the determination and organisation to practise and be prepared then we can all relax and just enjoy the wonderful music that will then transpire because of **YOUR** hard work behind the scenes!



There are normal lessons and orchestra continuing throughout the term. I am really looking forward to another amazing term of music with you all.

Orchestras

Carla Mulligan

Please ensure you are turning up organized and on time. ☺

Brass- **Kelly Clarke-Flesser** -

kclar205@eq.edu.au

Monday 11 - 3,

Friday 8.50am - 10am

Keep up the practise!! This will put you all in good stead for term 3 and the upcoming Townsville Eisteddfod in September.

This 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. Lessons will be back to regular times starting Week 3. Please check the timetable.

Percussion- **Ian Brunskill** -

ibrun2@eq.edu.au

Friday 11am - 1.10pm

Lessons will resume in week 4 as per schedule. Please ensure you are practicing work covered last week.

Woodwind - **Ruby Johnson**

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Tuesday 7.30am - 3pm

Thursday 9am - 11pm

I hope everyone had a wonderful break and found some time to practise! Lessons resumed first week back and all students should have a copy of the timetable. There are no lessons on Tuesday in week 5 and both days in week 9 due to being in Brisbane for Fanfare and Eisteddfod. Lessons will be altered in week 7 to accommodate for year 6 camp. Please check with me if you are involved and this affects you. I am very much looking forward to a fresh term of music making! Please, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself via email.

Concert Bands

Ruby Johnson

Beginner Band - Well done to all our beginners who nervously played at our gala night. You all did an amazing job in showcasing your skills at only 5 months of playing. This is a good practise for their next stage event at the Eisteddfod. You need to ensure you are practicing and making a commitment to rehearsals as we prepare for this. 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 Grand Finals in Brisbane. We are so fortunate to have this opportunity and I can't wait to hear you perform at your very best again. Keep practising and going over



your part and dynamics. All members need to remember to make sure they are present at all rehearsals as we need to make sure our pieces are still going steadily. I hope all of you are working on the tricky sections at home. We have a new piece to get ready for Eisteddfod. Looking forward to hearing you all at the next rehearsal.

Junior & Senior Choir

Fiona Coleman

All children must attend all morning and lunchtime rehearsals as we prepare for the Eisteddfod. Juniors will have another rehearsal time added in the next few weeks. Once we've looked at the timetables we will notify you. Juniors will be performing at the Eisteddfod also. Children who have dedicated their time to rehearsals regularly will be invited to Eisteddfod. We have also entered the novelty section again for the senior choir members. Simple costumes will be required and further details will be given shortly.

A great success at our choral workshop in the last week of term 2. Our guest conductor Brett Holland enjoyed working with the 107 students from around Townsville and they entertained a great audience performing exceptionally well at our concert in the afternoon. Well done to our 22 students who were involved. 😊

Musically Yours,
Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke

“No music, no life. Know music, know life.” ~Thomas Carlyle

“Music is the universal language of mankind” ~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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 ☹