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WISHING OUR 39 SENIOR CONCERT BAND members and our fantastic conductor Ms Ruby Johnson the BEST OF LUCK as they head south on Sunday to Brisbane to represent our school and the northern region at the Fanfare Festival. They will perform in the primary section competing against 4 other primary schools from SE Queensland at Southbank Convention Centre at 2pm on Monday, 13th August.

We are so proud of them and look forward to sharing their experiences with all when they return on Wednesday!!

Eisteddfod notes should be commencing to come home by the end of week 5. I'm in the process of booking buses and a **draft** timetable is attached below. Please pencil these dates into your diary. Tuesday 11th - Monday 17th September. Some families have not paid the program fee which covers the eisteddfod bus. Please make payment if you haven't before we head to the Eisteddfod so your child can attend. Some children have been ensuring they are attending rehearsals and getting there on time, however there are some who are avoiding regular attendance. **It is an expectation that all members of the instrumental and choral programs are attending all rehearsals.** If there is an absence, we ask that it is being followed through with the ensemble teacher via email, phone call or note. If children have missed too many rehearsals, **they will not**

be invited to the eisteddfod. We often have some children upset when they don't receive an invitation to attend. Please ensure that they are organized and ready for each rehearsal and lesson. Keep up the practise and attendance and your efforts will be rewarded. It is important that children are dressed appropriately in our school music uniform for the event. Please ensure you are organized with appropriate navy blue skorts/skirts/shorts (of appropriate length), black shoes and white ankle socks.

For the first few weeks this term we have had children involved with rehearsals and training for Red Track and athletics. Most children have come to see us and organized a way around trying to get to both. Interschool sport is nearly finished and children who are involved in training of a morning have been released by the trainer to attend music rehearsals instead. We understand you can't be in two places at once, but appreciate you trying to organise yourself and informing us of your decisions. It will be a busy and tiring term for you but very exciting too. Remember to be resilient and persistent. Take some time out for yourself and think positive. You are all amazing and contribute to our school community with pride and always achieve fantastic results.

KSHS Concert bands, orchestras and choir toured this week visiting our school on Monday. It was a great opportunity for all our children to experience what they



could be part of if they attend KSHS for secondary education or to see how great it is to learn an instrument and be part of a group and enjoy the arts. The children enjoyed the music and were entertained being an amazing crowd for our awesome feeder high school. ☺

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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 – 17th September	Townsville Eisteddfod – All Groups

Beginner Strings-

Caroline Lloyd-Doolan

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Wednesday 9am – 11am

Hello everyone, Can you believe we are in week 5 already? The beginners are not performing at the eisteddfod this year.

There are students who are forgetting to bring their instruments or arrive on time. At this stage every week counts towards a more polished performance. There are no school instruments to borrow if you are a viola or violin so please be organised the night before in case the morning gets busy so you have all your music and necessary equipment. Check the timetable each week for your lesson time.

Due to my new job as coordinator for this region I often have to travel for meetings and PD.

I apologise in advance for these sudden cancellations. I do not wish for the students to miss out on their lesson for the week and will attempt to make them up where possible. I will inform you of changes as soon as I am aware, so please check emails regularly. I will also inform the teachers that this will be happening.

I am very pleased with the progress of the students and we will also be starting up our beginner orchestra in a few weeks. There will be a note regarding this.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you ever have any questions regarding your child's progress.

Continuing Strings- Carla Mulligan

Wednesday 7.30 – 3pm

Now with the term in full swing all of the strings students are progressing well! Each student now has their own practice booklet to record their home practice and track their own progress. Each week we look at these booklets in the lesson groups and set new goals aim for. If you could please help your child set aside some practice time for them to learn and experiment on their instrument this will help them to reach their weekly goals. As mentioned last week we are now using the **Go-for-Green Chart** to help track progress and effort!



Orchestras

Carla Mulligan

We are all working very hard at preparing our multiple Eisteddfod items and this should take real priority now as we have until week 8 to be ready.

Senior and Junior Orchestra's Eisteddfod performances will be in week 9 of this term! We are progressing well. However, we need to work on everyone attending rehearsals on time so that we can make full use of the rehearsal time. Please note:
Senior Orchestra students need to arrive **Wednesday mornings at 7:45am**, and
Junior Orchestra students need to arrive **at 1:10pm**.

Keep going strings! Looking forward to what we can achieve by the end of term!

Brass- Kelly Clarke-Flesser -

kclar205@eq.edu.au

Monday 11 - 3,

Friday 8.50am - 10am

Hey Brassies - Welcome to Week 5! We have made it to the halfway point in the term and I have started to notice a slip in lesson and band attendance by some brassies. Please remember to keep on top of checking the timetable for your correct lesson time and be organised with all your equipment for each lesson. This also includes making your instrument has already been greased and oiled at home - **NOT AT LESSONS (OR BAND)**! Easily half of the 30 minute lesson gets wasted on this basic instrument maintenance at school.

I can't stress this enough - if you don't practise your lesson material you will struggle with harder band pieces and will

get behind other students in your same groupNot trying to be a negative Nancy this week - **just honest** - KEEP UP THE PRACTICE AT HOME AND COME TO LESSONS!!!!!!

Percussion- Ian Brunskill -

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Friday 11 - 1.10

The percussion ensemble are working hard on preparing their piece for eisteddfod. Attendance to lessons has improved. Practicing your parts, techniques and skills every week is very important. Keep up the great work!!

Woodwind - Ruby Johnson

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Tuesday 7.30 - 3

Thursday 9 - 11

It is exciting to say that most beginner students are travelling well in their method book. Most students are learning more complex music markings and rhythms! Thanks for supporting your students to achieve this.

Concert Bands

Ruby Johnson

Beginner Band - A reminder that beginner band is every Thursday morning commencing at 7:40am. We had very poor attendance last week with a lot of students arriving late. As a requirement of being in the instrumental music program students must also participate in the concert band, **this is not optional**. ***The beginner band is participating in Eisteddfod in week 10 on Monday the 17th of September.*** More information is to come. The band is



preparing their first full band piece to play for this event. It is important that students are practicing their parts and are present at each rehearsal.

A reminder that if your student is unable to attend due to sickness or family reasons, a written note or email is needed. Thank you.

Senior Concert Band - I'm looking forward to travelling with you this weekend and showcasing your amazing work to the southern end of Queensland. Don't forget your portable folding music stands, instruments and music. Check you have packed extra reeds, oils and anything else you may need for playing. We will rehearse in Brisbane to prepare for Eisteddfod also. See you all on SUNDAY!! ☺

Junior & Senior Choir

Fiona Coleman

The junior choir are getting so enthused with their preparations for the eisteddfod. Attendance to rehearsal has improved but there are still a few needing reminders. They are putting in 110% effort in learning their parts and performing at their best. I've added a second rehearsal just for this term starting in week 6. **Junior Rehearsals are Wednesday's 1st break and Thursday's at 1st break.**

The senior choir are working very well. I can't be more proud of their dedication to rehearsals and the efforts being put into each rehearsal. We still have some work to do on parts and syncing actions for our novelty performance, so **attendance to rehearsals is important**. I'm looking forward to their polished performances at

the Eisteddfod. A reminder that we are only taking students who have dedicated their time to rehearsals regularly.

Senior Choir will continue rehearsals as normal Monday mornings 8am and Friday's from 2nd break . Sectional rehearsals as follows:

Part 3 - Monday 1st Break

Part 2 - Monday, 2nd Break

Part 1 - Tuesday 1st Break

Folk Group (8 selected children from workshop) TBA

Senior choir are deciding on a costume for their novelty performance. This will be required for **seniors only** who are in the novelty section. Children will be required to have a Kazoo (if you wish to purchase extras) and a rubber ducky. We ask that you do not go to any expense for a 5 min performance. We hope this gives enough notice to prepare for this performance which will be on **Tuesday, 11th September in the afternoon session.**

Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments

Shirts will be available in the music room on the day your child is performing at the eisteddfod. Children will change into their shirts at school before they leave and change back into their shirt when they arrive back to school from the theatre. Please ensure your child has white ankle socks, black shoes, matching coloured hair accessories and navy blue skorts/skirts/shorts ready to showcase our school at its best. No Make-up.



If you are available to help wash shirts during and after the eisteddfod, it would be greatly appreciated.

Musically Yours,
Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke

The true beauty of music is that it connects people. It carries a message, and we, the musicians, are the messengers. ~ Roy Ayers

Music is the strongest form of Magic. ~ Marilyn Manson

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 ☹



2018 Townsville Eisteddfod



Date	Woodwind Ensemble 156A Senior Concert Band 159A Senior String Orchestra 163A	Novelty Chorus 7B	String Ensemble 156B Junior string Orchestra 163B	Percussion Ensemble 155 Brass Ensemble 156C	Senior Choir Championship 3B Senior Unison Chorus 5B Senior Folk Chorus 9B Brass Solo's 141 (C2)	Woodwind Trio & String Trio 151 (C2) Folk Singers 53 Junior Choir Championship 4B	Woodwind Solo 144	Junior Concert Band 160
Be at Music Room	Tue 11 th Sept AM 7.30am	Tue 11 th Sept PM 11.45am	Wed 12 th Sept AM 7.30am	Wed 12 th Sept PM 11.15am	Thur 13 th Sept AM/PM 8.30am	Fri 14 th Sept AM 7.30am	Saturday 15 th Sept PM 11.00am	Monday 17 th Sept PM 11.30am
Bus/Taxi Departs School	8.00am	12.15pm	8.00am	11.45am	9.30am	8.00am		
Session Starts	9.00am	12.30pm	9.00am	12.30pm	9.00am	9.00am	12.30pm	12.30pm
Bus/car Departs Venue approx.	10.00am (depending on adjudication time)	2.00pm (depending on adjudication time)	12.30pm (depending on adjudication time)	1.30pm (depending on adjudication time)	2.15pm (depending on adjudication time)	12.30pm (depending on adjudication time)		2.15pm (depending on adjudication time)