



The Pitch

Music News - Issue 14

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Congratulations to our Senior Concert Band who represented our school and the Northern Region in the state festival of Fanfare. What an incredible achievement!! GO WILLOWS!! ☺ Some statistics about the event:

- 30 000 Students participated from years 5 - 12.
- 1143 Ensembles competed in 54 Regions
- 84 Selected for Regional Finals
- 10 Selected for the State Grand Final (5 Primary and 5 Secondary)

We are so proud of our band and talented conductor being in the top 5 of the state primary division. They competed against another concert band from Banksia Beach (ensemble of 64 children) near Bribie Island who won the primary division and 3 string ensembles. We are very thankful that we had the opportunity to go with the great support of our wonderful school and P&C. The children behaved respectfully, safely and responsibly the whole trip and were commended on their behaviour and manners from the general public in many places including the theatre, museum, airport, art gallery and in general around the Southbank area. The children were in awe of the secondary performances (as were the teachers) and the winners were a percussion ensemble from The Gap. Many of our students have been inspired to set goals for their own musical endeavours. One of the highlights was meeting an extremely talented jazz musician Mr James Morrison who compered the event

and entertained the audience with few stories of his career experiences. The ability to play trumpet and accompany yourself on piano is an incredible talent and truly inspiring. There are plenty of photos on facebook and even recordings of their pieces during the sound check. Our band members were recognized for their achievements in a whole school parade this Friday. Thank you to everyone involved. ☺

The Eisteddfod is nearly upon us and groups are rehearsing very hard so they are ready to perform at their best. We have 196 children participating in one or more events. Notes were sent home last week notifying you of what your child is participating in and when they will be out of the school. The Eisteddfod is starting for us on **Tuesday, 11th September** and we will have various groups attending everyday until **Monday, 17th September**.

The top of the note lists all the events that your child is participating in. There is a timetable on the note indicating relevant times of when buses/taxi's leave the school and arrive back from the Civic Theatre and what to take. I have included a copy at the end of the timetable. Please confirm all the events listed on your permission with your child in case I have missed them out of a group. If I have, please let me know ASAP. The bus company is on a tight schedule with all Townsville schools being involved in the Eisteddfod and it is important that we are sticking to an agenda. Please check



highlighted times of events on your child's permission note and ensure your child is at school dressed appropriately ready to go with appropriate gear. Please ensure you are organized with appropriate navy blue skorts/skirts/shorts (of appropriate length), black shoes and white ankle socks.

If you are available to assist with supervision on the bus and at the theatre, please indicate on the permission slip. I will notify you of your assistance ASAP. Please ensure the **'whole sheet'** is returned and each appropriate area is signed. 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. ☹️

Kirwan Creative Arts Academy Applications

Children who have applied to be part of the Kirwan Creative Arts Academy are asked to have submitted their application by **Friday, 31st August**. Letters are being sent out to all applicants notifying you of specific audition details. **Creative Arts Auditions** are being held at the music block on **Monday 3rd September** from **3.30pm**. You will be notified of your application success in the first couple of weeks of term 4.

Date Claimer

WHAT'S ON - TERM 3	
Week 9/10 11th – 17th September	Townsville Eisteddfod – All Groups
WHAT'S ON - TERM 4	
Week 1 Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th October	Gondwana SongFest – Selected year 6 Choral Students
Week 1	Application for Instrumental Program Recruiting sent home
Week 2/3 TBC	Performers Concert

Beginner Strings-

Caroline Lloyd-Doolan
clloy28@eq.edu.au

Wednesday 9am – 11am

The term is really flying by! My students have been focusing on learning the notes on the A string so they can read, clap and play.

Assessment will be week 7 for all my students. Remember to practise 5 times a week!

They will be playing D major scale and Classic Frogs. Please ensure that your child is playing these through at home!

Some tips to focus on:

- Long straight bows,
- Relaxed open hands
- Curved fingers on the bow
- Standing Tall!
- Projecting your tone to the whole room!



I can't wait to hear everyone play and make sure you smile and enjoy sharing your music with everyone!

Just a reminder to keep practising your instrument as we have the Eisteddfod coming up in Week 9. As well as this, all Brass students will perform their Assessment pieces in week 8 during their scheduled lesson time. Most students are now aware of their test pieces for this assessment.

My Senior Brass students who played in Fanfare, I am so proud of you and can't believe you got to meet my hero, James Morrison- I am so jealous!!! - hahaha ☺

Continuing Strings- Carla Mulligan

Wednesday 7.30 - 3pm

Please check your timetable and ensure you are turning up to your lessons on time without being called for. Thank you to everyone who was prepared for their assessment this week.

Orchestras

Carla Mulligan

Please make sure you are attending all rehearsals and practising your pieces in readiness for Eisteddfod. You are starting to sound amazing - but still need to look at those sections carefully. I'm loving your dedication and responsibility for learning over the past fortnight. What a great improvement! Looking forward to you showcasing at your best and all your hard work rewarded at the eisteddfod.. ☺

Brass- Kelly Clarke-Flesser -

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Monday 11 - 3,

Friday 8.50am - 10am

Percussion- Ian Brunskill -

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Friday 11 - 1.10

Please practise as much as possible so you are prepared for the eisteddfod.

Woodwind - Ruby Johnson

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Tuesday 7.30 - 3

Thursday 9 - 11

Please make sure you are working on your method book as well as band music. Your method book is designed to make you a better musician and your band music is there to showcase this ability. PLEASE RECORD MINUTES IN YOUR PRACTICE JOURNAL!!

Concert Bands

Ruby Johnson

Beginner Band - A big thanks to all of our beginner students whom are working very hard to create the best possible sound for Eisteddfod. I am so proud of their achievements so far, keep up the home practice!



Senior Concert Band - Congratulations Band!! YOU'RE ALL AMAZING!! I'm looking forward to seeing you at rehearsals and working hard on all those wonderful skills you will showcase at the next event - Eisteddfod. Keep up the amazing effort. ☺ Your commitment is a fine example of what makes a successful band!!

Junior & Senior Choir

Fiona Coleman

The junior choir had better attendance this week, however there are some children who have not turned up, even with reminders. Attendance to rehearsal is important or they will not be invited to the Eisteddfod. They regulars are putting in 110% effort in learning their parts and performing at their best. **There are still a few junior who are unsure of the words - please keep learning them. I sent home another word sheet last week.** I've added a second rehearsal that started this week. **Junior Rehearsals are Wednesday's 1st break and Thursday's at 1st break.**

The senior choir are working very well. 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.

We have extended rehearsal practise for seniors in the lead up to Eisteddfod. Children will rehearse during 2nd break on Friday's from 1.10pm - 1.40pm. They will

return to class for eating time and to mark rolls, collect notes and bags etc and be expected back to the music room to rehearse from 1.55pm - 2.55pm. This will only be for the next few weeks leading up to the Eisteddfod and all classroom teachers have been notified so that these children are not missing out on important learning or assessment.

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) Anytime we can! ☺

Senior choir have decided on a plain coloured towel or bathrobe and matching shower cap as their costumes 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 that squeaks. 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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2018 Townsville Eisteddfod

Group	String Ensemble 155B Junior string Orchestra 163B	Percussion Ensemble 155 Boys Ensemble 156C	Senior Choir Championship 3B Senior Union Chorus 5B Senior Folk Chorus 9B Brass Solo's 141 (C2)	Woodwind Trio 151 (C2) Folk Singers 53 Junior Choir Championship 4B	Woodwind Solo 144	Junior Concert Band 160
11 th Sept PM	Wed 12 th Sept AM	Wed 12 th Sept PM	Thurs 13 th Sept AM/PM	Fri 14 th Sept AM	Saturday 15 th Sept PM	Monday 17 th Sept PM
11.45am	7.30am	11.15am	8.30am	7.30am		11.00am
12.15pm	8.00am	11.45am	9.30am	8.00am		11.30am
12.30pm	9.00am	12.30pm	9.00am	9.00am	12.30pm	12.30pm
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)