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It's Eisteddfod week and we're all very excited!! It is surely going to be a very busy and hectic week, yet very rewarding at the same time! We wish all 186 students the best as you participate in this grand event and hope you enjoy the experience of performing at the Civic Theatre. We are very proud of your efforts at rehearsals so far and know you will receive positive feedback on your performances.

Thank you to the overwhelming response of parents who indicated they could help with supervision. I sent home letters last week requesting your assistance. If you can no longer volunteer your time, please let me know ASAP. We hope to see you at the theatre if you can make it to support your child in their performances. Admission is \$10 a session, \$20 a day or \$50 for the week.

It is important your child is prepared and organized for the day. Please check the new timetable (at end of this newsletter) to make sure you have lunch, water bottles, instruments, music, costumes etc. for the correct day. There were some time changes with buses - so please check times carefully. Please wear your black shoes and white socks and correct coloured navy blue skorts, skirts or shorts. It may be a good idea to prepare the day before!! ☺ Your music shirt will be hanging up in the music room for you to change into when you arrive. It is only the Senior Choir who need to bring costumes

etc (as indicated below) on Tuesday, 11th September for the novelty section.

Our selected 8 year 6 folk group children will be wearing overalls and have organized themselves for costumes also.

Thank you for those getting permissions back quickly. If your child is sick on the day and/or unable to attend, please inform the school immediately to let us know ASAP. (Phone - 4799 1333). It is better to avoid ordering tuckshop on the days your child is involved at the Eisteddfod.

A reminder that our first year instrumentalists will be required to hand back their instruments at the end of term 4 so they are cleaned and repaired for our 2019 new recruits. Our 2018 beginner players have excelled greatly with their newly acquired skills and are sounding fabulous. We would hope that a lot of them are continuing in 2019. You will be required to purchase your own instrument as mentioned at our recruiting night and now is a good time to start looking for a good quality 2nd hand instrument. We do have a list available on preferred brands and further information on purchasing your own instrument that will go home early term 4. There are a lot of good 2nd hand instruments around at a good price - you just have to find them. There have been many good brands advertised on FB Buy and Sell websites. Now is the time to start looking. There are a lot of stores with various payment plans available also. Please



ask your child's instrumental teacher for further information on purchasing an instrument. If you play our more expensive instruments such as cellos, tenor sax, bass clarinet, double bass, euphonium, baritone and tuba, you will be loaned the instrument again in 2019.

KSHS Arts Academy Auditions

Children who have applied to be part of the Kirwan Arts Academy were asked to have submitted their application a fortnight ago. Letters were sent out to all applicants notifying you of specific audition details. Children will be auditioned as they arrive so it's a good idea to get there early. You will be notified of your application success in the first couple of weeks of term 4. Best of luck to all the children auditioning this week!! ☺ Please enquire at KSHS office if you require further information or have not been contacted.

Beginner Strings-

Caroline Lloyd-Doolan

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Wednesday 9am - 11am

SENIOR STRING ENSEMBLE Well done for practising your part in your own time. We are very short on preparation time so the extra practise is really important so we can get the best out of our rehearsal.

Beginners have had their assessment and most were very well prepared and showed excellent improvement. Beginner orchestra will start up in term 4 ready for the Gala concert.

Date Claimer

WHAT'S ON - TERM 3	
Week 9/10 11th – 17th September	Townsville Eisteddfod – All Groups
Week 10	No Rehearsals for both choirs
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 TCBC 6pm - TBC
Week 3	Celebration of Strings Festival
Week 4	Recruitment Testing

Continuing Strings- Carla Mulligan

Wednesday 7.30 - 3pm

What an eventful term this has been! Good luck to all my wonderful students who are participating in Eisteddfod this Tuesday and Wednesday. I am sure all the hard work will pay off! Please remember to have everything organised the night before and have your music shoulder rest, spare strings, and your instrument packed and ready to go. I can't wait for them all to perform I am sure they will represent Willows proudly!

There will be **no lessons or rehearsals for continuing students on Wednesday 12th September** due to the Eisteddfod.

Celebration of Strings

Notes went home this week. All students received one colour, coded according to



their levels. This is an amazing opportunity for students and those parents that have witnessed the end concert before will I am sure agree that is a wonderful week of learning. Please read the note carefully particularly how to book. **This is NOT a school based activity so no money is to go to the office.** All bookings must be done through the trybooking site on the note. **All MEDICAL FORMS** are to come back to either myself directly or Mrs Coleman.

Orchestras

Carla Mulligan

Both Orchestras are sounding great! You have all been working hard to learn your parts and try your best in rehearsals. Looking forward to you showcasing at your best and all your hard work rewarded at the Eisteddfod. Now just try your best and let's enjoy! ☺

Brass- Kelly Clarke-Flessner -

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Monday 11 - 3,

Friday 8.50am - 10am

All Brass ensemble members are required at rehearsals next week as it is our final chance to prepare our Eisteddfod piece, "Can Can" for Wednesday 12th

September. Please ensure you are prepared and have looked at your part. Consistently playing wrong notes is not acceptable at this stage of Eisteddfod preparation!

Good luck to all the students who auditioned for the Kirwan Arts Academy at KSHS on Wednesday!!

Percussion- Ian Brunskill -

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Friday 11am - 1.10pm

Our percussionists have been entered in the ensemble section of the Eisteddfod this year and due to time restrictions we have not had a chance to rehearse together properly. Dedication to individual practise by our percussionists needs to be done so this can work together as an ensemble. I'm hoping each ensemble member is contributing 110% effort and together have created an ensemble that works. We look forward to you representing our school on Wednesday, 12th.

Woodwind - Ruby Johnson

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Tuesday 7.30 - 3

Thursday 9 - 11

Thanks to those students who have been remembering their lessons, however, I am still making too many calls to classes! Please try your best to remember ☺ Most students have been keeping up with practice and not writing it in their journals. It is very important that you record this still. I am rather impressed with the progress of our first year players, skills and concepts are coming together and it is a proud moment when we think back to how far they have progressed over the year. Keep up the good work, and just keep trying! If there are any parents thinking about buying an instrument for next year, I have a 'suggested brands list' that I can pass on, just send me an email. I am also happy to answer any questions you have ☺

Concert Bands



Ruby Johnson

Wow! These students sounded AMAZING last rehearsal. I am looking forward to our Eisteddfod performance on Monday, 17th September. Students, please remember to bring your instrument and band folder on the Monday for the bus ride to the Civic Theatre. Percussionists, don't forget to bring your mallets/sticks, and any auxiliary percussion we need for our songs.

THERE WILL BE BAND REHEARSAL

Thursday Wk 9 for ALL Students. Choir children involved in Eisteddfod don't leave until 9.45am, so you have plenty of time to change and get ready.

Concert Band: Please don't forget to bring your instruments/music on Tuesday for Eisteddfod. Percussionists, don't forget to bring your mallets/sticks. I am very much looking forward to our performance!

Junior & Senior Choir

Fiona Coleman

We had a run through with our accompanist last Friday!! WOW!! I'm very excited with their beautiful sounds! The children are working extremely hard and I'm very proud of their efforts, dedication and commitment to all the extra rehearsals. They've displayed great resilience and persisted in getting our harmonies and words correct. Your discipline will shine on the day and I look forward to you representing our school and enjoying the experience of performance and getting on stage. Good luck, smile and enjoy the experience!! 😊

There are NO rehearsals during Eisteddfod week unfortunately as we'll be at the theatre. There are **NO** rehearsals during the last week of this term for both choirs. ENJOY YOUR BREAK!!

Our novelty section song for senior choir is prepared and need to do practise in their own time. They have been working hard on putting their display together. **Senior Choir Children only** need to bring showercaps/head towels/bath robe or towel, rubber ducky and kazoos (Tuesday 11th September). They do not require shoes on stage, but will need to wear some sort of closed footwear to and from the theatre. Some children have mentioned wearing slippers..... ?? Not compulsory - but welcomed if they'd like to wear. 😊 Children will wear their uniform to school and change at 1st break. The whole idea of this section is to take singing to a different level including a bit of fun with actions. A reminder that we do not ask that you go to great expense for a 5 min performance. Band and Orchestra children will need to take everything on the bus in the morning as you will be at the theatre for the full day and will not be returning to school.

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. All our music shirts will be used constantly during the Eisteddfod and many of our music students will wear them many times throughout the week. If you can help assist with washing during this busy time, please email me or come and see us.



All children performing at the Eisteddfod need their folders with their music to be organized.

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

Practise

~ ~ GREAT

Are you working
for your effort

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6C	Senior Unison Chorus 5B Senior Folk Chorus 9B Brass Solo's 141 (C2)		
M	Thurs 13 th Sept AM/PM	Fri 14 th Sept AM	Monday 17 th Sept PM
	8.15am	7.30am	11.00am
	9.45am	8.15am	11.30am
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	2.30pm (depending on adjudication time)	12.30pm (depending on adjudication time)	1.15pm (depending on adjudication time)
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