



Music News - Issue 16 Fiona Coleman - fcole7@eq.edu.au

Congratulations to all choir and instrumental students who participated in the in the annual 2018 Townsville Eisteddfod. Music is definitely thriving in Townsville. It was nice to see the amount of entries in the competition and lots of children representing their schools. Our 186 children were a little nervous but enjoyed the experience and performed with confidence and pride. The competition was of very high standard in all the sessions we were competing in. All the attendance to rehearsals and lessons were rewarded. All trophies are on display in the office and children will receive a copy of the comments this week on a certificate for every section they were involved in. Well done to all involved!!! We are very proud of you all. The following are our fantastic results.

- Senior choir Novelty section HC
- Clarinet Trio x
- Senior string ensemble 2nd
- Senior string orchestra 2nd
- Junior concert band 1st
- Folk group singers 1st
- Percussion ensemble 2nd
- Brass Ensemble HC
- Senior choir championship 2nd & HC
- Senior concert band 1st
- Junior choir championship HC & HC
- Senior choir unison section -HC
- Senior choir folk section -1st
- Brass Solos Alex S 1st, Alyssa C 2nd
- Clarinet Solo Amarli B x
- Junior String Orchestra HC

Wk 10 - 17th October, 2018 Trevor Schimke - tschi15@eq.edu.au

If you were unable to see your child perform at the Eisteddfod, you are invited to our performers night where they will do it all again. ©

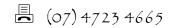
If your child is interested in learning an instrument and starting in our instrumental program for 2019, you are also invited to be guests at our performer's concert and be entertained by our current members and see what our program has to offer and what your child may be part of from 2019.

INSTRUMENTAL RECRUITING 2019

We have very limited spots for our new recruits to our instrumental program for 2019. This is determined on instrumental teachers, time allocation, school instruments and current students already in the program. All children in years 2 & 3 will receive an application to apply for testing. Any child in years 4 & 5 who would like to be considered can come and collect an application form from the music room or office. Acceptance to the program is based on subject achievement, behaviour, parental support and whether or not your child is physically attributed to their chosen instrument. Application forms will be sent home week 1 next term.

Education Queensland states that only children in years 2 are invited to the strings program and years 3 - 5 for woodwind, brass and percussion. If your child in year 2 is not interested in learning a string instrument, you are asked to wait

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until the next intake at the end of next year.

Forms must be returned no later than Friday 19th October so your child can be physically tested on their chosen instrument in week 4. You will be notified of your child's success by week 6 and are expected to attend an **Information** Evening on Wednesday, 21st November to find out further information. If your child is accepted, there will be a cost of purchasing instrumental requirements (book, folder, stand, accessories), compulsory music program fee of \$50 and an instrumental hire fee of \$100 for the year unless a violin/viola player. We look forward to seeing our prospective players join our program for 2019. If you have further questions, please come and see us.

Current instrumentalists in years 3 - 5 will also receive a note on whether they are continuing for 2019 early next term. It is important that this note is returned by <u>Friday</u>, 19th October so we can allocate numbers for our 2019 instrumental program. If your child is not continuing, you must let their teacher know ASAP.

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 are a lot of stores with various payment plans available also. Please ask your child's instrumental teacher for further information on purchasing and brands to look for if you require further information. 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.

There is an exception for our cello, and big brass instruments as these will be reloaned to you in 2019. If you would like further information in regards to continuing in the program or about our recruiting process, please come and see one of us.

If you are upgrading your child's instrument and wish to sell it, I'm happy to add to the newsletter. Please send me the instrument and contact details via email and I'll publish in the next newsletter.

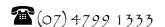
Instrumental Timetables for term 4 have been uploaded to the site, given to your child, displayed outside the music room and emailed to your child's class teacher. Please ensure you are attending on time. Lessons will resume on Day 1, Term 4.

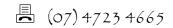
Have a great relaxing break and see you all again in term 4!!

PERFORMERS CONCERT

<u>Week 4</u>







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WHAT'S ON - TERM 4	
Week 1 Monday	Gondwana SongFest –
8th & Tuesday 9th	Selected year 5/6 Choral
October	Students
Week 1	Application for
	Instrumental Program
	Recruiting sent home
Week 2/3 Friday	Celebration of Strings
19 th – Sunday 21 st	Festival
October	
Week 4 TBC	Performers Concert TCBC
	6pm – All Music Children
Week 4	Recruitment Testing
Week 5 Friday 9th	Remembrance Day – Senior
November	Choir/Concert Band
	10.30am TBC
Week 7 21st	Recruitment Information
November	Night – 6pm TCBC
Week 9 – TBC	Christmas Carols - All year
	levels, instrumental and
	Choir
Week 10 –	Year 6 Graduation
Wednesday 12 th	Ceremony – Senior
December	Choir/RockBand TCBC

Continuing Strings- Carla Mulligan

Wednesday 7.30am - 3pm

Congratulations to all of the strings students for an AMAZING effort this term!!! You played extremely well at Eisteddfod and represented the school with impeccable behaviour. You should all be very proud of your hard work and commitment!

HOLIDAY PRACTICE TIP!!!! Holidays are for fun and adventures! So I believe in relaxing a little. However, remember to pick up your instrument every now and then to remind yourself how much you love playing! Please make sure you practice before our first day of lessons and orchestra in Term 4. Have a wonderful holiday and be sure to have fun!

CELEBRATION OF STRINGS

CELEBRATION OF STRINGS is on the weekend from 19 - 21st October. This is a fantastic opportunity for every string player to receive valuable tuition and to play with students from all over Townsville. Entry forms for the trybooking site close this Friday 21st September! If you are unable to get on to the site you may still hand me your medical form and just pay CASH on the day. Correct money only please!

Be sure not to miss out on this amazing opportunity to play with hundreds of string students just like you!

<u>Orchestras</u>

Carla Mulligan

Weekly orchestra rehearsals will continue in Week 1 of Term 4! Senior String Orchestra please arrive at the usual time of 7:45am and Junior String Orchestra you will rehearse during second lunch at 1:10pm. Next term we will be starting new music!

<u>Brass</u>- Kelly Clarke-Flesser - kclar205@eq.edu.au

Monday 11am - 3pm, Friday 8.50am - 10am

Congratulations to all our Brassies, your efforts throughout the term in preparation for the Eisteddfod was to a high standard. I am SUPER proud of your efforts and your attitude towards trying new performance experiences including concert bands, the brass ensemble or

brass solos. All of you represented yourself and the school to the highest standard and I can't wait to build on this momentum next term.

Special mention to needs to be given to my students who took on extra performance challenges and I thank you and your families for your commitment and dedication and support in getting students to extra rehearsals before school each week. These students and their Eisteddfod results are:

Brass Ensemble: (Highly Commended award) Alyssa C, Jenna C, Alex S, Eliza C, Bailey F, Thomas F, Travis F, Emjay C, Cooper B.

12 years and under Brass solo: Alex S (1st Place) and Alyssa C (2nd Place).

Congratulations to the Beginner band students who competed last Monday. Hopefully all the students will catch "the performance bug" and will want to continue a long and rewarding music making journey involving competitions and other music performances.

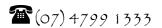
<u>Percussion</u>- Ian Brunskill - <u>ibrun2@eq.edu.au</u>

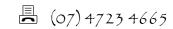
Friday 11am - 1.10pm

Congratulations to the percussion ensemble who performed at a very high standard in such a short time rehearsing. You were all exceptional. Well done!! Lessons will resume as per timetable in term 4.

Woodwind - Ruby Johnson rjohn479@eq.edu.au

Tuesday 7.30am - 3.00pm Thursday 9am - 11am





Congratulations to all students that performed at the Eisteddfod! Everyone played wonderfully and represented our school very well! The Senior Concert Band did an outstanding job receiving first place and the clarinet trio and Amarli B (solo section) also played very well. Lessons and band will resume as normal from week 1 in term 4, so students must have their instruments and music ready to go!

Concert Bands

Ruby Johnson

A reminder that senior band starts at 7:40am with a 7:30am arrival and junior band starts at 7:50am with a 7:40am arrival. Everyone has achieved a lot this term and I am excited to see everyone ready to make more music in term 4!

Junior & Senior Choir Fiona Coleman

Big congratulations again to both choirs who performed at a very high standard at the annual eisteddfod. I was very proud of you all. Your commitment and dedication were really rewarded. I look forward to you presenting again and hearing your wonderful sounds at our Performers Concert. Rehearsals have continued as normal for both choirs this week as we prepare for Remembrance Day, Graduation and Christmas and most importantly to celebrate and have fun in doing what you love - SINGINGII

GONDWANA SONGFEST

On Monday, 8th October we have 9 year 5/6 students rehearsing with Gondwana voices, National Children's Choir who are touring for Songfest 2018. They will



perform at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 7pm on Tuesday, 9^{th} October. You are more than welcome to attend this performance.

<u>Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School</u> Instruments

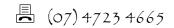
All shirts have been washed, sorted and rehung for next terms performances. Thanks to the parents who helped with this huge job. Greatly appreciated!! ©

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

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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 - Recognition of Practice and Great Work

~ ~ GREAT START EVERYONE!! ~ ~
Are you working towards getting rewarded for your efforts?