



# The Pitch

**Music News - Issue 16**

**Fiona Coleman - [fcole7@eq.edu.au](mailto:fcole7@eq.edu.au)**

**Wk 10 - 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2018**

**Trevor Schimke - [tschi15@eq.edu.au](mailto:tschi15@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

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



until the next intake at the end of next year.

Forms must be returned no later than **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 **Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 re-loaned 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**

### **Week 4**



## Date Claimer

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

## 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 - 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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!

Orchestras  
**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!

Brass- Kelly Clarke-Flesser -  
[kclar205@eq.edu.au](mailto: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 (1<sup>st</sup> Place) and Alyssa C (2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Percussion**- Ian Brunskill -  
[ibrun2@eq.edu.au](mailto:ibrun2@eq.edu.au)

**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](mailto: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 - SINGING!! ☺

### **GONDWANA SONGFEST**

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





The Willows State School

(07) 4799 1333

(07) 4723 4665

perform at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 7pm on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October. You are more than welcome to attend this performance.

### Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School 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*

**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?