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Hope you all enjoyed your break with family and friends. Welcome back as we prepare for a very busy term 4.

Please check the date claimer below and the note that went home in week 1 with all instrumental/choral members detailing dates that your child will be required for various events. **All children** in both choirs and instrumental programs are performing on **Wednesday, 31st October**. This is our last formal performance for the year. It is expected that every member of the choral and instrumental groups are in attendance as a requirement of you being part of the instrumental program. If you were unable to see your child perform at the Eisteddfod last term you are invited to our night starting **at 6pm in TCBC** to be entertained. ☺ A sausage sizzle and drinks are available to purchase starting from 5.00pm. All children are required to be at the music room by **5.00pm** to eat first, change and tune up ready to start promptly at 6pm.

It is essential that there is no talking or movement during the performances and concert etiquette is of upmost importance. A reminder that all children must be supervised and playground equipment is out of bounds. There is also no food or drink allowed in TCBC.

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 night 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.

All notes for prospective instrumentalists have been sent home last Friday and are due back no later than this **Tuesday, 23rd October, 2018**. Current instrumentalists need to have returned your continuing note by this date also so we can plan for our next intake. Testing for our potential students will happen in Week 4.

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. Selected children in years 3 and interested children in year 2 have received an application to apply for testing. Any child in years 3, 4 & 5 who would like to be considered can collect an application form from the 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.

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 **Tuesday 23rd 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 have also receive a note on whether they are continuing for 2019. It is important that this note is returned by **Tuesday 23rd October** or ASAP so we can allocate numbers for our 2019 instrumental program. If your child is not continuing, you must let their teacher know ASAP.

1st Year Instrumentalists

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 is attached to the continuing note. 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.

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.

PERFORMERS CONCERT

Wednesday, 31st October, 2018



Date Claimer

| WHAT'S ON - TERM 4 | |
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| Week 2 Wednesday, 17th & Friday 19th October | STRINGS – Senior Orchestra rehearse as per timetable. NO String Lessons or Junior Orchestra. Beginner strings will have their lessons on Friday as per Wednesday's Timetable. |
| Week 2/3 Friday 19th – Sunday 21st October | Celebration of Strings Festival |
| Week 4 Wednesday, 31st October | Performers Concert TCBC 6pm – All Music Children |
| Week 4 | Recruitment Testing – Please see instrumental teachers about lessons. |
| Week 5 Friday 9th November | Remembrance Day – Senior Choir/Concert Band 10.30am |
| Week 7 21st November | Recruitment Information Night – 6pm TCBC |
| Week 9 – Wednesday, 5th December | Christmas Carols All year levels, instrumental and Choir 5.30 – 9pm |
| Week 9/10 – Sunday, 9th December | Presbyterian Carols Under the Stars – RockBand and combined choirs. 6 – 8pm |
| Week 10 – Wednesday 12th December | Year 6 Graduation Ceremony – Senior Choir/RockBand TCBC 9am |

Continuing Strings- Carla Mulligan

Wednesday 7.30 – 3pm

Welcome to Term 4!! We've started the term very well! All students have recieved a NEW and **COLOURFUL** practice book for them to journal/record their weekly practice in. This practice book helps to create accountability in our lesson groups so that we can set and achieve goals together! Then at the end of the term each student can see all of the hard work

they've done. Individual assessments will be in Week 6. A few students are showing up late or not at all to lessons. Please continue to encourage your child to be punctual and committed to home practice and lessons.

Orchestras **Carla Mulligan**

SENIOR: We have TWO concerts scheduled this term! Which means we have a lot to cover as an ensemble. Orchestra rehearsals are at the usual time of 7:45am Wednesday mornings. Please ensure your child is on time to rehearsal so that we can use every minute we have to rehearse.

JUNIOR: We have TWO concerts scheduled this term! Which means we have a lot to cover as an ensemble. Orchestra rehearsals are at the usual time of 1:10pm Wednesday during second lunch. There are a number of students not showing up to this rehearsal, please check that your child is attending so that we can use every minute we have to rehearse.

CELEBRATION OF STRINGS

CELEBRATION OF STRINGS is on this 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. Good luck to all who entered!! 😊



Beginner Strings

Caroline Lloyd-Doolan

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This year is rapidly coming to an end! Students will receive a note advising parents if they need to move to a bigger violin or viola for 2019. Continuing notes will also go out. Students are busily preparing for their next performance at the performers concert. I would love all students to be there to help support each other during the performances please! . Keep up the lovely music and don't forget to play your instruments as often as you can.

Brass- Kelly Clarke-Flesser -

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Monday 11am - 3pm,

Friday 8.50am - 10am

Children are learning scales and have pieces for assessment. Please make extra time for practise and make sure you are ready for this by week 6/7. There will be no lessons in week 4 due to recruitment testing.

Percussion- Ian Brunskill -

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Friday 11am - 1.10pm

I'm looking forward to the percussion ensemble performing at the concert on Thursday night. Lessons are going well and children have music to practise in preparation for assessment taking place in weeks 4 and 5. Lessons in week 4 will be rearranged to accommodate for recruitment testing also. Children will be told their lesson time this week.

Woodwind - Ruby Johnson

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Tuesday 7.30am - 3pm

Thursday 9am - 11am

Hi everyone, I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday! Timetables for lessons are available on the notice board. In Week 4 I will not be teaching as I will be doing recruiting this week, however, band will still be on! Woodwind assessment will be held during week 7. Remember to keep up your practice to keep achieving green on the Go for Green chart!

Concert Bands

Ruby Johnson

I am looking forward to a great performers concert on the 31st of October! We will be performing our piece that we performed at Eisteddfod. It is important that we have everyone there to contribute to the concert and show off all of your great achievements. I will not be teaching in week 4 but band will still be on! A reminder that concert band start at 7:40am and beginner band starts at 7:50am.

Junior & Senior Choir

Fiona Coleman

Both choirs will be performing and showcasing their pieces from the Eisteddfod for you at the Performer's concert. Senior Choir will perform their novelty piece first to start the night so are asked to wear their bathing/shower/towel gear over the top of their music uniform. Don't forget your ducks!! The Senior choir are preparing for Remembrance Day also and will perform on Friday, 9th November. You are invited to attend the service in TCBC at 10.30am. Both choirs will join together to perform for our school Christmas concert. All



children should receive their certificates from the eisteddfod soon. The comments are on the back.

GONDWANA SONGFEST

Some of our senior choir students participated in an all day workshop with Gondwana Voices last week. They sang with them in a concert at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. A great experience and a wonderful achievement for all!



Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments

We would love for some parents to help wash the shirts for the last time this year after our performer's concert. If you are available to help, come and grab a bag after the concert and let me know that you have them.

All instruments will be collected by Friday, 7th, December for repairs and cleaning and to get ready for our 2019 instrumentalists.

If you are a beginner and continuing into 2019, you need to purchase your own instrument. If you need further information on this, please contact your child's instrumental teacher or myself.

If your child has outgrown their instrument or looking at upgrading, you are more than welcome to advertise the instrument through this school newsletter. We always have parents looking for good quality 2nd hand instruments. Please contact me with any information you would like published for the next newsletter.

Musically Yours,
Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke

"Life is one grand sweet song to start the music." ~Ronald Reagan

"Do not neglect your music, it will be a companion which will sweeten many hours of life to you." ~ Thomas Jefferson

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.



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