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# The Pitch

prospective players join our program for 2019. If you have further questions,

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Year Instrumentalists

Most of our instrumental and choral children performed on Wednesday night in our last formal performance for the year. It was great to see most members of these groups turn up and perform at their best. You once again performed amazingly and we are very proud of your success and progress from the beginning of the year. Well done to you all!! ☺

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.

## INSTRUMENTAL RECRUITING 2019

Testing for our potential students happened this week. Applications have closed. If you are still interested - forms are available at the office, but must be returned by **9am - Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> November.**

You will be notified of your child's success by week 6 and are expected to attend an **Information Evening on Wednesday, 21st November at 6pm in TCBC Conference room** to find out further information and help you make your decision and accept your offer. This is so you are well informed of the process. It also means that we can check numbers and offer positions to children who may be on a waiting list before the end of the year.

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

We have a list available on preferred brands and further information on purchasing your own instrument which is attached to the continuing note. 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.

If you would like further information in regards to continuing in the program or about our recruiting process, please come and see one of the music teachers.

If you are upgrading your child's instrument and wish to sell it, I'm happy to



add it to the newsletter. Please send me the instrument and contact details via email and I'll publish in the next newsletter. Some parents have indicated sales. Please check the bottom of this newsletter.

### Date Claimer

| WHAT'S ON - TERM 4                                  |                                                                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Week 5 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>        | Remembrance Day – Senior Choir/Concert Band 10.30am                         |
| <b>Week 7 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>              | Recruitment Information Night – 6pm TCBC                                    |
| <b>Week 8/9 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>             | Presbyterian Carols Under the Stars – RockBand and combined choirs. 6 – 8pm |
| <b>Week 9 – Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>  | Christmas Carols All year levels, instrumental and Choir 5.30 – 9pm         |
| <b>Week 10 – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b> | Year 6 Graduation Ceremony – Senior Choir/RockBand TCBC 9am                 |

### Continuing Strings- Carla Mulligan

**Wednesday 7.30 – 3pm**

Did your child record their practise in their NEW **COLOURFUL** practice book this week? This practice book helps to create accountability in our lesson groups so that we can set and achieve goals together! Many students are arriving very late to their lessons. Please check your timetable to remember when your lesson is. Also, individual assessments are taking place in Week 6. So keep up the practice!

### Orchestras

**Carla Mulligan**

**SENIOR:** Senior Orchestra played Jackaroo Jive and Sourwood Mountain extremely well at our performer's concert

on Wednesday. Congratulations to you all on your last formal performance.

**JUNIOR:** Junior Orchestra played Spy Movie 2 on Wednesday night. Again, another great performance. I love your drive for success!! Keep up the great work!

### CELEBRATION OF STRINGS

**Congratulations** to the following string players who represented our school at Murray stadium last weekend in the AUSTA Celebration of Strings Festival. *Abigail G, Amelie M, Charlotte B, Brynee H, Amaya B, Max Q, Brock C, Lilly A, Holly G, Alyssa S, Amelia A, Emily O.* It was a very successful weekend of children culminating from various Townsville schools and our children played very well.

### Beginner Strings

**Caroline Lloyd-Doolan**

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Well done to all the beginners on your great performance at our Gala night this week. Your skills are improving greatly. Please keep up the great practice!! If you are continuing next year you need to return your note ASAP to Mrs Coleman.

### Brass- Kelly Clarke-Flesser -

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**Monday 11am – 3pm,**

**Friday 8.50am – 10am**

Most of our beginner and continuing brass students attended and participated in the final music concert for the year on Wednesday night. You did a great job!!



Keep practicing your scales and pieces ready for assessment in week 6/7.

**Percussion**- Ian Brunskill -  
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**Friday 11am - 1.10pm**

NA

**Woodwind** - Ruby Johnson  
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**Tuesday 7.30am - 3pm**

**Thursday 9am - 11am**

Hello Woodwinds! Everyone is doing a great job keeping up their practice and remembering to come to their lessons on time. Your assessment will be in week 7.

Congrats to all my choristers. Again, a great performance of your beautiful singing. You should be very proud of yourselves. The Senior choir are preparing for Remembrance Day also and will perform on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> 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. Rehearsals will be on Thursday at 1<sup>st</sup> break and Friday's 2<sup>nd</sup> Break from week 5.

Musically Yours,  
Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke

**Concert Bands**  
**Ruby Johnson**

Both ensembles are progressing very well with the junior concert band onto their third piece of music! Please ensure students arrive 10 minutes before rehearsal starts to help set up and be ready to start rehearsal on time. It was great to see a nice a clean store room this week with all instruments on a shelf!

A reminder that the senior concert band will be performing for the remembrance day ceremony in week 5 on Friday at 10:30am.

**Junior & Senior Choir**  
**Fiona Coleman**

## **INSTRUMENTS FOR SALE**

*Mikayla Lythgo*

*0450 407 998*

*Ashton 1/4 size Violin, case and all accessories*

*\$50*

**"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.

