



The Pitch

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Recruitment testing for 2019 has now been finalised. Testing was done to see if your child is suited to their preferred instrument and if they are physically able to blow it if necessary. Children were physically tested on every instrument. Unfortunately the preferred instrument is not always suited due to physical attributes, so the child is offered another choice when they see what is available to them. All children who applied received a note on Friday to inform if they have been accepted, unaccepted or put on a waiting list. Acceptance is based on assessment covering pitch, rhythm, embouchure, musicality, behaviour, numeracy, literacy and reading level achievements by the instrumental instructor, classroom music teacher and classroom teacher. We also look at how many children are continuing in the program and how many minutes of instrumental instruction has been allocated to the school for 2019. Class sizes are based on an average of 6 children per class and distributing instruments to find a balance for ensembles. All children who were accepted or put on a waiting list are expected to attend our information evening in **TCBC on Wednesday, 21st November, starting at 6pm.** This is a valuable session to find out more information on our program and your chance to ask specific questions to the instrumental teachers. Please don't forget to bring your acceptance letter to hand in on the night. We look forward to seeing all our prospective new recruits for 2019. ☺

There are parents in the school who have instruments to sell for next year's recruits. Lots of students will be upgrading or not continuing around the Townsville area, so there is a good chance you will be able to pick up a quality second hand instrument. Look in your local papers or market place through Facebook - but please get it checked thoroughly by someone to make sure repairs if any will not outweigh the cost of the instrument. **We strongly discourage buying from ebay.** If you have an instrument to sell - please let me know and we can post on the Facebook page for you. You will need to supply the instrument, brand, cost, contact name and number.

This is our last newsletter from the music department for the year. A big thank you to all our choral and instrumental music members for 2018 and parents. We could not have had such a successful year with our Fanfare events including our Grand Final trip to Brisbane, Austa Strings Festival, Pinnacles, Gondwana voices workshop, Choral Workshop, Church Fairs, Performance and Gala nights, Eisteddfod, and other school events without your help in getting your children to rehearsals and lessons. Organisation, persistence, confidence and resilience are all life-long learning skills that your child has accomplished well this year. We look forward to continuing our successful program with your help in 2019.



All the best to our graduating year 6 students. Thank you for your contribution to our music program, your dedication to our group is greatly appreciated. We hope your music journey continues into high school and you fulfil your dreams and take with you lots of great memories of your childhood experiences. Don't forget to come back and visit us!! 😊

Thanks to our instrumental teachers for the extra time they give to our school to assist our children in performing their best for all our concerts.

Break up parties will be happening with the instrumental teachers for band and orchestra etc. The instrumental teachers will inform you of when that is happening. Please remember when bringing food that it is a small healthy plate and be aware of allergies.

Have a lovely Christmas break and may your time with family and friends be joyful and relaxing. Enjoy the moments as they are what make those cherished memories with loved ones. Merry Christmas!! 😊

School Christmas Concert

All children are preparing for the end of year Christmas concert from this week during classroom music lessons. They are all excited about dressing up in their Christmas attire and performing for everyone on stage. All year levels will perform 2 songs on **Wednesday, 5th December**. Everyone is invited to bring a blanket/chairs to sit on and have a picnic dinner. Availability of food and drinks will be advised shortly. **You may like to bring a picnic dinner or snack food for yourselves. There will also be glow sticks available for purchase.** The event starts when the sun goes down around 6.00pm. It is a great

night of festivities and a great whole school activity where everyone can relax, dress up and enjoy a great night of entertainment. There will also be performances from our school ensembles, bands and combined choir. We hope to see many of you there.

Swimming Yrs 3 & 4

There may be timetable changes to accommodate the years 3 & 4 attending swimming lessons for the next few weeks. If this affects you - please notify your instrumental teachers in advance.

FANFARE Professional Photos

I have received a USB of professional photos and the performance of the grand final from FANFARE. If you would like a copy please send in an 8gb USB.

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WHAT'S ON - TERM 4	
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, 2nd 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 7.30am – 3pm

Well done to ALL Strings players for a massive effort this year! We are almost at the end! Congratulations to all musicians who played at the Performers Concert. You did a fantastic job and I had many compliments on your playing!



Because I was away sick last week the **Strings Solo Assessments** are now in **WEEK 7**.

Orchestras
Carla Mulligan

SENIOR & JUNIOR : Both String Orchestra's will continue rehearsing at their usual times until our final Christmas concert!

Beginner Strings
Caroline Lloyd-Doolan
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Hard to believe we are almost at the end of our first year as musicians! Please don't forget to keep coming to lessons and bringing your instruments and books with you.

Our last lesson will be week 9 where we will clean our instruments and return the cellos for the holidays.

I am very proud of all the progress that has been made and the enthusiasm and dedication you have all shown towards your music!

Good luck with your musical journey in 2019 it has been a pleasure teaching you all this year.

Brass- **Kelly Clarke-Flessner** -
kclar205@eq.edu.au
Monday 11am - 3pm,
Friday 8.50am - 10am

Hey Brassies! Fantastic job last week at the music gal night. You all worked very hard to get to that point both in terms of rehearsal practice and private practice at

home. Let's keep this momentum going right up until the end of the year and finish 2018 on a high!!! ☺ Please remember that all school instruments need to be bathed and cleaned before you return them in week 9. It is the expectation of the school that all instruments are returned in the same perfectly clean condition in which they were loaned at the beginning of the year. If you are unsure, please contact me for further information. Thank you for a wonderful year and I look forward to more music making in 2019. ☺

Percussion- **Ian Brunskill** -
ibrun2@eq.edu.au

Friday 11am - 1.10pm

All assessment is being finalized and the children have done a great job. We need to be better organized in getting to lessons. Thanks for a productive year and I'm looking forward to working with you all in 2019. Have a great break! ☺

Woodwind - **Ruby Johnson**
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Tuesday 7.30am - 3.00pm

Thursday 9.00am - 11.00am

Hi Woodwinds! Everyone is doing a great job remembering their lesson times. Please keep it up! Just another reminder that assessment will be in week 7. Our go for green chart is filling up with a lot of green! Everyone has made a great effort to increase their practise this year and is developing very well.

Concert Bands
Ruby Johnson



Thank you senior band for your wonderful performance at the Remembrance Day ceremony on Friday morning. We only have one more performance for the year, Carols! We will be rehearsing a Christmas piece for this in the next few rehearsals. Junior band will be playing selected carols from their sound innovations book!

Junior & Senior Choirs

Fiona Coleman

What a wonderful ceremony and performance at our Remembrance Day service last Friday by our Senior & Junior Choirs. The sound you achieved this year is truly beautiful. Congratulations and many thanks to all our wonderful choir singers. We are very proud of your efforts this year and look forward to you becoming a member again in 2019. We will hold auditions for positions next year. See you all at our Christmas Carol performances!

Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments

All instruments will be collected on **Friday, 1st 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. I have current price lists available and contact details of retailers if you are seeking further information.

If your child is eligible for borrowing their instrument again for next year if it is not needed for repairs, you may keep it to

practise over the holidays. A holiday loan agreement form must be signed. You need to see Mrs Coleman or your instrumental teacher ASAP.

Instrumental Loan fee is \$100 for the year and there will also be a \$50 program fee next year to cover resourcing, uniform and Eisteddfod bus. All fees are compulsory and must be paid prior to your child receiving the instrument and participating.

Thanks again for all your support this year. Have a lovely Christmas and see you all again in 2019. ☺

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.

