



The Pitch

Music News - Issue 2

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There was an improvement to instrumentalists reading the timetable, being organised and getting to lessons on time this fortnight. Some teachers are still having to make phonecalls to classes however, especially for our continuing children ☹. Please keep reminding children to check the timetables in the morning and collecting children in their groups so that lessons can start promptly. This will limit phone calls to classes and children are getting their full 30 minute lessons. If your child is absent, please notify your instrumental teacher so it can be recorded correctly. Lessons and rehearsals are always on unless specified on timetable or you've been notified by the teachers. It is sometimes hard to notify when instrumental teachers are absent due to illness or other, they do not get replaced like a classroom teacher, so if they are absent, lessons/rehearsals will not be on. A sign will be placed on the instrumental door and teachers and children notified. We thank you in advance for this understanding - sometimes we will only be notified in the morning of and may be possible to post on the P&C facebook page. There will be supervision at school if your child is there early.

If your child is involved in a school activity, away on excursion, needed in class for assessment, please contact your child's instrumental teacher so lessons can be accommodated for. If your child forgets their instrument for the day - it is still important that they turn up to the lesson so they are aware of what is happening and

what to do during their week of practice ready for the next lesson.

A reminder that if you find a fault or there is something wrong with the instrument, please return it so it can be looked at and repaired if needed. Any damage caused to the instrument through misuse or 'droppage' etc is at borrower's expense. Instrumental Folders have not been distributed as yet. We are still waiting on the arrival of more - so if your child has missed out, they are not too far away. There are still a couple of outstanding payments. Please advise when your child has paid so a folder can be given to them.

Practice is essential for progress. Your child will only succeed with a good practice regime being set in place from the beginning and your encouragement, support and praise will only enhance improvement. Persistence and setting short term goals is the pathway to success. If you feel you or your child are struggling, please come and see us so we can assist in making this 'life-long' learning experience fun.

Please find timetable at the bottom for when instrumental teachers, lessons and rehearsals are occurring.

**Go for Green - To assist
with practise!**



THE IMPORTANCE OF PRACTISE

When new pieces and scales are learnt in the lesson it is important to go over these new ideas often so we are familiar and comfortable with the new songs. This enables us to feel confident and relaxed in the lessons as well and you will enjoy it a lot more! A few little things to help you.

- ❖ Keep your fingernails short!
- ❖ Organise your music bag the night before with everything you will need.
- ❖ Fill out your practise chart as soon as you have finished practising! (only count actual playing time please)
- ❖ Set a timer to help you practise. When the buzzer goes off that's your practise done!
- ❖ 60 min per week is the minimum amount to ensure progress each week.
- ❖ Set yourself a goal and try to achieve this goal. Happy playing and I look forward to the rest of term.

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WHAT'S ON - TERM 1	
Week 6 Friday 8 th March	No Percussion Lessons
Week 6 Friday 8 th March	Investiture Ceremony – Senior Choir 9am
Week 9 Thursday, 28 th March & Friday, 29 th March	Interhouse Athletics – Some instrumental Lessons may be affected but will run as per timetable.

Strings- Carla Mulligan -

cjmul1@eq.edu.au

Wednesday 7.30 - 3

Thursday 11 - 3pm

Hi Strings Musos!

Strings lessons are finally starting to run smoothly again! Many of you are showing up on time and are wonderfully prepared. However, there are a few students struggling to make their lesson on time. To avoid taking away from lesson time by having to call individual classes, please continue to check the time table and remember to come to your lesson time a few minutes early. I know that it is sometimes hard to remember! You could even buddy up with a friend to help each other remember!

In week 8 we will be having term 1 assessment in our lesson groups. Each student will be playing individually for this. Keep up your passion for music and dedication to achieve your best!

String Orchestra & Junior Orchestra -

Carla Mulligan

Senior String Orchestra

You have all been doing an exceptional job at coming on time and have been incredibly well behaved and enthusiastic. Keep it up!

Junior String Orchestra

The new orchestra members have been doing a great job at getting used to the lunch time rehearsals. This week we will eat before rehearsal in the instrumental room once we have set up the chairs and stands. So make sure to be on time and ready to rock out!



Brass- Kelly Clarke-Flessner -

kclar205@eq.edu.au

Monday 11 - 3,

Hey Brassies and welcome back for 2019! Over the past two lessons I been met with happy faces, smiles and a great deal of enthusiasm and excitement!

Just remember to "colour in" your minutes of practice on your Term 1 Practice chart whenever you do some home practice. At the end of each week a parent/guardian will have to sign this practice chart.

At the end of the term we will look at this chart and determine if we are putting enough consistent effort at home in order to learn our songs and progress on your instrument.

GO GREEN!

Percussion- Ian Brunskill -

ibrun2@eq.edu.au

Friday 11 - 3pm

No Lessons in Week 6 this week.

Awesome to have such keen percussionist ready for lessons. Some students are still without equipment but the majority are eager and turning up prepared. Please email me if you require any assistance or help with requirements. Well done on your great efforts so far!

Woodwind - Ruby Johnson

rjohn479@eq.edu.au

Tuesday 7.30 - 3

Friday 9 - 11

Hi woodwinds! It has been great getting back into lessons and seeing your progress each week. Everyone is progressing so well and the go for green chart is looking very green! Assessment will be in week 8 this term. Students will have different assessment requirements depending on their curriculum level.

Senior Concert Band

Tuesday 8.00am

Ruby Johnson

Just a reminder that concert band students are to arrive at 7:50am for an 8:00am start. We have had a great start to band this year with great attendance.

Junior & Senior Choirs

Fiona Coleman

All choir members are expected to have a folder to store their music in. Please ensure you take them home to learn words of your songs and bring them to every rehearsal. It is also a good idea to put in a pencil and highlighter!! ☺

Senior Choir rehearse on Friday's at 2nd Break - 1.10pm in the music room. Junior Choir rehearse on Thursday's at 2nd Break - 1.10pm in the music room.

Please ensure your child is turning up. Commitment forms and program fee payments will be sent home once choral list is confirmed.



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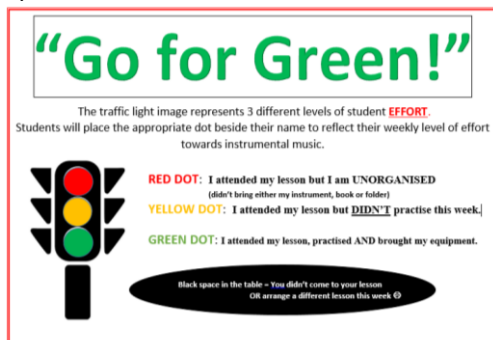
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GO FOR GREEN - Recognition of Practice and Great Work

~ ~ STARTS THIS WEEK!! ~ ~

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.

Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments/Fees

Thank you to all our families with the prompt payments of fees and returns of contract and loan agreement forms. All children who are part of the music program are required to pay a compulsory \$50 music program fee. There are still a few outstanding. This will assist in maintaining and upgrading music uniforms, maintaining the music library, photocopying, music scores, competition entry fees, upgrading accessories, equipment and instruments and Eisteddfod bus.

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke

For Sale

Gold Yamaha YAS26 Alto
Saxophone.

Owned from brand new
(paid \$1400), 2 years old.

Asking \$1000

If interested please

contact Fiona Coleman for
details.

"Music is worth teaching because it empowers children spectacularly." - Richard Gill

**2019 MUSIC PROGRAM TIMETABLE**

DAY/TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8.00am		SENIOR CONCERT BAND Ruby Johnson rjohn479@eq.edu.au	SENIOR STRING ORCHESTRA Carla Mulligan cjmu1@eq.edu.au		
9.00am		WOODWIND LESSONS Ruby Johnson rjohn479@eq.edu.au	STRINGS LESSONS Carla Mulligan cjmu1@eq.edu.au		WOODWIND LESSONS Ruby Johnson rjohn479@eq.edu.au
11.00am	BRASS LESSONS Kelly Clarke-Flessen kclar205@eq.edu.au			STRINGS LESSONS BEGINNERS Carla Mulligan cjmu1@eq.edu.au	PERCUSSION LESSONS Ian Brunskill ibrun2@eq.edu.au
11.40am					
1.10pm				JUNIOR CHOIR Fiona Coleman Trevor Schimke	SENIOR CHOIR Fiona Coleman Trevor Schimke
1.55pm		WOODWIND LESSONS Ruby Johnson rjohn479@eq.edu.au	STRINGS LESSONS		PERCUSSION LESSONS Ian Brunskill ibrun2@eq.edu.au
2.55pm					