



The Pitch

Music News - Issue 4

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A short newsletter this fortnight with some reminders from the last one. Term 2 timetables will be emailed to you from your instrumental teacher. If you don't receive a copy, please let us know. Lessons and rehearsals will continue **as normal day 1, week 1 of term 2**. Your child's classroom teacher has received a copy of the term 2 timetable as has your child. Our goal this term is to have no interruptions to lessons and getting to lessons on time without reminders. Please ensure you have a copy of the timetable viewable at home to help with these organizational skills. There have been some minor changes with some groups.

It is essential that children are at rehearsals on time ready to start. Both orchestra's and concert band have already got pieces ready for performing. The work effort has been fantastic - however some children are arriving late. Children need to be at school by 7.50am to help set up and be seated by 8.00am to get a good 40 mins practise. School starts at 8.45am so children need to be packed up and ready to head to class by 8.40am.

Congratulations to all the instrumental children working hard on **GOING GREEN** and demonstrating some fantastic playing. Also earning extra stars for their star charts. The energy and enthusiasm is fantastic. Keep up the great practising and efforts - Even over the holiday's!!

(SHEP) State Honours Ensemble Program

SHEP is a firmly established aspect of music learning in Queensland, bringing together young people from all over the State, in regional centres and Brisbane to share their passion for making music. Its pursuit of excellence defines it as the highest quality performance avenue available to young ensemble-based instrumentalists outside of the Queensland Conservatorium and the Young Conservatorium. It is a unique opportunity for Voice, Strings, Wind, Brass and Percussion middle school students from North Queensland to work with their peers in an intensive environment of musical excellence. The program is guided by a team of international and national conductors from the Queensland Conservatorium and will be held at **Ryan Catholic College from 21st - 23rd June.**

Our instrumental teachers nominated 16 students in year 5 & 6 who would benefit educationally and improve their musical skills by participating in this intensive weekend program. Students were recently contacted via e-mail if successful.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jenna C & Anthony P, who were successful.

Congratulations also to Violet A, Hayley B, Sohpie B, Mackenzie C, Ella D, Bailey F, Thomas F, Travis Fusion Tomo, Sophia G, Madison K, Jenna N, Max Q, Amber R and Caedence W, who are reserves. The cost of the three day activity is \$280. Upon receiving your offer it is then your



decision whether to accept or decline. Can you please notify myself or your child's instrumental teacher on whether your child is attending or not.

If you require more information please don't hesitate to contact the music staff or visit www.griffith.edu.au.

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WHAT'S ON - TERM 2	
Week 3 Wednesday 24 th April	ANZAC Day Service Senior Choir & Senior Concert Band Time – 2pm TCBC
Week 4 14 th – 17 th May	NAPLAN changes to lessons to accommodate children involved
Week 5 Monday 10 th June	CHORAL FANFARE – Junior and Senior Choirs
Week 9/10 21 st – 23 rd June	SHEP – Nominated children
Week 10 Tuesday 25 th – Friday 28 th June	Choral Workshop – Selected years 5 & 6 Choral Students

Strings- Carla Mulligan -
cjmul1@eq.edu.au

Wednesday 7.30 - 3
Thursday 11 - 3pm

Well done on completing your Solo Performances for assessment in week 9! It can be scary to play in front of people, but you all did well. A special congratulations to those who worked very hard for their performance and did their best.

GO FOR GREEN rewards will take place at the end of TERM 2. Keep up the hard work!

SEE YOU NEXT TERM!

String Orchestra & Junior Orchestra -
Carla Mulligan

Junior & Senior String Orchestra

We will have rehearsal in Week 10 as per normal. Term 2 rehearsals will resume in WEEK 1!

HOLIDAY's

Remember, your instrument is your friend! Don't let it get too lonely on the holidays ☺ Just pick it up and have a play every now and then so that you don't forget! It is also important so that you keep all that effort you've put into playing with accurate tuning and rhythm.
ALSO, HAVE FUN!

Brass- Kelly Clarke-Flesser -
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Monday 11 - 3,

Hi Brassies,

Well we have made it to the end of Term 1! Well done to all the students who have submitted their assessment and have worked really hard to improve their performance skills in the lead up to their solo task.

Areas we can all improve on when perform include continuing to play the music even when we make a mistake, not pull funny faces or talk to the audience if you're not confident in a certain part of the music and remembering to bow at the conclusion of your performance (without being prompted).

Just remember learn to confidently play in front of others is a skill that takes years to master and even then you will still get nervous and make mistakes! The only



difference is you will be able to control our nerves better and get on with the music J.

Enjoy your end of term break and I can't wait to see you in term 2 and ready to learn even more new stuff JJJJ

Percussion - Ian Brunskill -

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Friday 11 - 3pm

There are still some beginners without equipment - please ensure you organise this over the holiday's. Preparations for assessment in early term 2 are organized. Please be prepared! Have a wonderful break and see you next term.

Woodwind - Ruby Johnson

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Tuesday 7.30 - 3

Friday 9 - 11

Hi Woodwind players! We have had a great term making music and developing our skills. The **Go for Green chart** is looking amazing! Let's keep up the practice in term 2. **Lesson will commence in week one next term on Tuesday** (the first day of school) please be organised with your instrument, music and a pencil.

Senior Concert Band

Tuesday 8.00am

Ruby Johnson

The senior band have done a great job this term learning two pieces of music. Band will commence in week one next term on Tuesday at 7:50am (the first day of school). Please make sure students are on time and organised with their instruments, music and a pencil. The senior band will be

performing for the **Anzac Ceremony on Wednesday, 24th April at 2pm in TCBC.**

Junior & Senior Choirs

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Our next performance is at our ANZAC day parade at school in the TCBC at 2pm on Wednesday, 24th April. You are invited to come to our parade. Children will be singing the Australian and New Zealand national anthem and a new song called On the Hill. Unfortunately due to our wet weather and duties, choir has not been regular. Please ensure you take the words home to learn your songs and bring them to every rehearsal. We have very limited time. FANFARE is in week 5 next term and we don't have a song yet!! Please pray for dryer weather and the kids to get back out so rehearsals can continue.

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

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