



# *The Pitch*

**Music News - Issue 5**

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Congratulations to the concert band and senior choir who performed at our school ANZAC service. The ceremony was well organized and the band and choir children performed beautifully.

This term has been very busy already with lots happening in preparation for our next big performance including **CHORAL FANFARE** on **Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> June, GALA** night and the **choral workshop** in **wk 10** for selected year 5/6 students. I will start organising shirt sizes for members next week. Please get children to write their size up beside their name so we can allocate a music shirt for their performances this year.

All instrumental students are doing a fantastic job and we couldn't be more pleased with their efforts and having them be a part of our music program. A reminder that children are being assessed this term. The report is a progress of how they are going. Your child needs to understand their results and ask themselves if they have met their goals and what they need to do to improve to meet their next lot of challenges. Persistence, motivation and overcoming these hurdles makes us stronger and give us the ability to achieve and feel confident about our accomplishments. Please ensure children are aware of their lesson times and putting in the extra effort to showcase to the instrumental teacher what they have learnt during semester 1. Be aware of your expectations and what is

required from you for success. Practicing and preparing for your assessment will assist in great results. Good luck!! ☺

Term 2 timetables were emailed before and during the holidays. Your child's classroom teacher has received a copy of the term 2 timetable as will your child. 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.

## Date Claimer

WHAT'S ON - TERM 2	
<b>Week 2</b> Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>ANZAC Day Service</b> Senior Choir & Senior Concert Band Time – 2pm TCBC
<b>Week 4</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>NAPLAN</b> changes to lessons to accommodate children involved
<b>Week 7</b> Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>CHORAL FANFARE</b> – Junior and Senior Choirs
<b>Week 9/10</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>SHEP</b> – Nominated children
<b>Week 10</b> Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Choral Workshop</b> – Selected years 5 & 6 Choral Students

**Strings- Carla Mulligan -**

**[cjmul1@eq.edu.au](mailto:cjmul1@eq.edu.au)**

**Wednesday 7.30 - 3**

**Thursday 11 - 3pm**

Welcome back to term 2 strings!!

All students will have received a personal copy of the lesson timetable and personal



practice journal in their first lesson. This term we are wanting students to improve on attending their lessons on time without having to be called up and reminded. Please help your child remember their lesson time each week. That way we can use as much lessons tie playing as possible.

I look forward to a new term of helping you all grow as musicians!

**String Orchestra & Junior Orchestra -**

**Carla Mulligan**

**Junior & Senior String Orchestra**

All rehearsals started in week 1. Look forward to seeing you all on time as we prepare for our GALA night at the end of term.

**Brass- Kelly Clarke-Flesser -**

**[kclar205@eq.edu.au](mailto:kclar205@eq.edu.au)**

**Monday 11 - 3,**

Hi Brassies, Please keep checking the timetable every week to make sure you are coming to your correct lesson at the correct time.

Keep working hard on your pieces for the Gala concert later in the term.

The entries for the Townsville Eisteddfod are now open, if any brassies are keen to play in a brass ensemble they need to let me know at their next lesson 😊 Rehearsals need to be organised once I know.

**Percussion- Ian Brunskill -**

**[ibrun2@eq.edu.au](mailto:ibrun2@eq.edu.au)**

**Friday 11 - 3pm**

I'm looking forward to having a very successful term with all the percussionists. Thanks for those who were able to organise their requirements over the holidays. .

**Woodwind - Ruby Johnson**

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**Tuesday 7.30 - 3**

**Friday 9 - 11**

Hi Woodwind Welcome back to term 2! We have had a great start with lessons and music making this week. Students will continue working through their curriculum level this term and developing their skills. This can only be achieved thorough regular practice. A new 'Go for Green' chart is started and I hope we can make this even more green this term!

**Senior Concert Band**

**Tuesday 8.00am**

**Ruby Johnson**

The senior band did a great job performing at the schools ANZAC ceremony this week. The students were a significant part of the ceremony and added a lot of value to this important time. A reminder that attendance is very important and students must arrive at 7.50am so we can start on time at 8.00am every Tuesday.



## **CHORAL FANFARE 2019**

### **Celebrating Choral music in Queensland State Schools**

All forms will be sent home in the coming weeks with all the information you need. At this point both our Junior and Senior Choirs will perform on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> June. The performance is held at Kirwan State High School. A draft plan has been sent with performances happening from 9am - 11am. Parents, students, family and friends are welcome to attend.

### **CHORAL WORKSHOP**

Every year the state primary schools put together a culminating workshop with selected year 5 & 6 students from around Townsville. Children in the current choir in years 5 & 6 will be invited to this exciting event. The workshop is being conducted during the last week of term 2 from Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> June. Mrs Debra Shearer - choral conductor from Brisbane will be joining us during this time. Notes will be distributed in a few weeks.

### **Junior & Senior Choirs**

**Fiona Coleman**

Congratulations to our Seniors who performed at our school ANZAC service. You sounded amazing singing both the National Anthems in such a short amount of rehearsal time. More frequent rehearsals will be added in the coming weeks to make up time as we prepare for Choral Fanfare in week 5. We need to work hard and be very dedicated to be at a performance standard ready for this.

The rolls are now official. Notes of commitment will be sent home in the next week and you should be invoiced the \$50

music program fee if not already part of the instrumental program.

### **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**

A list is up on the wall in the music room of every child involved in the music program. Please ensure your child has added their shirt size beside their name. If it hasn't been added by the end of next week, I'll 'guesstimate' a size. ☺

We have received a new bulk order of band folders. If your child has paid and hasn't yet received theirs, please email either myself or their instrumental teacher. If you have not paid, please forward \$11 to the office.

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke

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