



The Pitch

Music News - Issue 6

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Congratulations to everyone who is turning up for rehearsals and learning their parts in preparation for the upcoming performances this term. Your efforts are appreciated and will be rewarded when you represent our school for family, friends and community at *Fanfare on Monday, 10th June and Gala night on Wednesday, 19th June.*

It is an expectation and a requirement that every member of our music program in all instrumental ensembles and choirs are available for these performances and attending all rehearsals over the term so we can showcase at our best. We are looking forward to seeing them perform!!

An information note of these special events was sent home last week. All groups are performing and will be required to wear full school music uniform as stated in previous letters and the beginning of the year.

A reminder that instrumental assessment will be happening this term during lessons. Please ensure you are aware of the expectations and what is required from you for success. Practicing and preparing for your assessment will assist in great results. Good Luck!! ☺

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WHAT'S ON - TERM 2	
Week 4 14th – 17th May	NAPLAN changes to lessons to accommodate children involved
Week 4 Friday, 17th May	Senior & Junior Choir – In school Workshop
Week 4 Tuesday 14th May	Beginner Band first rehearsal 1.10pm start
Week 5 Wednesday, 22nd May	Senior Athletics Carnival – Strings children check with teacher for times – Orchestra still rehearsing
Week 5 Saturday 1st June	AUSTA Strings Festival – All String Children
Week 8 Monday 10th June	CHORAL FANFARE – Junior and Senior Choirs
Week 9 Wednesday, 19th June	GALA PERFORMANCE – TCBC – All Groups 6pm
Week 9/10 Fri – Sun 21st – 23rd June	SHEP – Nominated children
Week 10 Tuesday 25th – Friday 28th June	Choral Workshop – Selected years 5 & 6 Choral Students

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

Wednesday 7.30 - 3
Thursday 11 - 3pm

NA



String Orchestra & Junior Orchestra -

Carla Mulligan

Junior & Senior String Orchestra

You guys are doing very well! Each rehearsal you are working together better and sounding better and better. This term both Orchestras will be performing at the Gala Performance in Week 9, Wednesday 19th of June. So keep up the hard work!

Brass- Kelly Clarke-Flesser -

kclar205@eq.edu.au

Monday 11 - 3,

Hi Brassies, Please keep checking the timetable every week to make sure you are coming to your lesson on time. Keep working hard on your assessment and band pieces in preparation 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 for this ensemble would be Monday's.

Percussion- Ian Brunskill -

ibrun2@eq.edu.au

Friday 11 - 3pm

NA

Woodwind - Ruby Johnson

rjohn479@eq.edu.au

Tuesday 7.30 - 3

Friday 9 - 11

During lessons students are engaging with 'Go For Green'. This is a traffic light system that tracks students attendance and practice. Ensure to keep up the regular

practice and aim for green in your next lesson! Please be aware of NAPLAN in week 4. There will be changes to the timetable to accommodate all children receiving a lesson. Please come and see me if this affects you.

Concert Band

Tuesday 8.00am

Ruby Johnson

Beginner Band - We start rehearsals in week 4!! I'm very excited to hear all our beginners playing together! Please don't be worried about this, we are all beginners and we will learn how to play together. Please remember to be at the music block at **1.10pm sharp** on **Tuesday, 14th May**, with your instrument, band folder, tutor book and pencil. See you all then!

Senior Concert Band - It was great to see a wonderful turnout last Tuesday morning. You are sounding great!! The Gala is very soon and we need to make sure we are attending each rehearsal and practicing our parts regularly. Keep up the wonderful work! It would be great to see all percussionists arrive on time as it makes it easier to organise instruments - ready to start on time. Just a reminder that band starts at 8.00am and students need to be there at 7:40am to set up and be seated and ready to play.

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, 10th 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 25th - 28th June**. Mrs Debra Shearer - choral conductor from Brisbane will be joining us during this time. Some children in years 5 & 6 were given an invitation to be part of this event this week. It will be first in with the notes back and then a waiting list. Each school usually have at least 10 participants only - however depending on participation, we may have a few more from our school able to attend - so please return your notes if interested ASAP. A note to confirm your place, with timetable and payment will go home after that.

AUSTA JUNIOR STRINGS FESTIVAL

All students will receive an invitation to go into the Junior String Fest this week. This is a FANTASTIC performance opportunity for students to play of their favourite songs in front of a family friendly audience. **It is not a competition** and students are placed in year levels.

They will also receive a small workshop from the teachers to enhance some aspects of their technique and receive a report on how they are progressing and

best of all a music trophy to all soloists is given to take home as a thank you for all their hard work in learning their instrument!

All students are encouraged to do this as the more performance opportunities they have the more confident they become. Students can use backing tracks to play along to as well. Pieces are own choice. Further information with exact times what to wear what to bring will be on the information note. **Entries are all done online and close Thursday, 23rd May.**

Junior & Senior Choirs

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The rolls are now official. Notes of commitment were sent home this week and you should be invoiced the \$50 music program fee if not already part of the instrumental program.

Junior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 2nd Break.

Senior Choir Rehearsal

Monday's - 1st break and

Friday's 2nd Break

More rehearsals will be added as we get closer to performances.



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 the universal language of mankind."
~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

"Words make you think a thought. Music makes you feel a feeling. A song makes you feel a thought." ~ E.Y. Harburg

"Music is a world within itself with a language we all understand." ~ Stevie Wonder