



# *The Pitch*

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Half way through our busy term -  
Where's it gone? 2 weeks countdown until  
Choral Fanfare, 3 weeks til Gala Night and  
4 weeks for Choral Workshop!!

Well done to all our instrumental and  
choral students who are turning up for  
rehearsals and learning their parts in  
preparation for these upcoming  
performances this term. We look forward  
to you performing at these events soon.

A reminder that it is an expectation  
and 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.

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!! ☺

Thank you for the quick return of  
permission notes for choral fanfare.  
Notes were sent home last week. Please  
read the note, sign the forms for attending  
and return ASAP. Please check times you  
need to be at school to change into music  
uniform and catch the bus to KSHS  
Excelsior Hall.

## Date Claimer

| WHAT'S ON - TERM 2   |   |
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| <b>Week 6 Saturday</b><br><b>1<sup>st</sup> June</b>                                     | <b>AUSTA Strings Festival –</b><br><b>All String Children</b>   |
| <b>Week 8 Monday</b><br><b>10<sup>th</sup> June</b>                                      | <b>CHORAL FANFARE –</b><br><b>KSHS Excelsior Hall -</b><br>Junior and Senior Choirs 9am<br>– 12pm         |
| <b>Week 9</b><br><b>Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>June</b>                        | <b>GALA PERFORMANCE –</b><br><b>TCBC – All Groups 6pm</b>   |
| <b>Week 9/10 Fri –</b><br><b>Sun 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup></b><br><b>June</b>    | <b>SHEP – Nominated</b><br><b>children</b>  |
| <b>Week 10 Tuesday</b><br><b>25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>June</b> | <b>Choral Workshop –</b><br>Selected years 5 & 6 Choral<br>Students with guest<br>conductor Debra Shearer |

**Strings- Carla Mulligan -**  
**[cjmul1@eq.edu.au](mailto:cjmul1@eq.edu.au)**

**Wednesday 7.30 - 3****Thursday 11 - 3pm**

Hi ALL! Well we are half way through the  
term! Many of you have progressed very  
well. Make sure you keep up your practice  
routines that you've worked hard to  
develop.

**Every students Solo Assessment will be  
in Week 9 this Term.**



**String Orchestra & Junior Orchestra -**

**Carla Mulligan**

**Junior & Senior String Orchestra**

Our concert in week 9 is fast approaching! Senior Orchestra is on fire!! Junior Orchestra is have lots of notes to learn! Due to the Year 6 camp Senior Orchestra will NOT be rehearsing next week, Week 7. Junior Orchestra will be as normal at 1:10pm, Lunch.

**Brass- Kelly Clarke-Flesser -**

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

**Monday 11 - 3**

Hey Brassies,

As we enter the second half of this term, just a friendly reminder to continue practising and attending lessons and being prepared every Monday. The last few lessons we have been starting to prepare for our performance assessment items which contribute to their report card this semester.

Students should be well aware of their pieces to be performed and the week they are due. But just to be on the safe side, I have added this brass assessment info below per group.

- GROUP A: Due week 7
- GROUP B: Due week 7
- GROUP C: Due week 8
- GROUP D: Due Week 8
- GROUP E : Due week 8

Some groups have their assessment due earlier due to Choral Fanfare in week 8 and also due to working on their assessment pieces since the start of the term.

If your child is a part of Choral Fanfare in Week 8 and can't complete their assessment , please email [kclar205@eq.edu.au](mailto:kclar205@eq.edu.au) to organise an alternative time to complete their assessment.

**Percussion- Ian Brunskill -**

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**Friday 11 - 3pm**

NA

**Woodwind - Ruby Johnson**

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**Tuesday 7.30 - 3**

**Friday 9 - 11**

Just a reminder that there are no woodwind lessons on Tuesday in week 7. Students know exactly what they are to practice to successfully complete their assessment in week 8. Everyone is making great progress and filling up their go for green charts.

**Concert Band**

**Tuesday 8.00am**

**Ruby Johnson**

**Beginner Band** - We have had a great start to our beginner band at the willows and the students are making some great sounds together! It is important that students remember to come to band every Tuesday at second break. This will be happening for the remainder of the year. Even if



students forget their instruments on a Tuesday it is still important for them to come and sit in on the rehearsal so they do not miss anything we are learning. There will be no rehearsal in week 7.

**Senior Concert Band** - The senior band is currently preparing for their first gala night performance for the year. It is important that students are familiar with their band parts and are feeling confident with them. Just a reminder that there is no rehearsal in week 7.

### CHORAL FANFARE 2019

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

Forms were sent home last week to all junior and senior choir members. Senior Choir will open the event at 9am and the Junior Choir will close the event at approximately 11.15am. The performance is held at Kirwan State High School Excelsior Hall. Children will need to be at school by 7.15am to change into music uniform and catch the bus at 8.00am. Parents, students, family and friends are welcome to attend.

**If there are any parents willing to help supervise on the bus and at the event, please email me ASAP.**

#### **CHORAL WORKSHOP**

Our choral workshop is fast approaching. Our guest conductor is Debra Shearer from Brisbane. She will work with approximately 120 year 5 & 6 students from around Townsville primary state schools. The workshop is being held at our school during week 10, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. We have 16 children

nominated for this event and all would have received their invite this week. **Please return your permissions, medical and media forms and payments sent back ASAP.** A culminating performance of the week's work will be on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June from 4pm in TCBC. You are all invited to attend to see what magic this group will produce in a matter of 4 short days. ☺

### **AUSTA JUNIOR STRINGS FESTIVAL**

Entries have now closed for AUSTA Strings fest. We wish the following students who are performing this weekend all the best. Remember it is a FANTASTIC performance opportunity for to play your favourite song in front of a family friendly audience. **It is not a competition** and we're sure you will do yourself proud. We Look forward to hearing about it next week.

Rhein-Lucas P, Liedyn G, Abbey G, Amaya Blackbread, Brock C, Holly G & Anthony P.

#### **SHEP**

**Jenna C** and **Sophia G** accepted their position and will participate in SHEP. The program is guided by a team of international and national conductors from the Queensland Conservatorium and is held at Ryan Catholic College over next weekend -f the workshop in a short weekend. 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> June. We wish you all the best and hope you enjoy the challenges and successes of the workshop in a short weekend.

#### **GALA NIGHT**



**Wednesday, 19 June, 2019**

**6.00PM T C B C**

**All our performers are ready and invite you to an evening of entertainment.**

The gala night is a performance to showcase what your child has been learning for the first half of this year. It also allows your child to build confidence and perform in front of a large crowd in preparation for the Eisteddfod in term 3 and share with you their learning progress. A sausage sizzle and drinks will be available for purchase from 5.30pm. No food or drinks are allowed in TCBC. Children will change into music shirts after eating. All performers are required to wear full music uniform as requested in previous newsletters. Please make sure you have all your music and instrument ready for the night. We would like the night to run smoothly and quickly with all children ready in the Performing Arts Centre. Groups will be called for during the evening to go to the music room to get ready. All children be seated at the back of TCBC to minimize entry and exit and to get children up on stage and off as smoothly as possible. Younger children must be with their parents at all times displaying audience manners. No children are to be left unsupervised or on play equipment.

### **Junior & Senior Choirs**

**Fiona Coleman**

Our inschool Choral Workshop had a fantastic turn out with the choral members given 110% during the rehearsal. We have achieved a lot in such a short time. Thank you to all who have paid the program music fee. I missed a few faces from rehearsals

this week, please ensure your child knows when rehearsals are and are turning up.

### **Junior Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Break.

### **Senior Choir Rehearsal**

Monday's - 1<sup>st</sup> break and

Friday's 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. I'm extending it to be added by this week or I'll 'guesstimate' a size. ☺ Your child's shirt will be available in the music room with their name on it for the year.

Musically Yours,



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*"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*