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Music News - Issue 7

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GALA NIGHT

Wednesday, 19th June, 2019

6.00PM TCBC

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

It is an expectation that all members of our music program are available to perform at our outside school events. 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 5.15pm. No food or drinks are allowed in the 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. All children be seated at the back of the 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. times displaying audience manners. The following groups will be performing: Junior and Senior Choirs, Junior and Senior

Orchestra, Beginner Band and Concert Band and Rock Band. All are welcome to come and watch our sensational musicians performing.

CHORAL FANFARE

Congratulations to both choirs who performed at the Creative Generations Choral Fanfare 2019 at Kirwan High School on Monday. We were very proud of your dedication to your performance and attention on stage. Both choir received a Bronze which is an outstanding achievement. I'll send home a copy of the certificate and report for each choir in the coming weeks.

CHORAL WORKSHOP

We look forward to our 16 year 5&6 students participating in our annual choral workshop with Brisbane Guest Conductor Debra Shearer in Week 10. You are all invited to the performance at 4pm in TCBC on Friday.

SHEP

We wish Anthony P, Alyssa C and Sophia G all the best and hope you enjoy the challenges and successes at SHEP this weekend. The program is guided by a team of international and national conductors from the Queensland Conservatorium and is held at Ryan Catholic College.



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not returned your notes but would like to participate, please contact me via email.

WHAT'S ON - TERM 2	
Week 8 Monday 10th June	CHORAL FANFARE – KSHS Excelsior Hall - Junior and Senior Choirs 9am – 12pm
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 with guest conductor Debra Shearer

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

Wednesday 7.30 - 3
Thursday 11 - 3pm

Congratulations to Abbey G, Holly G, Brock C and Amaya B for participating in the AUSTA Stringsfest 2019!! In this performance each student played a solo piece and received a trophy! There will be more AUSTA Events this year.

Assessment is NEXT WEEK, Week 9! All Strings Students keep practising hard to perform your best with great accuracy and musicality.

DOUBLE BASS STUDENTS: This weekend there is an optional AUSTA Double Bass Seminar at Kirwan State High school with Marian Heckenberg from Brisbane. You will have received notes regarding this event. It is a wonderful opportunity. If you have

String Orchestra & Junior Orchestra -
Carla Mulligan

SENIOR ORCHESTRA: For our upcoming concert in Week 9 we will be performing Fiddles on Fire and Waltzing Matilda. We have two rehearsals left before the concert!

JUNIOR ORCHESTRA: We will now be rehearsing at the start of second lunch and eat at the end of the break. All student need to be putting in extra practice to prepare their orchestra music for our upcoming concert in Week 9. We will be performing Barrier Reef. We have two rehearsals left before the concert!

Brass- Kelly Clarke-Flesser -
kclar205@eq.edu.au
Monday 11 - 3

Hey Brassies, Now that most students have completed their assessment this week we can focus our attention on to preparing for the concert next week, enjoying our making music and practice new skills to help improve our skills as players. IF your child was absent from lessons today due to Choral fanfare, they will complete their assessment in week 9 lessons.

Don't forget the only way we improve as musicians is to continually practice our skills at home and strive for accuracy in any piece we play. Ensure you are really listening to yourself as you play and don't just play the bits that are easy as this is not an efficient way to fix the problems that occur in a piece.



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

Students completed their assessment this week and played beautifully! It is great to see students progressing so well and performing confidently for their class.

Concert Band

Tuesday 8.00am

Ruby Johnson

Senior concert band: Rehearsals are back to normal for the rest of the term!

Students must arrive at 7:50am ready for an 8:00am start. It is important that we have full rehearsals as our gala night approaches. Please ensure you are confident in your band parts and ready to step on stage to show your friends and family what you have been working on!

Junior concert band: The beginner band is sounding fantastic! After just a few rehearsals we will be performing for the gala night in week 9. It is important that students remember to come to rehearsal every Tuesday at second break as we prepare for our first performance. I can't wait to perform with these young musicians and I am sure they are very excited to show you what they have been working on.

Junior & Senior Choirs

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Both the choirs are sounding amazing. I'm excited to share with you their pieces they've been working on at gala night on 19th June. After the holiday's we'll be preparing new songs for the Eisteddfod.

Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments

A shirt has been allocated to every child in the music program which will stay stored at the school for various performances. The shirts will be in size order for performances throughout the year. Your child's name is on a list with their allocated shirt **Eg Mary Smith 12B** When you have finished performing, please return the music shirt to the music room. This is so we can keep track of the shirts and wash them ready for the next performance.

If you are available to assist in washing shirts after performances and returning them before the holiday's, your assistance would be greatly appreciated

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke

*"Much of what young children do as play
~ singing, drawing, dancing ~ are natural
forms of art. These activities engage all
the senses and help wire the brain for
successful learning ~ David A. Sousa*



**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.