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Welcome Back to Term 3. We have a busy term as we prepare for the Annual Townsville Eisteddfod. Permission notes should be commencing to come home by the end of week 5. I'm in the process of booking buses and producing a timetable of events. Please pencil Tuesday 10th - Monday 16th September into your diary. Some families have not paid the program fee which covers the eisteddfod bus. Please make payment if you haven't before we head to the Eisteddfod so your child can attend. **It is an expectation that all members of the instrumental and choral programs are attending all rehearsals.** If there is an absence, we ask that it is being followed through with the ensemble teacher via email, phone call or note. If children have missed too many rehearsals, **they will not be invited to the eisteddfod.** We often have some children upset when they don't receive an invitation to attend. Please ensure that they are organized and ready for each rehearsal and lesson. Keep up the practise and attendance and your efforts will be rewarded. It is important that children are dressed appropriately in our school music uniform for the event. Please ensure you are organized with appropriate navy blue skorts/skirts/shorts (of appropriate length), black shoes and white ankle (Crew) socks.

WHAT'S ON - TERM 3	
Week 1 & 2	NO BRASS LESSONS – Kelly is on LSL
Week 3 Friday, 2nd August	RockBand – Full School Parade
Week 6 Friday, 23rd August	Senior Orchestra – Full School Parade
Week 9 Friday, 13th September	Junior & Senior Choir – Full School Parade
Week 9/10 10th – 16th September	Townsville Eisteddfod – All Groups

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

Wednesday 7.30 - 3

Thursday 11 - 3pm

Welcome to Term 3! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are ready to jump back into some amazing music making this term! We have some exciting performances and lots of new things to learn!

We will be having solo assessment in Week 7 this term. New practice books have been given out for all students achieve Green on our Go for Green chart every week! Beginner students will be starting with the bow this term. Parents, to help them develop their bowing technique, make sure that they are using LONG bows in their home practice. This will make the notes will sing more!

Let's be hard working, imaginative, creative and try our best!



String Orchestra & Junior Orchestra - Carla Mulligan

Every week both orchestras will be rehearsing their two new pieces to prepare for Eisteddfod in Week 9.

MAKE SURE you are on time, prepared and ready to try your best!

Senior Orchestra will be performing at the school parade in Week 6. This is the perfect opportunity to play our Eisteddfod music.

*"Music is an outburst of the soul." —
Frederick Delius*

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

Lessons resume in week 3. ☺

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

Welcome back to term three. We have had a great start to the term with students collecting and reading their timetables and remembering to come to their lesson on time. A few students had forgotten to bring their instrument and music in the first week. Please remember that instrumental music lessons and band will

always be on in the first week of each term unless told otherwise. I love coming back to a new term and hearing that so many students have practiced over the holidays. Keep up the practice and beautiful music making!



Concert Band
Tuesday 8.00am Senior
Tuesday 1.10pm Junior
Ruby Johnson

This term is busy for both ensembles as we prepare for the Townsville Eisteddfod. Unfortunately we did not start the term with positive attendance in both ensembles. It is important that we work as a team and attend every rehearsal. Without the whole team at each rehearsal we cannot work together to make great music.

I cannot wait to keep rehearsing this term and achieve our goal of a successful performance at the Townsville Eisteddfod.

Junior & Senior Choirs
Fiona Coleman

The junior choir are getting so enthused with their preparations for the eisteddfod. Attendance to rehearsal is good but there are still a few needing reminders. They are putting in 110% effort in learning their parts and performing at their best. I've



added a second rehearsal just for this term starting in week 2. **Junior Rehearsals are Tuesday's 2nd break and Thursday's at 2nd break.**

The senior choir have a lot of work ahead of us as we prepare for a number of events at the eisteddfod. We have some work to do on parts and syncing actions for our novelty performance, so **attendance to rehearsals is important**. I'm looking forward to their polished performances at the Eisteddfod. A reminder that we are only taking students who have dedicated their time to rehearsals regularly.

Senior Choir will continue rehearsals as normal Monday's 1st Break and Friday's from 2nd break.

Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments

Please ensure your child is collecting their instrument to take home. We do not want them stored at school. Keep up the practise when you can!!

Shirts will be available in the music room on the day your child is performing at the eisteddfod. Children will change into their shirts at school before they leave and change back into their shirt when they arrive back to school from the theatre. Please ensure your child has white ankle socks, black shoes, matching coloured hair accessories and navy blue skorts/skirts/shorts ready to showcase our school at its best. No Make-up.

If you are available to help wash shirts during and after the eisteddfod, it would be greatly appreciated.

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke

The true beauty of music is that it connects people. It carries a message, and we, the musicians, are the messengers. ~ Roy Ayers

Music is the strongest form of Magic. ~ Marilyn Manson

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.