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# *The Pitch*

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Hope you all enjoyed your break with family and friends. Welcome back as we prepare for a very busy term 4.

Please check the date claimer below with all instrumental/choral members detailing dates that your child will be required for various events and in the note that went home with your child at the end of week 1.

**All children** in both choirs and instrumental programs are performing on **Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October**. This is our last formal performance for the year. It is expected that every member of the choral and instrumental groups are in attendance as a requirement of you being part of the instrumental/choral program. As we were unable to perform at the Eisteddfod last term you are invited to our night starting **at 6pm in TCBC** to be entertained. ☺ A sausage sizzle and drinks are available to purchase starting from 5.00pm. All children are required to be at the music room by **5.00pm** to eat first, change and tune up ready to start promptly at 6pm.

It is essential that there is no talking or movement during the performances and concert etiquette is of upmost importance. A reminder that all children must be supervised and playground equipment is out of bounds. There is also no food or drink allowed in TCBC.

If your child is interested in learning an instrument and starting in our instrumental program for 2020, you are also invited to be guests at our Performer's night and be

entertained by our current members and see what our program has to offer and what your child may be part of from 2020.

All notes for prospective instrumentalists have been sent home last Friday and are due back no later than this **Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019**. Current instrumentalists need to have returned your continuing note by this date also so we can plan for our next intake. Testing for our potential students will happen in Week 4.

## **INSTRUMENTAL RECRUITING 2020**

We have very limited spots for our new recruits to our instrumental program for 2020. This is determined on instrumental teachers, time allocation, school instruments and current students already in the program. Selected children in years 3 and interested children in year 2 have received an application to apply for testing. Any child in years 3, 4 & 5 who would like to be considered can collect an application form from the office.

Acceptance to the program is based on subject achievement, behaviour, parental support and whether or not your child is physically attributed to their chosen instrument.

Education Queensland states that only children in years 2 are invited to the strings program and years 3 - 5 for woodwind, brass and percussion. **If your child in year 2 is not interested in**



learning a string instrument, you are asked to wait until the next intake at the end of next year.

Forms must be returned no later than **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** so your child can be physically tested on their chosen instrument in **week 5**. You will be notified of your child's success by week 7 and are expected to attend an **Information Evening** on **Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November** to find out further information. If your child is accepted, there will be a cost of purchasing instrumental requirements (book, folder, stand, accessories), compulsory music program fee of \$50 and an instrumental hire fee of \$100 for the year unless a violin/viola player. We look forward to seeing our prospective players join our program for 2020. If you have further questions, please come and see us.

Current instrumentalists in years 3 - 5 have also receive a note on whether they are continuing for 2020. It is important that this note is returned by **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** or ASAP so we can allocate numbers for our 2020 instrumental program. If your child is not continuing, you must let their teacher know ASAP.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Year Instrumentalists**

A reminder that our first year instrumentalists will be required to hand back their instruments at the end of term 4 so they are cleaned and repaired for our 2020 new recruits. Our 2019 beginner players have excelled greatly with their newly acquired skills and are sounding fabulous. We would hope that a lot of them are continuing in 2020. You will be required to purchase your own instrument as mentioned at our recruiting night and now is a good time to start looking for a good quality 2<sup>nd</sup> hand instrument.

We do have a list available on preferred brands and further information on purchasing your own instrument that is attached to the continuing note. There are a lot of good 2<sup>nd</sup> hand instruments around at a good price - you just have to find them. There are a lot of stores with various payment plans available also. Please ask your child's instrumental teacher for further information on purchasing and brands to look for if you require further information.

If you play our more expensive instruments such as cellos, tenor sax, bass clarinet, double bass, euphonium, baritone and tuba, you will be loaned the instrument again in 2020.

If you would like further information in regards to continuing in the program or about our recruiting process, please come and see one of us.

If you are upgrading your child's instrument and wish to sell it, I'm happy to add to the newsletter. Please send me the instrument and contact details via email and I'll publish in the next newsletter.

## **PERFORMERS CONCERT**

**Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October,**

**2019**

**6PM**



## Date Claimer

<b>WHAT'S ON - TERM 4</b>	
<b>Week 2/3 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Celebration of Strings Festival</b>
<b>Week 4 Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>Performers Concert TCBC 6pm – All Music Children</b>
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Recruitment Testing –</b> Please see instrumental teachers about lessons.
<b>Week 6 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Remembrance Day – Senior Choir/Concert Band 10.30am</b>
<b>Week 7 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Recruitment Information Night – 6pm TCBC</b>
<b>Week 9 – Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Carols All year levels, instrumental and Choir 5.30 – 9pm</b>
<b>Week 9/10 – Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Presbyterian Carols Under the Stars – RockBand and combined choirs. 6 – 8pm</b>
<b>Week 10 – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Year 6 Graduation Ceremony – Senior Choir/RockBand TCBC 9am</b>

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

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

Welcome back to our final term of the year! The strings program has been going strong all year. I'm looking forward to us ending the year on a high! Please see below for various events and dates to observe this term.

We have approximately 23 students from Willows registered to participate in one of the five orchestra at this years AUSTA Celebration of String Concert. Rehearsal times vary for each orchestra across the 18th, 19th, 20th October. Congratulations to all these students. Have fun!

We have four Senior Students, Holly Graham, Max Quinn, Hayley Barton, and Mackenzie Clark performing in the Kirwan Community Orchestra this term. They will perform in the Orchetsra at Kirwan State High Schools end of year concert, Musicians Farewell. This fantastic opportunity has the students rehearsing and performing along side Kirwan High string students.

## **String Orchestra & Junior Orchestra -** **Carla Mulligan**

BOTH Junior and Senior Orchestra will be playing at the **Performers Concert in Week 3 on Wednesday 23rd of October**. This concert is a fantastic opportunity to get more experience performing and share what we rehearsed last term. (Please note: this concert does not include the Beginner strings students).

**ALL STRINGS, will be performing in a combined piece at our end of year concert on Wednesday 4th December! Beginner strings, Junior and Senior Orchestra will combine to perform at this concert! \*A NOTE WILL GO OUT DETAILING INFORMATION ON OUR COMBINED REHEARSALS.**

Mark these dates in your calendar and student get practising! It's very exciting to have both of these opportunities to perform for you.

## **CELEBRATION OF STRINGS**

**CELEBRATION OF STRINGS** is on this weekend from 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> October. This is a fantastic opportunity for every string player to receive valuable tuition and to play with students from all over Townsville. Good luck to all who entered!! ☺



**Brass- Kelly Clarke-Flessner -**

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**Monday 11 - 3**

Children are learning scales and have pieces for assessment. Please make extra time for practise and make sure you are ready for this by week 6/7. There will be no lessons in week 5 due to recruitment testing.

**Woodwind - Ruby Johnson**

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**Tuesday 7.30 - 3**

**Friday 9 - 11**

Hi everyone, I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday! Timetables for lessons are available on the notice board. In Week 5 I will not be teaching as I will be doing recruiting this week, however, band will still be on! Woodwind assessment will be held during week 7. Remember to keep up your practice to keep achieving green on the Go for Green chart!

**Concert Bands**

**Ruby Johnson**

I am looking forward to a great performers concert on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October! We will be performing our piece that we performed at Eisteddfod. It is important that we have everyone there to contribute to the concert and show off all of your great achievements. I will not be teaching in week 4 but band will still be on! A reminder that concert band start at 7:40am and beginner band starts at 7:50am.

**Percussion- Ian Brunskill -**

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

**Friday 11 - 3pm**

We welcome our new mid-term beginners to the percussion program. Congratulations on a great start and being prepared for the lessons. Don't forget to check your timetable to make sure you are turning up for your lesson in time.

I'm looking forward to the percussion ensemble performing at the concert on Wednesday night. Lessons are going well and children have music to practise in preparation for assessment taking place in weeks 4 and 5. Lessons in week 4/5 will be rearranged to accommodate for recruitment testing also. Children will be told their lesson time this week.

**Junior & Senior Choirs**

**Fiona Coleman**

Both choirs will be performing and showcasing their pieces from this year for you at the Performer's concert. The Senior choir are preparing for Remembrance Day also and will perform on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November. You are invited to attend the service in TCBC at 10.30am. Both choirs will join together in the next coming weeks prepare for our school Christmas concert.

**Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments**

We would love for some parents to help wash the shirts for the last time this year after our performer's concert. If you are available to help, come and grab a bag



after the concert and let me know that you have them.

All instruments will be collected by **Friday, 6<sup>th</sup>, December** for repairs and cleaning and to get ready for our 2020 instrumentalists.

If you are a beginner and continuing into 2020, you need to purchase your own instrument. If you need further information on this, please contact your child's instrumental teacher or myself.

If your child has outgrown their instrument or looking at upgrading, you are more than welcome to advertise the instrument through this school newsletter. We always have parents looking for good quality 2<sup>nd</sup> hand instruments. Please contact me with any information you would like published for the next newsletter.

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke

*"Life is one grand sweet song to start the music." ~Ronald Reagan*

*"Do not neglect your music, it will be a companion which will sweeten many hours of life to you." ~ Thomas Jefferson*

**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.