



The Pitch

Music News - Issue 15

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Most of our instrumental and choral children performed on Wednesday night in our last formal performance for the year. It was great to see most members of these groups turn up and perform at their best. You once again performed amazingly and we are very proud of your success and progress from the beginning of the year. Well done to you all!! ☺

INSTRUMENTAL RECRUITING 2020

Testing for our potential students will happen next week. Applications have closed. If you are still interested - forms are available at the office, but must be returned by **9am - Monday, 4th November**.

Testing for Woodwind and Brass

(Kelly Clarke-Flessner/Ruby Johnson)

WK 5 Monday, 4th November
9.00am - 2.55pm

Testing for Strings

(Carla Mulligan)

WK 5 Wednesday, 6th November
11.40am - 2.55pm

Testing for Percussion

(Ian Brunskill)

WK 5 Friday, 8th November
11.40am - 2.55pm

You will be notified of your child's success by week 6 and are expected to attend an

Wk 4 - 28th October, 2019

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November at open in room to find out further information and help you make your decision and accept your offer. This is so you are well informed of the process, we can check numbers and offer positions to children who may be on a waiting list before the end of the year.

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 2019. If you have further questions, please write them down for our instrumental information night.

1st 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 2nd 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 2nd 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. Some parents have indicated sales. Please check the bottom of this newsletter.

Strings- Carla Mulligan -

cjmul1@eq.edu.au

Wednesday 7.30 - 3

Thursday 11 - 3pm

Please check the timetable in week 5 for changes to lessons as I complete testing for our new 2020 recruits. Orchestra rehearsals are still on as per timetable as we prepare for our Christmas concert. Keep practicing for assessment also in weeks 6/7.

String Orchestra & Junior Orchestra -

Carla Mulligan

SENIOR: Senior Orchestra played Samba La Bamba and Star Dancer extremely well at our performer's concert on Wednesday. Congratulations to you all on your last formal performance.

JUNIOR: Junior Orchestra played Spy Movie 2 and Pepperoni Pizza on Wednesday night. Again, another great performance. I love your drive for success!! Keep up the great work!

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WHAT'S ON - TERM 4	
Week 5	Recruitment Testing – Please see instrumental teachers about lessons.
Week 6 Monday 11th November	Remembrance Day – Combined Choir/Concert Band 10.30am
Week 7 20th November	Recruitment Information Night – 6pm TCBC
Week 9 – Wednesday, 4th December	Christmas Carols All year levels, instrumental and Choirs 5.30 – 9pm
Week 10 – Wednesday 11th December	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony – Combined Choirs/RockBand TCBC 9am

Beginner Strings

Well done to all the beginners on your great performance at our Gala night this week. Your skills are improving greatly. Please keep up the great practice!! If you are continuing next year you need to return your note ASAP to Mrs Coleman.



CELEBRATION OF STRINGS

Congratulations to the string players who represented our school at Murray stadium last weekend in the AUSTA Celebration of Strings Festival. It was a very successful weekend of children culminating from various Townsville schools and our children played very well. Awesome Work!! ☺

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

Most of our beginner and continuing brass students attended and participated in the final music concert for the year on Wednesday night. You did a great job!! Keep practicing your scales and pieces ready for assessment in week 6/7.

Woodwind - Ruby Johnson
rjohn479@eq.edu.au
Tuesday 7.30 - 3
Friday 9 - 11

Hello Woodwinds! Everyone is doing a great job keeping up their practice and remembering to come to their lessons on time. Your assessment will be in week 7.

Concert Bands
Ruby Johnson

Both ensembles are progressing very well with the junior concert band onto their third piece of music! Please ensure students arrive 10 minutes before rehearsal starts to help set up and be

ready to start rehearsal on time. It was great to see a nice a clean store room this week with all instruments on a shelf!

A reminder that the senior concert band will be performing for the remembrance day ceremony in week 6 on Monday at 10:30am.

Percussion- Ian Brunskill -
ibrun2@eq.edu.au
Friday 11 - 3pm
NA

Junior & Senior Choirs
Fiona Coleman

Congrats to all my choristers. Again, a great performance of your beautiful singing. You should be very proud of yourselves. The choirs are no combining until the end of the year and are preparing for Remembrance Day performing on Monday, 11th November. You are invited to attend the service in TCBC at 10.30am.

Both choirs will continue rehearsals on both **Thursday's and Friday's at 2nd break** in the music room together to perform for our school Christmas concert and Year 6 Graduation.

Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments

All instruments will be collected by **Friday, 6th, 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 2nd 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.