



The Pitch

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Recruitment testing for 2020 has now been finalised. Testing was done to see if your child is suited to their preferred instrument and if they are physically able to blow it if necessary. Children were physically tested on every instrument. Unfortunately the preferred instrument is not always suited due to physical attributes, so the child is offered another choice when they see what is available to them. All children who applied received a note on Friday to inform if they have been accepted, unaccepted or put on a waiting list. Acceptance is based on assessment covering pitch, rhythm, embouchure, musicality, behaviour, numeracy, literacy and reading level achievements by the instrumental instructor, classroom music teacher and classroom teacher. We also look at how many children are continuing in the program and how many minutes of instrumental instruction has been allocated to the school for 2020. Class sizes are based on an average of 6 children per class and distributing instruments to find a balance for ensembles. All children who were accepted or put on a waiting list are expected to attend our information evening in **TCBC on Wednesday, 20th November, starting at 6pm.** This is a valuable session to find out more information on our program and your chance to ask specific questions to the instrumental teachers. Please don't forget to bring your acceptance letter to hand in on the night. We look forward to seeing all our prospective new recruits for 2020. ☺

There are parents in the school who have instruments to sell for next year's recruits. Lots of students will be upgrading or not continuing around the Townsville area, so there is a good chance you will be able to pick up a quality second hand instrument. Look in your local papers or market place through Facebook - but please get it checked thoroughly by someone to make sure repairs if any will not outweigh the cost of the instrument. **We strongly discourage buying from ebay.** If you have an instrument to sell - please let me know and we can post on the Facebook page for you. You will need to supply the instrument, brand, cost, contact name and number.

Swimming Yrs 3 & 4

There may be timetable changes to accommodate the years 3 & 4 attending swimming lessons for the next few weeks. If this affects you - please notify your instrumental teachers in advance.

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WHAT'S ON - TERM 4	
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 9 – Friday 6th December	All school instruments to be collected and stored at school.
Week 10 – Wednesday 11th December	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony – Combined Choirs/RockBand TCBC 9am



Strings- Carla Mulligan -

cjmul1@eq.edu.au

Wednesday 7.30 - 3

Thursday 11 - 3pm

Hard to believe we are almost at the end of our year!! Please don't forget to keep coming to lessons and bringing your instruments and books with you.

Our last lesson will be week 9 where we will clean our instruments and return the cellos for the holidays. I am very proud of all the progress that has been made and the enthusiasm and dedication you have all shown towards your music!

String Orchestra & Junior Orchestra -

Carla Mulligan

String Orchestra's will continue rehearsing at their usual times until our final Christmas concert! Notes were distributed last week in regards to combining the orchestra's for morning rehearsals starting at 8am in the music rehearsal room.

Brass- Kelly Clarke-Flesser -

kclar205@eq.edu.au

Monday 11 - 3

I'm impressed with the enthusiasm in lessons and dedication to practise in readiness for your assessment. I'm looking forward to hearing you play. Please remember that all school instruments need to be bathed and cleaned before you return them in week 9. It is the expectation of the school that all instruments are returned in the same perfectly clean condition in which they were loaned at the beginning of the year.

If you are unsure, please contact me for further information.

Woodwind - Ruby Johnson

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Tuesday 7.30 - 3

Friday 9 - 11

Hi Woodwinds! Everyone is doing a great job remembering their lesson times. Please keep it up! Just another reminder that assessment is happening. Our go for green chart is filling up with a lot of green! Everyone has made a great effort to increase their practise this year and is developing very well.

Concert Bands

Ruby Johnson

Thank you senior band for your wonderful performance at the Remembrance Day ceremony on Monday morning. We only have one more performance for the year, Carols! We will be rehearsing a Christmas piece for this in the next few rehearsals. Junior band will be playing selected carols from their sound innovations book!

Percussion- Ian Brunskill -

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Friday 11 - 3pm

All assessment is being finalized and the children have done a great job. We need to be better organized in getting to lessons. Awesome work achieved by our new intake of beginners. Keep up the great practise and work!! ☺



Junior & Senior Choirs

Fiona Coleman

What a wonderful ceremony and performance at our Remembrance Day service on Monday by our Senior & Junior Choirs. The sound you achieved this year is truly beautiful. Congratulations and many thanks to all our wonderful choir singers.

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.

If your child is eligible for borrowing their instrument again for next year if it is not needed for repairs, you may keep it to practise over the holidays. A holiday loan agreement form must be signed. You need

to see Mrs Coleman or your instrumental teacher ASAP.

Instrumental Loan fee is \$100 for the year and there will also be a \$50 program fee next year to cover resourcing, uniform and Eisteddfod bus. All fees are compulsory and must be paid prior to your child receiving the instrument and participating. You will be invoiced in 2020 for this.

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.