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Music News - Issue 17

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This is our last newsletter from the music department for the year. A big thank you to all our choral and instrumental music members for 2019 and parents. We could not have had such a successful year with our Austa Strings Festival, Combined Schools Concert, Choral Workshop, Performance and Gala nights and other school events without your help in getting your children to rehearsals and lessons. Organisation, persistence, confidence and resilience are all life-long learning skills that your child has accomplished well this year. We look forward to continuing our successful program with your help in 2020.

All the best to our graduating year 6 students. Thank you for your contribution to our music program, your dedication to our group is greatly appreciated. We hope your music journey continues into high school and you fulfil your dreams and take with you lots of great memories of your childhood experiences. Don't forget to come back and visit us!! 😊

Thanks to our instrumental teachers for the extra time they give to our school to assist our children in performing their best for all our concerts.

Have a lovely Christmas break and may your time with family and friends be joyful and relaxing. Enjoy the moments as they are what make those cherished memories with loved ones. Merry Christmas!! 😊

★★ School Christmas Concert ★★

All children are preparing for the end of year Christmas concert during classroom music lessons. They are all excited about dressing up in their Christmas attire and performing for everyone on stage. All year levels will perform 2 songs each on **Wednesday, 4th December**. Everyone is invited to bring a blanket/chairs/beanbags to sit on and have a picnic dinner. The scout group are cooking up a BBQ for people to purchase food. Drinks, Ice cream and the coffee van will also be available from about 5pm onwards with the event starting when the sun goes down around 6.30pm.

It is a great night of festivities and a great whole school activity where everyone can relax, dress up and enjoy a great night of entertainment. There will also be performances from our school ensembles, bands and combined choir. We hope to see many of you there.

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WHAT'S ON - TERM 4	
Week 9 – Wednesday, 4th December	Christmas Carols All year levels, instrumental and Choirs 6.30 – 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 TCBC 9am



Strings- Carla Mulligan -

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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! All the best for a great holiday break and look forward to working with you in 2020!!

String Orchestra & Junior Orchestra -

Carla Mulligan

String Orchestra's will continue rehearsing at their usual times until our final Christmas concert!

Brass- Kelly Clarke-Flesser -

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Monday 11 - 3

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. Thank you for a wonderful year and I look forward to more music making in 2020. 😊

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. Lessons will continue until week 9 - so please be prepared. First year instruments will be collected and checked to be sent away for repairs and cleaning after the Christmas Concert. Thanks for a wonderful year!! Enjoy your holidays and see you all in 2020!!

Concert Bands

Ruby Johnson

We only have one more performance for the year, Carols! Rehearsals are going well. Please ensure you are doing home practise if you are missing rehearsals due to swimming so you can still perform. Junior band will be playing selected carols from their sound innovations book! Dress up your instruments with festive cheer for the night.

Percussion- Ian Brunskill -

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Friday 11 - 3pm

Thanks for a productive year and I'm looking forward to working with you all in 2020. Have a great break! 😊



Junior & Senior Choirs

Fiona Coleman

Congratulations and many thanks to all our wonderful choir singers. We are very proud of your efforts this year and look forward to you becoming a member again in 2020. We will hold auditions for positions next year. See you all at our Christmas Carol performances and Graduation!

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 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.** Please see admin if you need a financial plan.

Thanks again for all your support this year. Have a lovely Christmas and see you all again in 2020. ☺

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.