



The Willows State School

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# *The Pitch*

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Welcome back to all our students. It was lovely to see so many happy faces ready for learning with their friends and back in their classes. It was great to see so many children active on the elearn and completing their weekly set tasks and completing the challenge sheets. We shared some of them on facebook for all to see. Keeping up practise on your own was an amazing effort. Well done to you all.

Term 2 timetables have been emailed out to families and teachers. They are also on the board outside the music room. Please ensure your child is ready for learning on their day with instrument and music. Getting back into routine will take a little while, but most have turned up ontime this week and eager to get back into playing.

Unfortunately at this time we are unable to have mass gatherings - therefore all rehearsals for orchestra, rock band, concert band and choir are postponed until further notice. We look forward to when we can restart again and look forward to sharing our music making with you soon.

The Townsville Eisteddfod has also been cancelled this year and there will be no competition during term 3. We will endeavor to showcase our musical talents in other ways. Keep an eye on this space.

**Strings- Carla Mulligan -**  
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**Wednesday 7.30 - 3**

**Thursday 11 - 3pm**

Hi Amazing Willows Strings!

It is fantastic to have started lessons at school again. For the remainder of term we will be having our weekly lessons. Make sure you bring your instrument and music folder, and check your lesson time each week to come on time and rock out!

It is important that every string student starts getting back into a routine, though I understand it may take some time. Start at home by setting up a practice schedule for when you are going to play your instrument. Pick THREE times that you can spend on your instrument improving. Mum and Dad, your support in this is a very big key to your child improving and when they can see progress they enjoy playing more!

I ask all students to practice a minimum of three times a week, the length of each practice session changes for the year level: Beginners (Year 3) - 10minutes, Year 4 - 15minutes, Year 5 - 20 minutes, Year 6 - 25minutes.

Go for Green is kick starting again. Fill out those practice books and I'll make sure there are prizes for those students who get greens every week!



**String Orchestra Orchestra** -

**Carla Mulligan**

Orchestra is postponed until further notice. Hopefully it will be able to start again soon.

**Brass**- Kelly Clarke-Flesser -

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**Monday 11 - 3,**

It was so lovely to see you all and hear all about your music learning that has occurred over the last 5 weeks. I loved seeing your creativity with the fun instrument and photo challenges we set and so did the TWSS school community via the school's facebook page.

In our first face-to-face Brass lessons yesterday, we focussed on:

- Setting the routine and procedures towards lesson attendance
- Engaging with the Go for Green chart again
- Revised work from online lessons and worked through playing issues that popped up
- Explored rhythms and beats with "music math" flashcards (beginners)
- Enjoying the company of each other and making music together in the music block!

Timetables have been emailed home to print out and put on the fridge! Can't wait to see you all again next week and don't forget to practice your instrument!

**Percussion**- Ian Brunskill -

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**Friday 11 - 3pm**

NA

**Woodwind** - Ruby Johnson

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**Tuesday 7.30 - 3**

**Friday 9 - 11**

Welcome back to term 2! Everyone has done such a great job in continuing their musical learning at home. It is great to hear that so many students continued to practice and use the book to develop their skills. I am totally amazed at how much students have progressed by them self! Now we are back in the classroom and can make and share music together.

It is important that students find their practice routine and practice their instrument at least 3 times a week for 15 minutes. Each practice session does not need to be long! It has been great getting back into lessons this week and hopefully we can share our music with you soon.

**Concert Band**

**Tuesday 8.00am**

**Ruby Johnson**

No concert band rehearsal due to Covid-19. Hopefully we'll be together soon.

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke