



The Pitch

Music News - Issue 8

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Welcome Back to Term 3!!

Timetables for Term 3 are on display outside the music room and have been emailed to class teachers and given to your child. Children should be organized and prepared with their instrument and books and know when lessons are. It is the child's responsibility to remind their class teacher for when they will be out of class.

Please be aware we are following the COVID guidelines set out by QLD DOE for lessons and rehearsals as follows.

Instrumental music programs, ensembles and choirs are able to rehearse in the school environment provided the following safety protocols are in place:

- at least 1.5 metres between singers/players in all directions and no more than 1 person per 4m²
- choirs or bands that usually use a stage may need to move down to the hall floor to ensure physical distancing. Podiums/platforms with risers should not be used.
- where possible, choir practice should be held outdoors. If it is not possible to hold practice outdoors, open windows and doors or ensure air conditioning is on.
- ensure students clean hands before and after the lesson
- ensure instruments are not shared
- students should not face each other when singing or playing wind instruments

- students with wind instruments should have their own spit rag, which is placed under the instrument while it is being played. The spit rag should not be handled by anyone else and should be kept by the student in a zip-lock bag or container.

Inter-school and external venue rehearsals or performances are not to be undertaken at this time.

The Instrumental Music Program guidelines for managing hazards associated with COVID-19 provides guidance regarding risk management strategies and hygiene requirements that must be in place.

Queensland Department of Education

Instrumental Music

Covid-19 Considerations

Wash Hands Wash hands with soap and water before and after entering teaching and rehearsal space	
Percussion Clean and sanitise shared sticks and mallets after each player Use own sticks and mallets if possible Clean and sanitise instruments held and dampened by hands after each player	Strings Clean instrument after use Use your own instrument accessories
Woodwind & Brass Clean instrument after use Empty water valves onto disposable paper Use your own instrument accessories	
Ensemble One stand per player Clean chairs and stands after use Empty water valves onto disposable paper Use own resources (pencils, music etc) Ensure physical distancing of 1.5m for each ensemble member	

Please see administration if you have further questions.



Strings- Carla Mulligan -

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Monday 11.40am - 3pm

Thursday 8am - 3pm

The adjustment to our new lesson days have gone extremely well. Thank you to everyone for making this happen. Below are those days:

Monday - Beginner Strings

Thursday - Continuing lessons and String Orchestra

This term we have two assessments to aim for. Week 4 sight reading test and Week 8 a solo assessment.

String Orchestra Orchestra -

Carla Mulligan

As you know, rehearsals take place before school at 7:50am Thursday in the TCBC.

We want everyone to be tuned and ready to play by 8am.

It's been wonderful combining all grade 4-6 students. We now have about 30 students in the orchestra! What a sound!

Make sure you arrive at 7:50am at the latest on Wednesday at the TCBC Conference room.

Brass- Kelly Clarke-Flesser -

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Monday 11 - 3,

Hey Brassies, I'm looking forward this term to focussing our attention on enjoying our music making and practice new skills to help improve our skills as players. The only way we improve as musicians is to continually practice our skills at home and strive for accuracy in any piece we play. Ensure you are really listening to yourself as you play and don't just play the bits that are easy as this is not an efficient way to fix the problems that occur in a piece. Looking forward to seeing you in your lesson.

Percussion- Ian Brunskill -

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Friday 11 - 3pm

Just a reminder that lessons will continue on a rotational timetable which will conflict with the years 5 & 6 doing afternoon sport. It is an expectation that children are still attending lessons and will for that week miss out on part of their afternoon sport. Please ensure you are equipped for your lessons and turning up on time. Timetables are on display outside the room, in your child's class and a copy handed to your child. Please email me if you have any concerns.



Woodwind - Ruby Johnson

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Tuesday 7.30 - 3

Friday 9 - 11

Hi everyone, We have made a great start to term 3 with some wonderful playing! Students are organised, know when their lesson times are and are doing some great home practice. Small but frequent practice sessions throughout the week make for excellent and steady progress. These practice sessions only need to be 15 minutes long. Try schedule them in during the week and remember to give yourself some days off as well!

SENIOR Concert Band

Tuesday 8.00am

Ruby Johnson

The concert had an amazing rehearsal this morning! We focused on making the nicest sound we can out of our instruments and sitting up nice and tall. We have made a good start to a new piece of music and we cannot wait to perform it for you.

BEGINNER Concert Band

Tuesday 1.10pm

Ruby Johnson

The beginner band had their first rehearsal last week. There were lots of loud sounds as well as familiar tunes coming out of the music block. A reminder that this band will rehearse every Tuesday at second break (1:10pm) for the remainder

of the year. I can't wait to see what this ensemble can achieve throughout the year!

Junior & Senior Choirs

Fiona Coleman

The junior choir are so enthused with their song preparations for when they next get to perform. Rehearsal is going well and everyone is turning up on time in the right place. They are putting in 110% effort in learning their parts and performing at their best. Great work Juniors!!

The senior choir are going well also, but there are a lot of reminders needed and students are arriving late which doesn't leave us much time for a full rehearsal. Please ensure we are prepared and getting there on time so we can get the most out of our practices to prepare for any upcoming events.

Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments

Please ensure your child is collecting their instrument to take home. We do not want them stored at school. Keep up the practise when you can!!

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke

The true beauty of music is that it connects people. It carries a message, and we, the musicians, are the messengers. ~ Roy Ayers

Music is the strongest form of Magic. ~ Marilyn Manson



**GO FOR GREEN - Recognition of
Practice and Great Work**

~ ~ STARTS THIS TERM!! ~ ~

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.