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Thanks to everyone following the COVID-19 guidelines.

Our Senior Concert Band are getting excited as they prepare their pieces for the Victorian School Music Festival.

<http://www.vsmf.com.au/>

This is an online competition where we are able to record and submit the entry online and be adjudicated for a platinum, gold, silver, bronze or participation award. This is a great opportunity for our instrumental students to be working towards. The recording will happen in week 10. We have 3 more rehearsals to prepare. Lots of practise and dedication to rehearsals are expected over the next few weeks. Please ensure you are individually practicing your part so it works together as an ensemble. Your efforts will be rewarded!! Good luck! ☺

Notes will be sent home in coming weeks with further information and media release.

Children who have applied to be part of the **Kirwan Creative Arts Academy** are asked to have submitted their application by **Friday, 21st August**. Letters will be sent out to all applicants notifying you of specific audition details. **Creative Arts Auditions** are being held at the music block. You will be notified of your application success in the first couple of weeks of term 4.

WHAT'S ON - TERM 3

Week 6 Wednesday 19 August	Music Photos
Week 10 Tuesday, 15 th September	Senior Concert Band – Recording for Victorian Music Festival. TCBC 7.45am – 11am.

Strings- Carla Mulligan -

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Monday 11.40am - 3pm

Thursday 8am - 3pm

LESSONS! They are going great. Well done to almost all students for coming on time to their lessons with their instruments!

PRACTICE! We have been seeing a lot of Yellows lately on our Go for Green Chart. With assessment around the corner, start aiming to do a minimum of 3-4 times per week to receive a green dot. Consistency will help you to improve quickly! You can do it!

PLEASE TALK. I try my best to help you get better in whatever way I can. BUT I can not help you if I don't know! For example; if you are needing more of a challenge and need new inspiration, having lots of trouble with a particular bar and it's getting you down. Remember you can chat to me and I will help in the best way I can.



String Orchestra Orchestra -

Carla Mulligan

Orchestra will continue at 7:50am in the TCBC each Thursday. Everyone is doing a great job coming each week! Keep it up!

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

Brass- Kelly Clarke-Flessner -

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Monday 11 - 3,

Hey Brassies,

Yesterday we officially started our new system to help students to achieve manageable practice and performance goals within their method book. Miss Johnson and myself have called it "Band Karate" and it involves students aiming to play certain songs as a solo for the teacher and group. The overall goal is to practice regularly to help you play these songs and therefore move your name tile across the belt posters and collect the corresponding belt colours. We hope these smaller manageable performance goals will motivate students to practice at home and get excited about learning new pieces rather than being apprehensive!

At times the belt songs will correlate with assessment pieces, but students have been explicitly told that this is not always the case. First and foremost belt songs are a tool to help with practice and improving your playing skills in general and therefore students need to STILL PRACTICE the other songs set for homework by the teacher.

Band Karate



Finally, different brass groups have different assessment due dates this term:

Group A, B, C: Week 8 Term 3

Group D: Week 9 Term 3

Group E: Week 8 Term 3



Percussion- Ian Brunskill -

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Friday 11 - 3pm

The percussion groups have been working on percussion ensemble pieces which they look forward to performing once restrictions are lifted. All students have a circled piece in their books to practise at home. I look forward to hearing how these are going in the next lessons. Keep up the great effort!! 😊

Woodwind - Ruby Johnson

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Tuesday 7.30 - 3

Friday 9 - 11

All of our woodwind and brass students are becoming band ninjas and are working towards a black belt in 'Band Karate'! Students move up the belt system when they have successfully played three specific songs for their instrumental group and teacher. Students have the band karate goals glued in the front of their book so they know what they are to practice and achieve. The students are loving the competition between each other and are setting goals in their practice and musical development.

SENIOR Concert Band

Tuesday 8.00am

Ruby Johnson

The Senior Concert Band and working towards the Victorian Schools Music Festival. This year the festival is an online event that is open to school ensembles around Australia. The ensemble is required to video record two pieces of music as if they are performing at a competition. Each ensemble is also required to learn a set piece of music. This is a piece of music that the festival have chosen for each ensemble to play. All video entries will be collated and live streamed so everyone can watch and listen to each other. Each ensemble receive an adjudication, audio feedback over the top of the submitted video and an award of platinum, gold, silver or bronze. This is a great opportunity for this ensemble and we can't wait to begin working towards it.

BEGINNER Concert Band

Tuesday 1.10pm

Ruby Johnson

Everyone is playing so well and making great progress each week in the rehearsal!! Keep up the practice and remember smaller more frequent practice sessions are a lot more valuable than one long session in the week. Look forward to hearing you play next week!! 😊



Junior & Senior Choirs

Fiona Coleman

The junior choir attendance has been amazing and they are so excited putting in a lot of effort with their pieces. Keep up the amazing enthusiasm!!

Junior Rehearsals are Thursday's at 2nd break.

Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments

Some instruments are being left in the instrumental storage over the weekends. 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

*I would teach children music, physics,
and philosophy; but most importantly
MUSIC, for in the patterns of music
and all the arts are the keys of learning.
~ Plato*

*Music education opens doors that help
children pass from school into the
world around them – a world of work,
culture, intellectual activity, and human
involvement. The future of our nation
depends on providing our children with
a complete education that includes
music. ~ President Gerald Ford*

GO FOR GREEN!!

Recognition of Practice and Great Work

Have you been rewarded for your efforts this term?

GREEN DOT: I attended my lesson, practiced AND brought all of my equipment. I am doing my very best to be a better musician.

YELLOW DOT: I attended my lesson but I DIDN'T practice enough this week. I need to practice to be a better musician.

RED DOT: I attended my lesson but I didn't bring my instrument and/or book and/or folder. I need to work on my organization.