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Thanks again to everyone following the COVID-19 guidelines.

Congratulations to the Senior Concert Band who performed extremely well at the recording for the Victorian School Music Festival on Tuesday. They sounded amazing and we hope you are able to join in the livestream next term. We'll send out confirmation of times once we are advised. GOOD LUCK!!

Well done to the instrumentalists who auditioned and KSHS this week. You will be advised early next term on your acceptance. We hope it all went well.

INSTRUMENTAL RECRUITING 2021

We have very limited spots for our new recruits to our instrumental program for 2021. This is determined on instrumental teachers, time allocation, school instruments and current students already in the program. Selected children in years 3 and interested children in year 2 will receive an application to apply for testing. Any child in years 3, 4 & 5 who would like to be considered can collect an application form from the office.

Acceptance to the program is based on subject achievement, behaviour, parental support and whether or not your child is physically attributed to their chosen instrument.

Education Queensland states that only children in years 2 are invited to the strings program and years 3 - 5 for

woodwind, brass and percussion. **If your child in year 2 is not interested in learning a string instrument**, you are asked to wait until the next intake at the end of next year.

Forms must be returned no later than **Friday, 23rd October** so your child can sit an aural/written test in **week 4**.

Due to COVID, we are restricted on how testing will occur. Children interested in strings and percussion will undergo testing as normal. If your child is interested in woodwind or brass, we are hoping that your child can be physically tested on the instrument early 2021. You will be notified of your child's success by week 7 and are expected to attend an **Information Evening on Wednesday, 18th November** to find out further information.

If your child is accepted, there will be a cost of purchasing instrumental requirements (book, folder, stand, accessories), compulsory music program fee of \$50 and an instrumental hire fee of \$100 for the year unless a violin/viola player. We look forward to seeing our prospective players join our program for 2021. If you have further questions, please come and see us.

Current instrumentalists in years 3 - 5 will also receive a note on whether they are continuing for 2021. It is important that this note is returned by **Friday, 23rd October** or ASAP so we can allocate numbers for our 2021 instrumental



program. If your child is not continuing, you must let their teacher know ASAP.

1st Year Instrumentalists

A reminder that our first year instrumentalists will be required to hand back their instruments at the end of term 4 so they are cleaned and repaired for our 2021 new recruits. Our 2020 beginner players have excelled greatly with their newly acquired skills and are sounding fabulous. We would hope that a lot of them are continuing in 2021. You will be required to purchase your own instrument as mentioned at our recruiting night and now is a good time to start looking for a good quality 2nd hand instrument.

We do have a list available on preferred brands and further information on purchasing your own instrument that is attached to the continuing note. There are a lot of good 2nd hand instruments around at a good price - you just have to find them. There are a lot of stores with various payment plans available also. Please ask your child's instrumental teacher for further information on purchasing and brands to look for if you require further information.

If you play our more expensive instruments such as cellos, tenor sax, bass clarinet, double bass, euphonium, baritone and tuba, you will be loaned the instrument again in 2021.

If you would like further information in regards to continuing in the program or about our recruiting process, please come and see one of us.

If you are upgrading your child's instrument and wish to sell it, I'm happy to add to the newsletter. Please send me the

instrument and contact details via email and I'll publish in the next newsletter.

PERFORMERS CONCERT

Wednesday, 28th October,
2020

6PM

Parent Free Event -

More INFO to come

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| WHAT'S ON - TERM 4 | |
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| Week 3 Friday, 23rd October | Music Photos – Junior Choir, Percussion, Brass. TBC |
| Week 4 | Recruitment Testing – No Lessons Times TBA |
| Week 4 Wednesday, 28th October | Performers Concert – All instrumentalists and choirs Live Stream – More info TBA |
| Week 7 Wednesday, 18th November | Instrumental Recruiting Information Night – 6PM |

Strings- Carla Mulligan -
cjmul1@eq.edu.au

Monday 11.40am - 3pm
Thursday 8am - 3pm

Congratulations on reaching the end of term! Well done on playing beautifully and learning many new songs this term.

Many of you have displayed exceptional effort in your home practice this term. Those that have seven or eight green



stickers on the Strings sticker chart this term will be receiving a tuck shop voucher for a Zooper Duper as a reward. Well done to those students!

Because of the public holiday on the first Monday next term, the Beginner strings lessons will commence lessons in Week 2 to next term.

Continuing strings lessons will start back up the first Thursday, Week 1, Term 4.

String Orchestra Orchestra - Carla Mulligan

Despite the challenges of COVID-19, such as not being able to do our usual performances, you have all kept a very positive attitude throughout this term. Rehearsals have been both productive and fun. You are sounding fantastic as a group and a really starting to sing!

So that you can share your amazing music, we are working to organise new performance opportunities for you next term - Week 1, Thursday the 8th October, 7:50am.

Have a wonderful holiday, stay safe, and I will see you next term!

Brass- Kelly Clarke-Flesser - kclar205@eq.edu.au

Monday 11 - 3,

Hey Brassies,
Term 3 is almost over - woohoo! However, the holidays do not start until Friday afternoon!! Please continue to practise your instrument until then (at least 😊).

Good luck to Senior Concert Band with your recording this week for the online music competition. I know you will represent the school and our fabulous music program to the highest standard. Go Willows!

The Term 4 timetable has been uploaded, please check for any changes prior to the first lesson commencing in week 1.

Band Karate

How are you progressing? Practise over the holidays may get your do your goal.

What colour belt do you want after the holidays?



Percussion- Ian Brunskill - ibrun2@eq.edu.au **Friday 11 - 3pm**

Keep up the great practise on your pieces and have them ready to perform. A reminder that you have a piece for assessment due to play on the first Friday back after the holiday's. Lesons have been rearranged on the last Friday to accommodate for the Colour Run. Have a great holiday and don't forget to practise!!
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Woodwind - Ruby Johnson

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Tuesday 7.30 - 3

Friday 9 - 11

All woodwind students have successfully completed their performance assessment for the term. Everyone was well prepared for their performance. As well as successfully performing their assessment, students are also ticking goals off on their band karate chart and working their way through the different coloured belts. This system has been great for keeping students on track and keeping their music learning interesting and fun!

SENIOR Concert Band

Tuesday 8.00am

Ruby Johnson

The Senior Concert Band had a great morning on Tuesday recording for the Victoria Schools Music Festival. We spent the morning session working with Mr Schimke and the videographer to produce a performance video of two songs. We performed Ayre and Dance and Pandemonium. We have only been working on Pandemonium for a few weeks and we are so happy with how it is sounding. All entries for the Festival will be live streamed next term.

BEGINNER Concert Band

Tuesday 1.10pm

Ruby Johnson

Well done to the ongoing commitment of the beginners. You are playing well and I am really pleased with your progress. I look forward to next term and showcasing your efforts to the school community.

Junior & Senior Choirs

Fiona Coleman

Both the Junior and Senior Choirs will be performing at lunch times early next term. Please ensure children are attending all rehearsals as we prepare to entertain our school children. The juniors have had some fun working with Mrs McKenzie in doing some AUSLAN to use with one of our pieces. Have a great holiday and see you next term! ☺

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

Children who have received green all term for their efforts have been awarded a zooper dooper. Congratulations to all the students practicing, attending lessons and doing the best they can!!

How are you tracking for next term?
What is your goal?

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.