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Term 4 Wk 1/2 - 6th - 16th October, 2020

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Hope you all enjoyed your break with family and friends. Welcome back as we prepare for a busy term 4.

Unfortunately there will be no Gala performances this term to showcase the instrumental and choral efforts this year. We are currently recording at our rehearsals so we can share with you our progress and what we have been doing. This will be showcased on the school FB page and in conjunction with State Education week - 'Extraordinary Education'. It is an expectation that all children are in attendance to rehearsals as a requirement of being part of the instrumental/choral programs so we can record at our best to share with the community.

INSTRUMENTAL RECRUITING 2021

All notes for prospective instrumentalists have been sent home last Friday and are due back no later than this **Friday, 23rd October**. Current instrumentalists need to have returned your continuing note by this date also so we can plan for our next intake. Testing for our potential students will happen in Week 4.

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. Children in years 2 & 3 have received 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 Tuesday, 17th November** at 6pm in TCBC 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 have received 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.

Date Claimer

WHAT'S ON - TERM 4	
Week 3 Friday, 23rd October	Music Photos – Junior Choir, Percussion, Brass. TBC
Week 3 Monday 19th October	NO Beginner Lessons – Alternate timetable for Thursday
Week 4 – Monday 26th October- Wind/Brass/Percussion) Thursday 29th October – Strings Friday 30th October - Percussion	Recruitment Testing – Check timetable for changes to lessons – Orchestra and Band rehearsals as per timetable
Week 7 Tuesday, 17th November	Instrumental Recruiting Information Night – 6PM - TCBC



Strings- Carla Mulligan -

cjmul1@eq.edu.au

Monday 11.40am - 3pm

Thursday 8am - 3pm

In Week 4 there will be no lessons during the day as I will be testing the Grade 2's for our 2021 intake. However, there will still be orchestra before school.

BEGINNER STRINGS

In Week 3 Beginner Strings Students will have their lesson on Thursday the 22nd Oct, NOT Monday 19th.

The reason for this change is that on Monday I have a program at Kirwan SHS to attend. I have shuffled the timetable around slightly to include the Beginner Strings so that they do not miss having a lesson next week.

Please find a copy of the alternate Week 3 Strings Timetable in your email sent on Thursday, 15/10. Teachers have received copies of this alternate timetable for Week 3 also.

We are currently working on two performances this term. Firstly, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star. Secondly, they will also perform Jingle Bells for the Christmas Concert recording session in Week 8.

Thank you for your continual support.

String Orchestra Orchestra -

Carla Mulligan

In Week 1 in the TCBC we recorded two songs that the orchestra had learned last term. This was our first performance as an orchestra this year! They played very well! We will be posting this video on Facebook soon.

Weekly rehearsals for

TWSS String Orchestra will continue every week up to week 8.

We will be rehearsing for a Christmas Concert recording session in Week 8.

Brass- Kelly Clarke-Flesser -

kclar205@eq.edu.au

Monday 11 - 3,

Welcome to term 4!

This term all brass groups are expected to work hard and try to improve their playing skills using 2 tracking systems to understand your performance goals:

- Working through the method book and Band Karate songs checklist to collect at least one more belt this term.
- Trying to get through the current Instrumental music Curriculum playing level ready for the next level up in 2021.

Work hard, be organised, attend lessons with a focused attitude and let's see what you can achieve by the end of 2020!



Band Karate

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

How are you progressing?



Percussion - Ian Brunskill -

ibrun2@eq.edu.au

Friday 11 - 3pm

NA

Woodwind - Ruby Johnson

rjohn479@eq.edu.au

Tuesday 7.30 - 3

Friday 9 - 11

Welcome back to term 4! The students have had a great start to the term. They are setting goals through their band karate check list and moving through the coloured belts.

Woodwind students will perform their assessment in week 7 this term. We are working towards learning new techniques and musical concepts through their method books.

SENIOR Concert Band

Tuesday 8.00am

Ruby Johnson

Both concert bands are working towards recording their pieces of music to share with the Willows community. They will both record their music in week 5.

Junior & Senior Choirs

Fiona Coleman

Both choirs will be performing and showcasing their pieces from this year for you during recorded rehearsals. This will be published through FB and Education Queensland in State Education week in week 4. Both choirs will join together in the next coming weeks prepare for our Christmas singing.

Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments

All instruments will be collected by Friday, 27th November (End of week 8) for repairs and cleaning and to get ready for our 2021 instrumentalists.

If you are a beginner and continuing into 2021, 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.

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

Children who have received green all term for their efforts have been awarded a zooper dooper.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the following students practicing, attending lessons and doing the best they can!! You need to collect your voucher and go to D Pod to collect your Zooper Dooper.

Strings - Kailah W, Leidyn G, Chloe C, Sarah B, Celena T, Hannah R, Daisy S, Adrienne H, Brooklyn C, Ira C, Makayla H

Brass – Stella M, Evie M, Lily BB, Seth R, Isla B, Mahir H, Evie L.

Woodwind - 12 students to be notified.

How are you tracking for this 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.