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Music News - Issue 13

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Term 4 Wk 3/4 - 26th Oct - 6th Nov, 2020

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I hope this week you had the chance to sit back and enjoy the EXTRAORDINARY performances of our instrumental and choral groups on Facebook as we celebrated State Education Week. The children were excited to be part of the recording processes and getting pictures. We hope to share more with you before the end of the year. Well done to all our performers!! ☺

Photos have all now been taken. If you'd like to purchase a copy, you need to contact the office to get information on how to purchase. I believe a discount was offered for early purchases.

INSTRUMENTAL RECRUITING 2021

Testing for our potential students interested in learning an instrument happened this week. Applications have closed.

Testing for Woodwind and Brass

(Kelly Clarke-Flessner/Ruby Johnson)

WK 4 Monday, 26th October
9.00am - 2.55pm

Testing for Strings

(Carla Mulligan)

WK 4 Thursday, 29th October
9.00 - 2.55pm

Testing for Percussion

(Ian Brunskill)

WK 4/5

Friday, 30th October
11.40am - 2.55pm

You will be notified of your child's success by week 6 and are expected to attend an **Information Evening on Tuesday, 17th November at 6pm in TCBC Conference room** to find out further information and help you make your decision and accept your offer. This is so you are well informed of the process, we can check numbers and offer positions to children who may be on a waiting list before the end of the year.

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 2019. If you have further questions, please write them down for our instrumental information night.

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 7 Tuesday, 17th November	Instrumental Recruiting Information Night – 6PM - TCBC

SHEP

(State Honours Ensemble Program)

SHEP provides an opportunity for wind, brass, percussion, string and voice students to work in an intensive environment of musical excellence with their peers, under the leadership of a team of eminent conductors from the Queensland Conservatorium, Griffith University. Congratulations to Isabella C and Jessica M who participated in the middle school program for voice with other North Queensland children at Ryan College on the weekend. The students achieved well both musically and socially represented the school admirably and you should be very proud of their commitment, achievements and attitude. Well done girls!! 😊

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

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

There were no String lessons last week due to recruitment testing There will still be String Orchestra before school.

A reminder that strings assessment is taking place in **Week 7.**



String Orchestra Orchestra - Carla Mulligan

Last week we started learning new Christmas Songs in String Orchestra. Each week we will be aiming to learn new sections in each piece. So it is important that you play these songs at home each week to keep them in your fingers. We are aiming to record them in a Christmas Performance in Week 8.

Please be mindful that all students arrive at 7:50am on Thursday morning before school. All String students in year 4-6 are expected to attend.

**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,**

Brass students will be performing their assessment in week 7. Students have been studying scales and pieces of music with new concepts and making great progress in their band karate goals.

Students are setting goals, planning their home practice and succeeding in their lessons and band rehearsals. Keep up the great work everyone!!

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**

Assessment is in week 7. Please be organized and on time ready to perform. See you then ☺

**Woodwind - Ruby Johnson
rjohn479@eq.edu.au
Tuesday 7.30 - 3
Friday 9 - 11**

Woodwind students will be performing their assessment in week 7. They have been studying scales and pieces of music with new concepts and making great progress in their band karate goals. Students are setting goals, planning their home practice and succeeding in their lessons and band rehearsals.



SENIOR Concert Band

Tuesday 8.00am

Ruby Johnson

Keep your eyes open for the Senior and Junior band recordings on The Willows Facebook page. This is in celebration of State Education Week and our extraordinary instrumental music students!

Junior & Senior Choirs

Fiona Coleman

Congrats to all my choristers. A great performance of your beautiful singing shared with our community on facebook. You should be very proud of yourselves in what's been a challenging year. This is great preparation and readiness for what will be a fabulous 2021 year of music making!! 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, Adrianne H, Brooklyn C, Ira C, Makayla H

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

Woodwind - Elleanor C, Tyler T, Darcy H, Zoe N, Isabelle S, Emma R, Isabella C, Sophie LS, Molly B, Abbygael D, Emily G, Christian N, Courtney Z, Kasey A.



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.