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Music News - Issue 4

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A short newsletter this fortnight with some reminders from the last one. Term 2 timetables will be emailed to you from your instrumental teacher. If you don't receive a copy, please let us know. Lessons and rehearsals will continue **as normal day 1, week 1 of term 2**. Your child's classroom teacher will receive a copy of the term 2 timetable as has your child. Our goal this term is to have no interruptions to lessons and getting to lessons on time without reminders. Please ensure you have a copy of the timetable viewable at home to help with these organizational skills. There have been some minor changes with some groups.

We will be involved in **Choral Fanfare** this year. Fanfare is a statewide competition for Choral students from Queensland state schools only. It happens every 2nd year. Both our Junior and Senior Choirs will be participating. Please claim the date - **Friday 7th May (TBC)** in your diaries!! ☺ ***It is an expectation that every member of the choirs attend rehearsals. This is an online entry and recordings will be done at school.*** Notes will be sent home with more information in term 2.

Congratulations to all the instrumental children working hard on **GOING GREEN** and demonstrating some fantastic playing. Also earning extra stars for their star charts. The energy and enthusiasm is fantastic. Keep up the great practising and efforts - Even over the holiday's!!

Wk 8/9 - 15 Mar - 26 Mar, 2021

Trevor Schimke - tschi15@eq.edu.au

A reminder for practise incase you missed it last newsletter. ☺

Go for Green - To assist with practise!

THE IMPORTANCE OF PRACTISE

When new pieces and scales are learnt in the lesson it is important to go over these new ideas often so we are familiar and comfortable with the new songs. This enables us to feel confident and relaxed in the lessons as well and you will enjoy it a lot more! A few little things to help you.

- ❖ Keep your fingernails short!
- ❖ Organise your music bag the night before with everything you will need.
- ❖ Fill out your practise chart as soon as you have finished practising! (only count actual playing time please)
- ❖ Set a timer to help you practise. When the buzzer goes off that's your practise done!
- ❖ 60 min per week is the minimum amount to ensure progress each week.
- ❖ Set yourself a goal and try to achieve this goal. Happy playing and I look forward to the rest of term.

More info at end of newsletter!

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BAND KARATE/ BAND NINJA

How are you tracking?



Date Claimer

WHAT'S ON - TERM 2	
Friday 23 rd April	Anzac day Ceremony – 9.30am – Senior Choir
Friday 7 th May (TBC)	Choral Fanfare – Both choirs recorded at school

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

Tuesday 12pm – 3pm

Thursday 7.50am – 3pm

Lessons are going very well. Almost all students are doing lots of home practice and are all improving a lot! They are continuing to grow as musicians and in their confidence on their instruments. Thank you families for your support and help in this. I hope you get to enjoy their playing at home!

Continuing students (Thursday lessons) will have their assessment in Week 8 during their lessons and Beginner students (Tuesday lessons) will have their solo assessment in Week 9 during their lessons. It is important that all students complete their assessment.

String Orchestra - Thursday - 7.50am

Carla Mulligan

I want to say well done to the String Orchestra for playing very well during our rehearsals. All of you listen, learn and try your best. Your music is only going to get better and better every week! You should be proud of everything you've achieved so far.

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

Monday 11 - 3,

Hi Brassies!

Assessment for term 1

Your first performance assessment is scheduled for week 9 during your lesson time. During your last lesson (week 8), we discussed, practiced your pieces and highlighted this info in your book. Please make time to practice these pieces as they count towards your IM report card for semester 1.

Band Karate Goals system

Last week the beginners added their names to the band karate posters and are now working towards their firsts coloured belt! Next lesson we will glue in a own personal band karate checklist to help each student track their own effort and hopefully want to work towards earning their first belt!

I am concerned with some of our continuing brass students as they have made no progress on the list of Band Karate pieces

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from last year. Students who have remained stagnant on their personal checklist of songs are clearly showing no focussed practice on their instrument. The only way forward for any musician (professional, intermediate or beginner) is to regularly practice their craft. Remember smaller "chunks" of practice easier to complete than 1 massive cram session before the next lesson. Scientific studies have proven smaller chunks are more effective in student understanding, information retention practical/ physical demonstration on the instrument.

Percussion- Ian Brunskill -
ibrun2@eq.edu.au

Friday 11.00am - 3.00pm

No percussion lessons next week (March 19), Mr Brunskill will be on a music camp.

Beginning students - do you have all of the required equipment? There are practice assignments from the Term 1 lessons.

Assessment will be happening early Term 2.

Woodwind - Tina Greenfield
tgree255@eq.edu.au

Monday 7.50am - 3.00pm

It's great to see so many students attending their lessons with all of the correct equipment and enthusiasm. I would like to remind all students that you shouldn't be playing your instruments at school unless inside a room. I look forward

to hearing all of the students assessment pieces next week.

Senior Concert Band - Monday 7.40am
Tina Greenfield

Well done to all the concert band students who are arriving at 7:45AM on Monday morning. We are working well putting our pieces together.

Junior & Senior Choirs
Fiona Coleman

There has been irregular attendance with children who nominated for both Junior and Senior choir - hence the late distribution with notes for confirmation to being a member. It is essential that if your child is interested that they are attending regularly. Once names have been confirmed with regular attendance this fortnight, children selected for both senior and junior choir will receive a note in the coming week with a contract of commitment and request to pay a music levy if not already in the instrumental program. Please return these notes signed and ensure the media release section is also signed in anticipation of any local performances we may be asked to perform at. An electronic roll has been set up so children are recording their attendance. Children will be invited to **Choral Fanfare and Eisteddfod** and other performances based on their attendance and effort recorded in the roll.

Rehearsal times will be:

Senior Choir - Wednesday 2nd Break

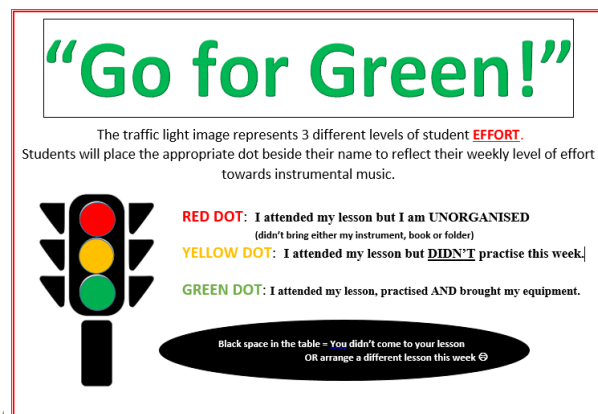
Junior Choir - Thursday 1st Break

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GO FOR GREEN - Recognition of Practice and Great Work

~ ~ STARTED WEEK 3!! ~ ~

Students need to maintain the consistent home practice on their instrument in order to continue steadily progressing on their playing technique and note reading skills. To help acknowledge those students who regularly practice, organized for their lessons with correct equipment and turning up on time, the music staff have developed 2 rewards.



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.

The second award works in with our school PBL where students doing an outstanding job in lessons, practicing, improving skills, "WOW-ing" their teacher will receive stars towards their '75 star chart' in their

classroom towards the end of 5 week party etc.

Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments/Fees

Thank you to all our families with the returns of contracts and loan agreement forms. All children who are part of the music program will be required to pay a music program fee. This will assist in maintaining and upgrading music uniforms, maintaining the music library, photocopying, music scores, competition entry fees, upgrading accessories, equipment and instruments and Eisteddfod bus

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke

Music is a more potent instrument than any other for education. ~ Plato

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

2021 MUSIC PROGRAM TIMETABLE

DAY/TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7.50am	SENIOR CONCERT BAND Tina Greenfield tgreen200@es.educ.wa			SENIOR STRING ORCHESTRA Carla Mulligan cmull@es.educ.wa	
9.00am	WOODWIND LESSONS Tina Greenfield tgreen200@es.educ.wa			STRINGS LESSONS CONTINUING Carla Mulligan cmull@es.educ.wa	
11.00am		BRASS LESSONS Kelly Clarke-Klassen kclarke200@es.educ.wa	STRINGS LESSONS BEGINNERS Carla Mulligan cmull@es.educ.wa	JUNIOR CHOIR Fiona Coleman Trevor Schimke	PERCUSSION LESSONS Ian Brunskill ibrun@es.educ.wa
11.40am	WOODWIND LESSONS Tina Greenfield				
1.10pm	BEGINNER CONCERT BAND (Term 2)		SENIOR CHOIR Fiona Coleman Trevor Schimke		
1.50pm	WOODWIND LESSONS Tina Greenfield			STRINGS LESSONS CONTINUING	PERCUSSION LESSONS