

The Pitch

Congratulations to the senior choir who performed at our school ANZAC service last week. The ceremony was well organized, whole school behaviour was commendable and the Senior choir children performed beautifully. They have worked so hard in this first week back and did an exceptional performance. ☺

This term has been very busy already with lots happening in preparation for our next big performance including **CHORAL FANFARE on Week 3 (Thursday 6th & Friday 7th May), GALA night (WK 8 TBC)** and the **choral workshop in wk 10** for selected year 5/6 students. I will start organising shirt sizes for members next week. Please get children to write their size up beside their name so we can allocate a music shirt for their performances this year.

All instrumental students are doing a fantastic job and we couldn't be more pleased with their efforts and having them be a part of our music program. A reminder that children are being assessed this term. The report is a progress of how they are going. Your child needs to understand their results and ask themselves if they have met their goals and what they need to do to improve to meet their next lot of challenges. Persistence, motivation and overcoming these hurdles makes us stronger and give us the ability to achieve and feel confident about our accomplishments. Please ensure children are aware of their lesson times and putting in the extra effort to showcase to the instrumental teacher what they have learnt during semester 1. Be aware of your expectations and what is

required from you for success.

Practicing and preparing for your assessment will assist in great results. Good luck!! ☺

Term 2 timetables were emailed the holidays. Your child's classroom teacher has received a copy of the term 2 timetable as will your child. 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.

(SHEP) State Honours Ensemble Program

The State Honours Ensemble Program (SHEP) is an educational program for music students that helps extend and encourage their pursuit of musical excellence. Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University's State Honours Ensemble Program has grown from relatively modest beginnings in 2001 to now include more than 4000 participants in twelve programs throughout Queensland. SHEP is a firmly established aspect of music learning in Queensland, bringing together young people from all over the State, in regional centres and Brisbane to share their passion for making music. Its pursuit of excellence defines it as the highest quality performance avenue available to young ensemble-based instrumentalists outside of the Queensland Conservatorium and the Young Conservatorium. It is a unique opportunity for Voice, Strings, Wind, Brass and Percussion middle school students from North Queensland to work with their peers in an intensive environment of musical excellence. The program is guided

by a team of international and national conductors from the Queensland Conservatorium and will be held at **Ryan Catholic College** from 18th - 20th June.

SHEP gives students the opportunity to:

Work in an intensive environment of musical excellence with their peers offering a unique opportunity to extend and develop their musical skills. Successful students will have the opportunity to work in either a Wind Orchestra, String Orchestra or Vocal Ensemble

Work with a team of eminent conductors from Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University.

Represent their School (in full uniform) in a Grand Finale Concert on the Sunday of the program

Receive a SHEP T- Shirt and Certificate of Participation.

Our instrumental teachers nominated 10 students in year 6 who would benefit educationally and improve their musical skills by participating in this intensive weekend program. Students were recently contacted via e-mail if successful.

CONGRATULATIONS to Isabella C who was Successful. Congratulations also to Emma R, Eleanor C, Darcy H, Indiana W, Chloe C, Celena T, Charlotte H, Seth R, Lily BB who are reserves. The cost of the 3 day activity is \$280. Upon receiving your offer it is then decision whether to accept or decline. Can you please notify myself or your child's instrumental teacher on whether your child is attending or not.

If you require more information please don't hesitate to contact the music staff or visit www.griffith.edu.au.

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How are you tracking?



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WHAT'S ON - TERM 2	
Week 3 Thursday/Friday 6th/7th May	CHORAL FANFARE – Junior and Senior Choirs 3PM – 4.30PM
Week 4/5 10 th – 21 st May	NAPLAN changes to lessons to accommodate children in years 3 & 5
Week 4 Tuesday 11 th May	Beginner Band first rehearsal 1.10pm start
Week 9 Friday 18 th June	Senior Athletics Carnival – Percussion children check with teacher for times
Week 9/10 Friday 18 th – Sunday 20 th June	SHEP – Nominated children
Week 10 22 nd June – 25 th June	Choral Workshop – Selected years 5 & 6 Choral Students

Strings- Carla Mulligan -
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Tuesday 12pm - 3pm
Thursday 7.50am - 3pm

It was fantastic to see everyone in week one and start playing music together again. All students were enthusiastic and excited to learn new things! Get those practice routines up and running again for our Go for Green chart. Performing is a big part of playing, so if you can take the time to have 'home concerts' this will greatly improve your child's confidence on their instrument.

String Orchestra - Thursday - 7.50am
Carla Mulligan

Orchestra rehearsals will continue as normal from week 1 - 10, 7:45am in the TCBC conference room. This music is supposed to be a little challenging for the students and they will gradually build their confidence of playing in the orchestra week by week. So please encourage them as much as you can in this.

Brass- Kelly Clarke-Flessner -
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Tuesday's 11 - 3,

Hi Brassies!

I hope you have had a relaxing Easter break and are now ready to get back into making some music in Term 2. The Term 2 Brass timetable has been emailed to all the grade 4, 5, 6 teachers and each student has been given a copy to keep. If they didn't collect one during their Week 1 lesson, there are plenty of spares in the Instrument music practice room pinned to the Brass portion of the Pinboard. There

is a bright green label saying "Spare Brass Timetables" (near the entry door).

This term has some exciting performance opportunities for the Willows music community, including our first Music Gala night in which all our music ensembles will perform. Students are expected to be prepared for weekly lessons and rehearsals and ensure they are regularly practising their pieces.

Finally, I would like to take the time to congratulate Evie Marshall, Sierra Lunn, Lewis Robinson and Stella Munro, who have worked hard to complete all the requirements in Level 1 of the IM Curriculum! They now advance onto Level 2 of the Curriculum and really cement their place as competent Senior brass students within The Willows IM program. WELL DONE!

Woodwind - Tina Greenfield
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Monday 7.50am - 3.00pm

Hi Woodwind Welcome back to term 2! We have had a great start with lessons and music making this week. Students will continue working through their curriculum level this term and developing their skills. This can only be achieved thorough regular practice. A new 'Go for Green' chart is started and I hope we can make this even more green this term!

Senior Concert Band - Monday 7.40am

Tina Greenfield

No Band in week 2 and 3 due to public holiday's. Please keep up the practise of your parts and a reminder that attendance is very important and students must arrive at 7.50am so we can start on time at 8.00am every Monday. I look forward to seeing you in week 4 bright and early.

Percussion- Ian Brunskill -

ibrun2@eq.edu.au

Friday 11 - 3pm

I'm looking forward to having a very successful term with all the percussionists. Thanks for those who were able to organise their requirements over the holidays. We are entering an ensemble into the Townsville Eisteddfod - Keep up your practise.

CHORAL FANFARE 2021

**Celebrating Choral music in Queensland
State Schools**

Forms were sent home during the week with all the information you need. At this point **Senior Choir will be recorded on Thursday, 6th May from 3 - 4.30pm and Junior Choir on Friday, 7th May from 3 - 4.30pm.** The recording will be held at school in TCBC and we will provide children with light afternoon tea. Students will change into music uniform at school. Please ensure they have black shoes and white crew socks with them on the day.

CHORAL WORKSHOP

Every year the state primary schools put together a culminating workshop with selected year 5 & 6 students from around Townsville. Children in senior choir in years 5 & 6 will be invited to this exciting event. The workshop is being conducted during the last week of term 2 from Tuesday 22nd - 25th June. Mr William Brown conductor from Brisbane will be joining us during this time. Notes will be distributed in a few weeks.

Junior & Senior Choirs

Fiona Coleman

Congratulations to our Seniors who performed at our school ANZAC service. You sounded amazing singing both the National Anthems in such a short amount of rehearsal time. More frequent rehearsals will be added in the coming weeks to make up time as we prepare for Choral Fanfare in week3. We need to work hard and be very dedicated to be at a performance standard ready for this.

The rolls are now official. Notes of commitment will be sent home in the next week and you should be invoiced the music program fee if not already part of the instrumental program.

Rehearsal times will be:

Senior Choir - Wednesday 2nd Break & Tuesday morning 8am.

Junior Choir - Thursday 1st Break & Friday 1st Break.

GO FOR GREEN - Recognition of Practice and Great Work

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.



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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS!! TERM 1 Recipients

Below is the list of students from Term 1 who are the winners of the Go for Green prize. These students showed excellent effort and dedication to their playing. They practiced consistently 3-4 times a week for their required time. They all will receive a zooper-doooper tuckshop voucher. **CONGRATULATIONS!!**

STRINGS - Layla M, Maddison M, Lily K, Harriet S, Ruby O'C, Kenzie T, Maliya A, Kailah W, Chloe C, Celena T, Charlotte H, Hannah R, Faith C, Adrienne H.

WOODWIND - TBA

BRASS - Josh N, Olivia T, Montaya S, Kalea H, Blake P, Seth R, Lily BB, Evie M, Stella M, Lewis R, Blayke O, Sierra L, Liam M,

Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments/Fees

All children who are part of the music program are required to pay a compulsory music program fee. Notes will be sent out with this from **Admin Term 2**. This will assist in maintaining and upgrading music uniforms, maintaining the music library, photocopying, music scores, competition entry fees, upgrading accessories, equipment and instruments, accompanist, online recordings and Eisteddfod bus.

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke