

# The Pitch

## Welcome Back to Term 3!!

Timetables for Term 3 are on display outside the music room and have been emailed to class teachers and given to your child. Children should be organized and prepared with their instrument and books and know when lessons are. It is the child's responsibility to remind their class teacher for when they will be out of class or need to change their lessons due to clashes with assessment, excursions, etc.

We have a busy term as we prepare for the Annual Townsville Eisteddfod. Permission notes should be commencing to come home by the end of week 5. I'm in the process of booking buses and producing a timetable of events. Please pencil

**Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> - Monday 13<sup>th</sup>**

**September** into your diary. Some families have not paid the program fee which covers the eisteddfod bus. Please make payment if you haven't before we head to the Eisteddfod so your child can attend.

**It is an expectation that all members of the instrumental and choral programs are attending all rehearsals.**

If there is an absence, we ask that it is being followed through with the ensemble teacher via email, phone call or note. If children have missed too many rehearsals, **they will not be invited to the eisteddfod.** We often have some children upset when they don't receive an invitation to attend. Please ensure that they are organized and ready for each rehearsal and lesson. Keep up the practise and attendance and your efforts will be rewarded. It is important that children are dressed appropriately in our school

music uniform for the event. Please ensure you are organized with appropriate navy blue skorts/skirts/shorts (of appropriate length), black shoes and **white ankle (Crew) socks.**

**PRESBYTERIAN**

**WINTER FAIR**

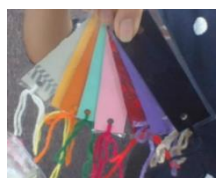
**Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2021**

**9.00AM Presbyterian Church Grounds**  
**(Carthew Street)**

The Junior & Senior Choir, Rock Band, Dance Troupe and String Orchestra will be performing at the Presbyterian Winter Fair. **Performances start at 900am with the Junior Choir followed by the Senior Choir. The strings will perform at 10.00am, Dance Troupe at 11am and Rock Band at 11.30am.** Students are asked to arrive half an hour before to tune up and warm up for their performance. The Willows Presbyterian Church grounds are opposite BigW on Carthew Street. Children are required to wear normal school uniform with navy blue skorts/skirts/shorts, white ankle socks and black shoes.

## **BAND KARATE/** **BAND NINJA**

**How are you tracking?**



Date Claimer

Brass- Kelly Clarke-Flesser -  
[kclar205@eq.edu.au](mailto:kclar205@eq.edu.au)

**Tuesday's 11 - 3,**

Hey Brassies, welcome to Term 3 -  
Woohoo!!!

At the end of the term, the Civic Theatre will be hosting the 2021 Townsville Eisteddfod. Both the Senior band and Beginner band will be competing in their respective sections and performing pieces practiced in weekly rehearsals. Students in both bands will need to regularly attend rehearsals and undertake in consistent home practise in order to represent the school and the Instrumental music department to the highest standard.

Lessons and rehearsals begin in week 1. Please check your timetable at home the day before your lesson, so you can get organised and make sure your instrument, book and equipment are being brought to school every Tuesday.

Woodwind - Tina Greenfield  
[tgree255@eq.edu.au](mailto:tgree255@eq.edu.au)

**Monday 7.50am - 3.00pm**

It was great to see so many of you after the holidays. Great job to those of you who took the extra time to practice over the holidays. We are all starting new pieces, so make sure you are practicing both your concert band music and your songs for your lessons.

Strings- Carla Mulligan -  
[cjmul1@eq.edu.au](mailto:cjmul1@eq.edu.au)

**Tuesday 12pm - 3pm**  
**Thursday 7.50am - 3pm**

NA

String Orchestra - Thursday - 7.50am  
Carla Mulligan

NA

WHAT'S ON - TERM 3	
<b>Week 4 Saturday</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Presbyterian Winter Fair</b> - Junior and Senior Choir, Rockband, String Orchestra, Dance Troupe
<b>Week 9/10</b> Wednesday 8th September - Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Townsville Eisteddfod -</b> All Groups - Townsville Civic Theatre

### Senior Concert Band

Tina Greenfield

[tgree255@eq.edu.au](mailto:tgree255@eq.edu.au)

Monday 7.50am

Great job on so many of you being prepared for Concert Band this week. You are starting to make a great sound, so keep up the practicing as much as you can. We have the Eisteddfod this term, so it's important you are doing everything you can to help everything run smoothly.

### Beginner Concert Band

Tina Greenfield

[tgree255@eq.edu.au](mailto:tgree255@eq.edu.au)

Monday 1.10pm

Well done to all of those who remembered to come along to practice today. Please make sure that all year 4 woodwind, Brass and the following Percussion students (Eliot [4], Evie [5] and Zack[5]) are coming along at 2<sup>nd</sup> break on a Monday for Junior band rehearsals. We have an exciting new piece to play and performances coming up. If you don't come along, you won't be able to perform with us.

### Junior & Senior Choirs

Fiona Coleman

The junior choir are getting so enthused with their preparations for the Presbyterian Winter Fair and the Townsville Eisteddfod. Attendance to rehearsal is great but there are still a few needing reminders. They are putting in 110% effort in learning their parts and performing at their best. Junior Rehearsals are Tuesday's 2nd break and Thursday's at 2<sup>nd</sup> break.

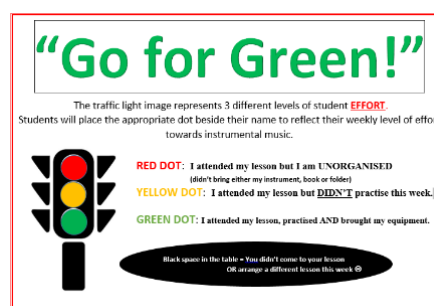
The senior choir have a lot of work ahead of us as we prepare for a number of events at the eisteddfod. They are doing such a great job though and are always on time and turning up. Well done!! We have some work to do on parts and syncing actions for our novelty performance, so **attendance to rehearsals is important**. I'm looking forward to their polished performances at the Eisteddfod.

Senior Choir will continue rehearsals Wednesday's 2nd Break and Friday's 2<sup>nd</sup> break.

There is also a year 6 folk singing group who are preparing for a section at the Eisteddfod. These girls will rehearse on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Break and Friday morning before school at 8am.

### 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.

**Music Shirts, Folders/Music,  
School Instruments/Fees**

Please ensure your child is collecting their instrument to take home. We do not want them stored at school. Keep up the practise when you can!!

Shirts will be available in the music room on the day your child is performing at the eisteddfod. Children will change into their shirts at school before they leave and change back into their shirt when they arrive back to school from the theatre. Please ensure your child has white ankle socks, black shoes, matching coloured hair accessories and navy blue skorts/skirts/shorts ready to showcase our school at its best. No Make-up.

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*



An education inclusive of music maximises student opportunity.

Music maximises student engagement and provides opportunities for a child's personal development that no other subject can match. Music helps underperforming students to improve. Music helps kids learn. (References 1-5)