

The Pitch

It's only been 2 weeks back and it has been so busy as the children are working enthusiastically in preparing for our upcoming Winter Fare performance at the Presbyterian Church this Saturday and our Annual Eisteddfod. It's great to see the kids enthusiasm and excitement coming to rehearsals and lessons. The instrumental students are still working so hard and dedicated to improving their playing. Great work to you all and thanks to all the parents for your continued support and reminding them of lessons and getting them to school on time for rehearsals.

Eisteddfod notes should be commencing to come home by the end of week 5. I'm in the process of having buses booked and a draft timetable is attached below. Please pencil Wednesday, 8th - Monday 13th 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, 7th 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. Look forward to seeing as many of you there on Saturday!! 😊

BAND KARATE/ BAND NINJA

How are you tracking?



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

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

Friday 11 - 3pm

We are still looking for interested children to fill our percussion program. If you are in years 4 or 5 and interested, please contact Mrs Coleman fcole7@eq.edu.au or Ian Brunskill ibrun2@eq.edu.au for further details.

Just a reminder that lessons will continue on a rotational timetable. Please ensure you are equipped for your lessons and turning up on time. Timetables are on display outside the room, in your child's class and a copy handed to your child. Please email me if you have any concerns.

The percussion ensemble are working hard on preparing their piece for eisteddfod. Attendance to lessons has improved. Practicing your parts, techniques and skills every week is very important. Keep up the great work!!

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

Tuesday 12pm - 3pm

Thursday 7.50am - 3pm

Our first performance of the term is this Saturday 07/08/21 at the Willows Presbyterian Church Fete run by our own Mr Trevor Schimke. This event is to raise funds for a great cause. I'm very excited for the students to jump on stage and perform. The students have pushed themselves to prepare two new pieces for this event! So it would be fantastic to have all of the orchestra there to participate. This performance also helps us to prepare for Eisteddfod as well. The group continues to progress and are building great skills together.

String Orchestra - Thursday - 7.50am
Carla Mulligan

All students have been coming to lessons and mostly all practicing consistently. Well done to all of you for continuing to try your best! Remember, building discipline in your commitment to your music journey by consistently picking up your instrument at home to teach yourself will help you become a great musician. KEEP GOING! You are doing great! Every little bit counts.

Parents, if you can make sure that your child's practice book is being filled out that would be a big help!

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

Tuesday's 11 - 3,

Welcome to Week 4!!! This means we are almost halfway to reaching our goal of performing at the Townsville Eisteddfod. Brass students are expected to regularly attend their band rehearsals and have worked on a small section of at least 1 band piece. Smart and simple tips to utilise your home practice time is to:

- **ONLY** work on particular bars you **can't play** (contain errors). Playing through the entire band piece is not an effective way to improve your part at this stage of your performance preparation.
- **Use a pencil** to mark fingerings, write in your counting or circle dynamics (volume levels) you need to improve in these tricky bars.
- **Practice like you are performing on stage every time.** Be consistent with how you approach practice at home in order to prepare you for the lights and stage! (consistently play with good seated posture, hold your instrument properly, play with good sound, tongue your notes, breath through your mouth and not your nose etc.)

Woodwind - Tina Greenfield
tgree255@eq.edu.au

Monday 7.50am - 3.00pm

Well done for everyone who has been remembering to check their lesson times, and coming at the right time. Remember, it is very important to remember to bring your instrument every Monday morning. It is hard to teach a proper lesson without it.

Senior Concert Band

Tina Greenfield

tgree255@eq.edu.au

Monday 7.50am

Eisteddfod is coming up closer. Please make sure you are coming along to concert band every Monday on time. We start playing at 7:50AM on the dot. You also need to make sure you are practicing Comic Dance and The Avengers. Great job to all of you that are here early to help set up the Band, and to those of you who have been practicing. It certainly makes a big difference

Beginner Concert Band

Tina Greenfield

tgree255@eq.edu.au

Monday 1.10pm

Great job to everyone who has been coming along every week. Brass Players, you NEED to have your instrument every Monday from now on. The room is open for you to put your instrument in every week. If you do not come, you will not be coming to the Eisteddfod. Please make sure you are all practicing Dragon Dance. It's really important because we don't have a lot of time to put it together.

Junior & Senior Choirs

Fiona Coleman

All choir members are at 100% attendance. 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 in the process of finalizing details for costumes for Eisteddfod. I will let you know ASAP on what that will be. This is for Senior Choir members only!!

I'm looking forward to hearing them perform next Saturday at the Fair and for their polished performances at the Eisteddfod.

Junior Rehearsals are Tuesday's 2nd break and Thursday's at 2nd break.

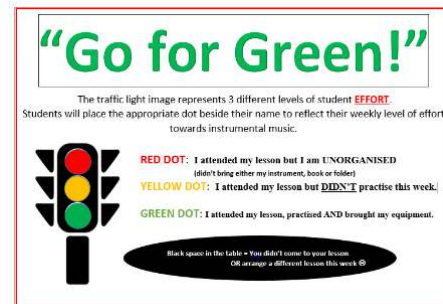
Senior Choir will continue rehearsals Wednesday's 2nd Break and Friday's 2nd break.

There is also a year 6 folk singing group who are preparing for a section at the Eisteddfod. These girls will rehearse on Monday 1st 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

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



*Music education opens doors that help
children pass from school into the
world around them – a world of work,
culture, intellectual activity, and human
involvement. The future of our nation
depends on providing our children with
a complete education that includes
music. ~ President Gerald Ford*

2021 Townsville Eisteddfod

	Senior Concert Band - 161 Percussion Ensemble - 156	String Quartet - 153	Senior Choir – Unison 5B Senior Choir - Folk 9B Senior Choral Championship 3B	Junior Choral Championship 4B	Folk Group – 4A Senior Choir - Novelty 7B	Junior Concert Band – 162	String Orchestra - 167
Date	Wed 8th Sept AM	Wed 8th Sept PM	Thur 9th Sept AM	Thur 9th Sept AM	Fri 10th Sept AM	Mon 13th Sept AM	Mon 13th Sept AM
Be at Music Room	8.30am	1.00pm	7.30am	9.30am	7.30am	7.30am	9.00am
Bus/taxi Departs School	9.15am	1.30pm	8.15am	10.15am	8.15am	8.15am	10.00am
Session Starts	10.00am	2.00pm	9.00am	11.00am	9.00am	9.00am	11.00am
Bus/taxi Departs Venue approx.	12.45pm (depending on adjudication time)	2.45pm (depending on adjudication time)	10.45am (depending on adjudication time)	12.15pm (depending on adjudication time)	10.30am (depending on adjudication time)	10.45am (depending on adjudication time)	12.30pm (depending on adjudication time)
What You Need	Music, instrument, percussion instruments/mallets, water bottle, small snack	Music, instrument, water bottle, small snack	Water bottle Small snack	Water bottle	Water bottle, small snack, instruments (Folk), Costumes	Music, instrument, percussion instruments/mallets, water bottle, small snack	Music, instrument, water bottle, small snack