

The Pitch

The Eisteddfod is nearly upon us and groups are rehearsing very hard so they are ready to perform at their best. We have 130 children participating in one or more events. Notes were sent home last week notifying you of what your child is participating in and when they will be out of the school. The eisteddfod is starting for us on **Wednesday, 8th September** and we will have various groups attending everyday until **Monday, 13th September**.

The top of the note list all the events that your child is participating in. There is a timetable on the note indicating relevant times of when buses/taxi's leave the school and arrive back from the Civic Theatre and what to take. I have included a copy at the end of the timetable. Please confirm all the events listed on your permission with your child in case I have missed them out of a group. **If I have, please let me know ASAP.** The bus company is on a tight schedule with all Townsville schools being involved in the Eisteddfod and it is important that we are sticking to an agenda. Please check highlighted times of events on your child's permission note and ensure your child is at school dressed appropriately ready to go with appropriate gear. Please ensure you are organized with appropriate navy blue skorts/skirts/shorts (of appropriate length), black shoes and white ankle socks.

If you are available to assist with supervision on the bus and at the theatre, please indicate on the permission slip. I will notify you of your assistance ASAP.

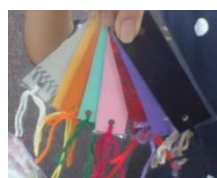
The Civic Theatre have a COVID-19 regulation plan that needs to be adhered to. This means that children are not allowed to enter the auditorium to sit and watch performances. We will be marshalled outside and supervised under marquees. Please ensure your child has water and food to take with them on the day.

Please return the **'whole sheet'** and ensure each appropriate area is signed ASAP. 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. ☹ If you have any further questions, please contact us at the school.

For the first few weeks this term we have had children involved with rehearsals and training. Most children have come to see us and organized a way around trying to get to both. We understand you can't be in two places at once, but appreciate you trying to organise yourself and informing us of your decisions. Remember to be resilient and persistent. Take some time out for yourself and think positive. You are all amazing and contribute to our school community with pride and always achieve fantastic results.

BAND KARATE/ BAND NINJA

How are you tracking?



Date Claimer

WHAT'S ON - TERM 3	
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

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

CONTINUING - Students have been learning very well and putting in a fantastic effort to learn this terms songs. Assessment will be later in the term.

BEGINNING - All students have been learning to playing with the bow and are making a beautiful singing sound. The more you play the better it will get. Later this term we will be having another performance during school time to show off your wonderful progress and share some music!

String Orchestra - Thursday - 7.50am

Carla Mulligan

Well done for your performance at the Willows Prespetarian Fete on the weekend! You all played very well and it was great to see so many of you having lots of fun! Thank you for supporting the fundraiser as well. We are continuing to prepare for the Eisteddfod during out weekly rehearsals.

Brass- Kelly Clarke-Flesser -
kclar205@eq.edu.au
Tuesday's 11 - 3,

Hey Brassies,

We have made it halfway through term 3! Time files when you have awesome brass students to teach each week!

Just a few small notices:

1. Keep practising your instrument - both for personal improvement and to play more your Eisteddfod band piece confidently and accurately
2. Junior band rehearsals are compulsory. They are a requirement of school and Education Queensland and this expectation was clearly stated in your student contracts signed by parents and students at the beginning of the year. Miss Greenfield has informed me that some brass students are not attending the 2nd lunch break rehearsals (every Monday).
3. Please email Ms Greenfield if you are absent from band rehearsals on Mondays. Because we take a roll of this activity, we must know where the students are (either in rehearsal with us or away from school etc). EQ expects us to have

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comprehensive Duty of Care for all students on our roll, as they are participating in a activity that falls outside the scope of the normal 9 to 3 school learning time. We really appreciate your help to ensure we know the whereabouts of each band members each week.

Thanks and happy practising!

Woodwind - Tina Greenfield
tg01ee255@eq.edu.au
Monday 7.50am - 3.00pm

Senior Concert Band
Tina Greenfield
tg01ee255@eq.edu.au
Monday 7.50am

Beginner Concert Band
Tina Greenfield
tg01ee255@eq.edu.au
Monday 1.10pm

Junior & Senior Choirs
Fiona Coleman

Well done to all the children who made an effort in performing at the recent Presbyterian Fair. You did an amazing job!! As the eisteddfod creeps closer it is essential that children are attending all rehearsals. Our pianist will be accompanying during rehearsals on Friday afternoons to get us ready for the eisteddfod. A couple of students I have rarely seen this term. If you do not attend

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rehearsals you will not be invited to perform and represent the school at the eisteddfod.

The junior choir attendance has been amazing and they are so excited putting in a lot of effort with their pieces. Keep up the amazing enthusiasm!!

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.

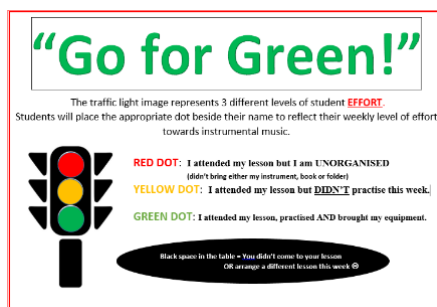
We have extended rehearsal practise for seniors in the lead up to Eisteddfod. Children will rehearse during 2nd break on Friday's from 1.10pm - 1.40pm. They will return to class for eating time and to mark rolls, collect notes and bags etc and be expected back to the music room to rehearse from 1.55pm - 2.55pm. This will only be for the next few weeks leading up to the eisteddfod and all classroom teachers have been notified so that these children are not missing out on important learning or assessment.

NOVELTY - Senior choir only will be supplied with a basic T with their chosen affirmation as part of their costumes for their novelty performance. Can you please supply your child with black trousers/leggings? We hope this gives enough notice to prepare for this

performance which will be on Friday, 10th September in the morning session.

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