

The Pitch

We're days out from Eisteddfod week and we're all very excited!! It is surely going to be a very busy and hectic week, yet very rewarding at the same time! We wish all 130 students the best as you participate in this grand event and hope you enjoy the experience of performing at the Civic Theatre. We are very proud of your efforts at rehearsals so far and know you will receive positive feedback on your performances.

Thank you to the parents who indicated they could help with supervision. I will send home letters early in the week requesting your assistance. If you can no longer volunteer your time, please let me know ASAP. We hope to see you at the theatre if you can make it to support your child in their performances. Don't forget to book your tickets through the Civic theatre to attend performances.

It is important your child is prepared and organized for the day. Please check the new timetable (at end of this newsletter) to make sure you have lunch, water bottles, instruments, music, costumes etc. for the correct day. **There were some time changes with buses - so please check times carefully.** Please wear your black shoes and white socks and correct coloured navy blue skorts, skirts or shorts. It may be a good idea to prepare the day before!! ☺ Your music shirt will be hanging up in the music room for you to change into when you arrive. It is only the Senior Choir who need to bring costumes

etc (As indicated below) on Friday 10th for the novelty section.

Our selected 8 year 6 folk group children have organized themselves for costumes also.

Thank you for those getting permissions back quickly. If your child is sick on the day and/or unable to attend, please inform the school immediately to let us know ASAP. Phone - 4799 1333 It is possibly better to avoid ordering tuckshop on the days your child is involved at the eisteddfod.

INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

A reminder that our first year instrumentalists will be required to hand back their instruments at the end of term 4 so they are cleaned and repaired for our 2022 new recruits. Our 2021 beginner players have excelled greatly with their newly acquired skills and are sounding fabulous. We would hope that a lot of them are continuing in 2022. You will be required to purchase your own instrument as mentioned at our recruiting night and now is a good time to start looking for a good quality 2nd hand instrument. We do have a list available on preferred brands and further information on purchasing your own instrument that will go home early term 4. There are a lot of good 2nd hand instruments around at a good price - you just have to find them. There have been many good brands advertised on FB Buy and Sell websites. Now is the time to start looking. There are a lot of stores with various payment plans available also. Please ask your child's instrumental teacher for further information on purchasing and

brands to look for if you require further information. If you play our more expensive instruments such as cellos, tenor sax, bass clarinet, double bass, euphonium, baritone and tuba, you will be loaned the instrument again in 2019.

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
WHAT'S ON - TERM 4	
Week 1	Application for Instrumental Program Recruiting sent home
Week 2/3 TBC	Performers Concert TCBC 6pm - TBC
Week 4	Recruitment Testing

Percussion- Ian Brunskill -
ibrun2@eq.edu.au
Friday 11 - 3pm

It is unfortunate that the percussion ensemble will not be attending eisteddfod due to last minute changes and missed rehearsals. We look forward to them showcasing their hard work in term 4 at our gala night.

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

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

What an eventful term this has been! Good luck to all my wonderful students who are participating in Eisteddfod on Monday, 13th. I am sure all the hard work will pay off! Please remember to have everything organised the night the before and have your music shoulder rest, spare strings, and your instrument packed and ready to go. I can't wait for them all to perform I am sure they will represent Willows proudly!

BEGINNING - Congratulations to the beginner strings who performed at the year 3 parade last Tuesday. You performed with such flair and did an amazing job. You should be very proud of your growth in musicality. Well Done!!

String Orchestra - Thursday - 7.50am
Carla Mulligan

The orchestra is sounding amazing!! You have all been working hard to learn your parts and try your best in rehearsals. Looking forward to you showcasing at your best and all your hard work rewarded at the eisteddfod. Now just try your best and let's enjoy! ☺

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

Don't forget that your performance assessment is due in week 9 during your scheduled lesson time. Remember the only way you will be prepared for your test to prepare and practice your instrument regularly. Attending a weekly lesson with Ms Clarke WILL NOT be enough to make you feel confident or perform consistently throughout your pieces.

Good luck to everyone participating at Eisteddfod!! Look forward to hearing the results! 😊

Woodwind - Tina Greenfield
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Monday 7.50am - 3.00pm

Well done to those students who have been attending their lessons every week and with all of their equipment. I just have a few notes for students:

- Please make sure clarinet and saxophone students have at least one spare reed in their case. We have had a few break recently without having a backup.
- Make sure your taking all of your belongings with you at the end of the day. In the past couple of weeks I have noticed more students leaving their books at school, making it a lot harder to practice.
- Keep up the practice. The more you do, the faster you are improving

Senior Concert Band

Tina Greenfield

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Monday 7.50am

Well done to those students who are always on time and ready to play before 7:50AM. I have noticed in recent weeks some students are showing up late every week. Please let me know if there is an issue at the moment to get your students to and from Band in the morning. As we are coming up towards the eisteddfod, and into term 4, it is very important that we are using our short time together well.

Please make sure you are practicing Comic Dance and to play it 'light'. You could also be practicing Avengers for term 4.

Beginner Concert Band

Tina Greenfield

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Monday 1.10pm

Your eisteddfod is in week 9. Please note, only students who have been attending regularly will be allowed to go. We have had a few students in recent weeks choosing to go and play instead of coming to beginner band. Beginner band is NOT a choice. Well done to all of you that have been attending every week and practicing hard. Remember, It is not a competition to see who can play the loudest, so please play with good quality sound at all times.

Please make sure you are practicing along to the recording of dragon dance by Michael Story. If you are not sure where to find this, please email Miss Greenfield and she will send you a link.

Junior & Senior Choirs

Fiona Coleman

We had a run through with our accompanist last Friday!! WOW!! I'm very excited with their beautiful sounds! The children are working extremely hard and I'm very proud of their efforts, dedication and commitment to all the extra rehearsals. They've displayed great resilience and persisted in getting our harmonies and words correct. Your discipline will shine on the day and I look forward to you representing our school and enjoying the experience of performance and getting on stage. Good luck, smile and enjoy the experience!! ☺

There are NO rehearsals during eisteddfod week unfortunately as we'll be at the theatre. There are **NO** rehearsals during the last week of this term for both choirs. ENJOY YOUR BREAK!!

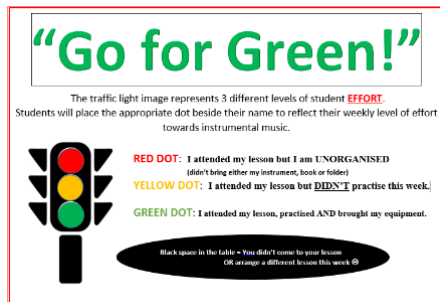
Our novelty section song for senior choir is prepared and need to do practise in their own time. They have been working hard on putting their display together. **Senior Choir Children only** need to bring showercaps/head towels/bath robe or towel, rubber ducky and kazoos (Tuesday 11th). They do not require shoes on stage, but will need to wear some sort of closed footwear to and from the theatre. Some children have mentioned wearing slippers..... ?? Not compulsory - but welcomed if they'd like to wear. ☺ Children will wear their uniform to school and change at 1st break. The whole idea of this section is to take singing to a different level including a bit of fun with actions. A reminder that we do not ask that you go to great expense for a 5 min

performance. Band and Orchestra children will need to take everything on the bus in the morning as you will be at the theatre for the full day and will not be returning to school.

NOVELTY - Unfortunately time restraints have not allowed for us to organise printed shirts which worked out to be very expensive. The whole idea of this section is to take singing to a different level including a bit of fun with actions and dress up. We have decided to take a different look at affirmations and tie it in with book week. We ask that children come dressed as their character or dress up as you they 'are' represent and ensure there is no extras that will be a distraction during the performance. Eg Hats falling off, swords etc. A reminder that we do not ask that you go to great expense for a 5 min performance. 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

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. All our music shirts will be used constantly during the Eisteddfod and many of our music students will wear them many times throughout the week.

All children performing at the Eisteddfod need their folders with their music to be organized.

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

2021 Townsville

	Senior Concert Band - 161	String Quartet - 153	Senior Choir – Unison 5B Senior Choir - Folk 9B Senior Choral Championship 3B	Juni Champ
Date	Wed 8th Sept AM	Wed 8th Sept PM	Thur 9th Sept AM	Thur 9
Be at Music Room	8.30am	1.00pm	7.30am	9
Bus/taxi Departs School	9.15am	1.15pm	8.15am	10
Session Starts	10.00am	2.00pm	9.00am	11
Bus/taxi Departs Venue approx.	11.30am (depending on adjudication time)	3.00pm (depending on adjudication time)	10.45am (depending on adjudication time)	12 (dep adjudi
What You Need	Music, instrument, percussion instruments/mallets, water bottle, small snack	Music, instrument, water bottle, small snack	Water bottle Small snack	Wa