

The Pitch

Congratulations to all choir and instrumental students who participated in the in the annual 2021 Townsville Eisteddfod. Music is definitely thriving in Townsville. It was nice to see the amount of entries in the competition considering COVID Restrictions and lots of children representing their schools. Our 130 children were a little nervous but enjoyed the experience and performed with confidence and pride. The competition was of very high standard in all the sessions we were competing in. All the attendance to rehearsals and lessons were rewarded. All trophies are on display in the office and children will receive a copy of the comments on a certificate for every section they were involved in. Well done to all involved!!! We are very proud of you all. Thank you also to all the parents who ensured their children were at school on time, dressed correctly and with the right gear. Your help is greatly appreciated!! 😊

The following are our fantastic results.

- Senior choir - Novelty section - x
- Senior string orchestra -1st
- Junior concert band - x
- Folk group singers - 1st
- Senior choir championship - x
- Senior concert band - x
- Junior choir championship - 3rd
- Senior choir - unison section - 2nd
- Senior choir - folk section - 2nd
- String Quartet - x

If you were unable to see your child perform at the Eisteddfod, you are invited to our performers night (Term 4 -Wk4 Tuesday 27th October TBC) where they will do it all again. 😊

If your child is interested in learning an instrument and starting in our instrumental program for 2022, you are also invited to be guests at our performer's night and be entertained by our current members and see what our program has to offer and what your child may be part of from 2022

INSTRUMENTAL RECRUITING 2022

We have very limited spots for our new recruits to our instrumental program for 2022. This is determined on instrumental teachers, time allocation, school instruments and current students already in the program. All children in years 2 & 3 will receive an application to apply for testing. Any child in years 4 & 5 who would like to be considered can come and collect an application form from the music room or office. Acceptance to the program is based on subject achievement, behaviour, parental support and whether or not your child is physically attributed to their chosen instrument. Application forms will be sent home week 1 next term.

Education Queensland states that only children in years 2 are invited to the strings program and years 3 - 5 for woodwind, brass and percussion. **If your child in year 2 is not interested in learning a string instrument, you are asked to wait until the next intake at the end of next year.**

Forms must be returned no later than **Friday 22nd October** so your child can be physically tested on their chosen instrument in **week 4**. You will be notified of your child's success by week 6 and are expected to attend an **Information Evening on Wednesday, 24th November** to find out further information. If your child is accepted, there will be a cost of purchasing instrumental requirements (book, folder, stand, accessories), compulsory music program fee of approx. \$50 (current fee) and an instrumental hire fee of approx. \$110 (current fee) for the year unless a violin/viola player. We look forward to seeing our prospective players join our program for 2022. If you have further questions, please come and see us.

Current instrumentalists in years 3 - 5 will also receive a note on whether they are continuing for 2022 early next term. It is important that this note is returned by **Friday, 22nd October** so we can allocate numbers for our 2022 instrumental program. **If your child is not continuing, you must let their teacher know ASAP.**

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 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 2022.

There is an exception for our cello, and big brass instruments as these will be re-loaned to you in 2022. If you would like further information in regards to continuing in the program or about our recruiting process, please come and see one of us.

If you are upgrading your child's instrument and wish to sell it, I'm happy to add to the newsletter. Please send me the instrument and contact details via email and I'll publish in the next newsletter.

Instrumental Timetables for term 4 have been uploaded to the site, given to your child, displayed outside the music room and emailed to your child's class teacher. Please ensure you are attending on time. Lessons will resume on Day 1 (Tuesday 5th Oct), Term 4.

Have a great relaxing break and see you all again in term 4!!

PERFORMERS CONCERT

Wednesday, 27th October,
2021

BAND KARATE/ BAND NINJA

How are you tracking?



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WHAT'S ON - TERM 3	
Week 10	No Rehearsals for both choirs
WHAT'S ON - TERM 4	
Week 1	Application for Instrumental Program Recruiting sent home
Week 4 Wednesday, 27 th October	Performers Concert TCBC - All Music Children Time TBC
Week 4	Recruitment Testing
Week 6 Thursday 11 th November TBC	Remembrance Day - Senior Choir/Concert Band 10.30am
Week 8 24 th November TBC	Recruitment Information Night - 6pm TCBC

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

Many Friday activities are unfortunately impacting lessons. Children need to be organised and ensure they are trying to attend their weekly lessons. Have a safe holiday and I'll see you the first Friday back in Term 4.

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

Tuesday 12pm - 3pm

Thursday 7.50am - 3pm

Congratulations to all of the strings students for an FANTASTIC effort this term!!! The String Orchestra performed three times and the Beginner Strings performed for their first time using the bow!! Every performance you all tried your best and did a very good job.

Lessons and Orchestra rehearsals will continue in Week 10 and start again in Week 1.

HOLIDAY PRACTICE TIP!!!! Holidays are for fun and adventures! So I believe in relaxing a little. However, remember to pick up your instrument every now and then to remind yourself how much you love playing! Please make sure you practice before our first day of lessons and orchestra in Term 4. Have a wonderful holiday and be sure to have fun!

String Orchestra - Thursday - 7.50am
Carla Mulligan

A big congratulations to the Willows String Orchestra for achieving so highly at the Eisteddfod, coming first place in your category. You all rallied and practiced so hard to prepare for this performance. Your focus during rehearsals, in your lessons, home practice, and passion for music are what help you play so well. You played extremely well at Eisteddfod and represented the school with impeccable behaviour. You should all be very proud of your hard work and commitment! Keep it going team!

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

Congratulations to the Beginner band students who competed last Monday. Hopefully all the students will catch "the performance bug" and will want to continue a long and rewarding music making journey involving competitions and other music performances.

Woodwind - Tina Greenfield
tgree255@eq.edu.au
Monday 7.50am - 3.00pm

Great job to those of you that have attended their lessons every week. This is a reminder to all students that PRACTICE is IMPORTANT. Many students this term have been attending every week, but practice has certainly dropped of over the past month. It is very important that students are practicing regularly, particularly of the upcoming holidays.

Senior Concert Band
Tina Greenfield
tgree255@eq.edu.au
Monday 7.50am

Well done to those of you who performed at the eisteddfod. I know the result is not what you wanted, however, you all played well and should be happy with your efforts. We got great feedback on how our ensemble is developing. You will be getting new music over the holidays emailed to your parents for you to practice. We have many performance opportunities next term, so I would like to get a head start. Please make sure you are practicing the Avengers over the break.

Beginner Concert Band
Tina Greenfield
tgree255@eq.edu.au
Monday 1.10pm

Congratulations to those of you who played at the Civic Theatre. I could tell how nervous you all were, and even though things did not go as we had practiced it, you all did a great job by getting up there and giving it you all. Our comments were very helpful and gave us a lot to work towards. We have had quite a few students who have been choosing not to come along to junior band rehearsals. **Junior band rehearsals are at 2nd LUNCH.**

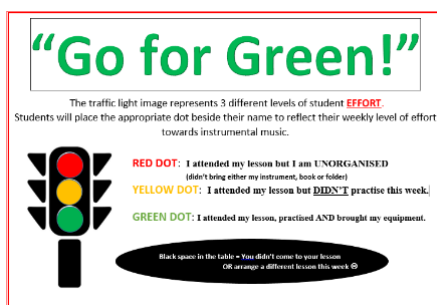
Junior band is not a choice, it is a requirement of the Instrumental Music program that your child is participating in at least 1 group on their instrument. If you could please make sure students have their instrument, music and are ready to play at first lunch. We are starting a new piece next term, so make sure you are there.

Junior & Senior Choirs
Fiona Coleman

Big congratulations again to both choirs who performed at a very high standard at the annual eisteddfod. I was very proud of you all. Your commitment and dedication were really rewarded. I look forward to you presenting again and hearing your wonderful sounds at our Performers Concert. Rehearsals will continue as normal for both choirs in term 4 as we prepare for Remembrance Day, Graduation and Christmas and most importantly to celebrate and have fun in doing what you love - SINGING!! ☺

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

All shirts have been washed, sorted and rehung for next terms performances.

INSTRUMENTS FOR SALE

Yamaha Clarinet

Less than 2 years old. \$450 ono
Sonya 0434698970

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

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Wk 7/8 - 13th September-8th October, 2021
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