

The Pitch

Hope you all enjoyed your break with family and friends. Welcome back as we prepare for a very busy Term 4.

Please check the date claimer below with all instrumental/choral members detailing dates that your child will be required for various events. **All children** in both choirs and instrumental programs are performing on **Wednesday, 27th October 4.30pm in TCBC** at our Performers' Concert. ☺ All children are required to be at the music room by **3.45pm** to change and tune up ready to start promptly at **4.30pm**.

This is our last formal performance for the year and at this stage it will still go ahead - with some changes for COVID Regulations. You will be notified in the coming weeks.

It is expected that every member of the choral and instrumental groups are in attendance as a requirement of you being part of the instrumental/choral program. It is essential that there is no talking or movement during the performances and concert etiquette is of utmost importance. A reminder that all children must be supervised and playground equipment is out of bounds. There is also no food or drink allowed in TCBC.

INSTRUMENTAL RECRUITING 2022

This term we are recruiting for our instrumental program for 2022. All children in Years 2 and 3 will receive an application to apply for testing. Any child in Years 4 and 5 who would like to be considered can come and collect an application form from the 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 have been sent home this week. Forms are available from the office also.

Education Queensland states that only children in Year 2 are invited to the Strings program and Years 3 to 5 have options 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 if successful are expected to attend an **Information Evening on Monday, 8th November at 5pm** to find out further information. 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 to 5 have also received a note to check if they will be continuing for 2022. 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. We do have a list of preferred brands and further information on purchasing your own instrument is on the note. There are a lot of good secondhand instruments around at a good price - you just have to find them. There are a lot of stores with various payment plans available also. 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.

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.

Date Claimer

WHAT'S ON - TERM 4 - Week 1 to 6	
Week 1	Application for Instrumental Program Recruiting sent home
Week 4 Wednesday, 27 th October	Performers Concert TCBC - All Music Children 4.30pm TBC
Week 4	Recruitment Testing
Week 6 Monday, 8 th November	Recruitment Information Night - 5pm TCBC
Week 6 Thursday 11 th November TBC	Remembrance Day - Senior Choir/Concert Band 10.30am

BAND KARATE/ BAND NINJA

How are you tracking?



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

I'm looking forward to the percussion ensemble performing at the concert on Wednesday night, 27th October. Lessons are going well and children have music to practice in preparation for assessment taking place in Weeks 4 and 5. Lessons in Weeks 4 and 5 will be rearranged to accommodate for recruitment testing also. Children have received a timetable and should be turning up with all gear at the right time.

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

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

String Lessons will be running from Week 1-8 this term. There will be NO lessons in Week 4, as I will be conducting the Year 2 recruitment testing for 2022. All String assessments will take place in Week 6 this term. All loaned instruments will be collected after our final concert in the music block.

Go 4 Green is definitely still running this term and I have introduced the '**CUPCAKE CHALLENGE**'!!! I've told the students that I will make AMAZING RAINBOW CUPCAKES for them *if* there is one week this term where ALL students achieve a Green. In order for each student to get a green sticker on the chart they must practice three times in the week for 10mins or more and have filled their practice out in their practice books with their parents signature. This is a great chance for all of the students to reach a goal together. I'm hoping they will be able to make it happen!!

String Orchestra - Thursday - 7.50am
Carla Mulligan

STRING ORCHESTRA - Rehearsals have kicked off already for the term! They will run until Week 8.

Students will be performing at the Performers' Concert in Week 4, 27th October. More information will come out regarding this as we navigate Covid Restrictions. Just like Eisteddfod we rely on all students to show up and support the Orchestra as a whole. It is very important to have all students playing their part. That's what makes them sound so fantastic.

BEGINNER STRINGS - Our Beginner Strings will also have an opportunity to perform before the end of the term.

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

Welcome to Term 4!

This term all brass groups are expected to work hard and try to improve their playing skills using 2 tracking systems to understand your performance goals:

- Working through the method book and Band Karate songs checklist to collect at least one more belt this term.
- Trying to get through the current Instrumental Music Curriculum playing level ready for the next level up in 2022.

Work hard, be organised, attend lessons with a focused attitude and let's see what you can achieve by the end of 2021!

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

Hi everyone, I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday! Timetables for lessons are available on the notice board. In Week 4 I will not be teaching as I will be doing recruiting this week, however, band will still be on! Woodwind assessment will be held during Week 6 and 7. Remember to keep up your practice to keep achieving green on the Go for Green chart!

Senior Concert Band

Tina Greenfield

tgree255@eq.edu.au

Monday 7.50am

I am looking forward to a great Performers' Concert on the 27th of October! We will be performing our piece that we performed at Eisteddfod. It is important that we have everyone there to contribute to the concert and show off all of your great achievements. More information regarding who will be able to attend will come out soon as we navigate Covid Restrictions.

Beginner Concert Band

Tina Greenfield

tgree255@eq.edu.au

Monday 1.10pm

As Above

Junior & Senior Choirs

Fiona Coleman

Both choirs will be performing and showcasing their pieces from this year for you at the Performers' Concert. The Senior choir are preparing for Remembrance Day also and will perform on Thursday, 11th November.

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 turn 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.

INSTRUMENTS FOR SALE

All instruments will be collected by **Friday, 27th November (End of week 8)** for repairs and cleaning and to get ready for our 2022 instrumentalists.

If you are a beginner and continuing into 2022, you need to purchase your own instrument. If you need further information on this, please contact your child's instrumental teacher or myself.

If your child has outgrown their instrument or looking at upgrading, you are more than welcome to advertise the instrument through this school newsletter. We always have parents looking for good quality secondhand instruments. Please contact me with any information you would like published for the next newsletter.

Yamaha Clarinet

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

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke

"Life is one grand sweet song to start the music." ~Ronald Reagan

"Do not neglect your music, it will be a companion which will sweeten many hours of life to you." ~ Thomas Jefferson