



The Pitch

Music News - Issue 4

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A short newsletter this fortnight with some reminders from the last one.

Term 2 timetables will be emailed to you from your Instrumental teacher. If you don't receive a copy, please let us know.

Lessons and rehearsals will continue **as normal Day 1, Week 1 of Term 2**. Your child's classroom teacher will receive a copy of the Term 2 timetable as will your child. Our goal this term is to have no interruptions to lessons and getting to lessons on time without reminders. Please ensure you have a copy of the timetable viewable at home to help with these organisational skills.

A reminder - we will be involved in **Creative Generations Fanfare** this year. A note went home to each individual child who is competing in this competition. Fanfare is a statewide competition for Instrumental students from Queensland state schools only. It happens every second year. Both our Junior and Senior Concert Bands and String Orchestra will be participating. Regional Festivals will take place on **Saturday, 21st May at Kirwan SHS** - **Please keep this date in your calendar.**

It is an expectation that every member of these ensembles attends rehearsals. Permission notes will be sent home with more information in Term 2.

Make sure you are attending all rehearsals so you are prepared and ready to showcase and perform at your best! 😊

Congratulations to all the instrumental children working hard on **GOING GREEN** and demonstrating some fantastic playing and earning extra stars for their star charts. The energy and enthusiasm are fantastic. Keep up the great practising and efforts - Even over the holidays!!

Have a great break!! We look forward to seeing you refreshed when you return for a busy term ahead!!

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WHAT'S ON - TERM 2	
Week 1 Friday 22nd April	ANZAC Day Service – Choir Time TBA
WEEK 1 – 3	CONCERT BANDS – JNR & SNR – changes to rehearsals due to Public Holiday disruption.
Week 5 16 – 20th May	NAPLAN – Changes to lessons to accommodate children involved
Week 5 Saturday, 21st May @ Kirwan SHS	Creative Generations – FANFARE - Heat All Senior/Junior Band and Orchestra
Week 8 Thursday 9th June @ Pimpac	Creative Generations - FANFARE Regional Finals (Only if chosen from heats)
Week 9 Wednesday 15th June	Music Gala – All Instrumental ensembles and Choir



BAND KARATE/ BAND NINJA

We have a new system to help students to achieve manageable practice and performance goals within their method book. **"Band Karate"** involves students aiming to play certain songs as a solo for the teacher and group. The overall goal is to practise regularly to help you play these songs and therefore move your name tile across the belt posters and collect the corresponding belt colours. We hope these smaller, manageable performance goals will motivate students to practise at home and get excited about learning new pieces rather than being apprehensive!

At times the belt songs will correlate with assessment pieces, but students have been explicitly told that this is not always the case. First and foremost, belt songs are a tool to help with practice and improving your playing skills in general and therefore students need to STILL PRACTISE the other songs set for homework by the teacher.

This year there is a new extension level called **Band Ninja**. Band Ninja represents Level 3 of the IM curriculum and students who are starting Book 2 of their method book!!!

How are you tracking?



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

Tuesday 9.30am - 11.00am
Thursday 7.50am - 3.00pm

All student assessment took place in Week 7. If any students were absent this day, they will be recorded during their lesson in Week 8.

For those students still learning to read their notes, I highly recommend the app STAFF WARS. It is a very fun and an effective way to learn how to read your notes. This must be coupled with playing the instrument to then translate that knowledge on to the instrument.

String Orchestra
Carla Mulligan

Our North Queensland competition, FANFARE, is in Week 5 of Term 2. I encourage all students to keep playing and enjoying their orchestra music over the holidays. Listening to the recordings online and playing along is a great way to keep the notes in their fingers. Overall, the entire orchestra has done an impressive job growing as musicians this term! Wishing all students a wonderful break!

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

Tuesday 11.00am - 3.00pm

The last week of term is here and I can't believe we are one quarter of the way through our lessons!

With Fanfare competition scheduled for mid-Term 2, please try to find some time (if possible) to practise your band pieces and learn your individual notes, rhythms



ready for the first rehearsal back with Miss Greenfield. 😊

Finally, well done to all our Beginner Brass students! Mrs Coleman and I are really impressed with your dedication to weekly lesson attendance and organisation skills. Some beginners are also putting their enthusiasm and excitement to good use by practising at break times! This commitment is inspiring to both other students and music teachers! Great work!!!

Percussion - Ian Brunskill -

ibrun2@eq.edu.au

Friday 11.00am - 3.00pm

We are looking for more beginner percussion students. If you are new to the school or would like to be part of the percussion group, see the music teachers for further information.

Students are turning up late for their lessons or having to be called. Please ensure you check the timetable and your child has their equipment on Fridays and are turning up for lessons on time to receive their full 30 mins.

Woodwind - Tina Greenfield

tgree255@eq.edu.au

Monday 9.00am - 3.00pm

Well done to all of our first year players. You are all smashing your goals and are starting to play more recognisable tunes.

It has been great to hear the amount of practice that you have been doing, and it's all paying off. Well done and keep it up! To all of the continuing students, it is very important that you are practising each

week. You have a lot of music to learn, so it is vital to keep up with practice. Well done on your assessments. If you were away for your assessments in Week 8, you need to complete this in Week 1 next term.

Senior Concert Band

Monday 7.40am

The music is certainly starting to get there. We are up to final touch-ups for Geronimo and are starting to be able to run the entirety of Spirit of the Wolf. Please make sure you are practising over the holidays, particularly on Through the Mist. Make sure you listen to this one over the holidays and really focus on your rhythms and notes. This is the one that needs the most work.

Changes to rehearsal will be notified ASAP due to consistent Monday public holidays that will impact our rehearsal and preparation for FANFARE. We are looking at holding these on a FRIDAY afternoon during school time.

Junior Concert Band

Monday 2nd Break 1.10pm

Well done on all of the members who have been coming along each week. All Grade 4 woodwind, brass and percussion students (plus Grade 5 percussion) are supposed to come along. We are working towards Fanfare, where we will be playing some simple pieces. Please make sure you are practising your pieces.

Whole School Choir

Fiona Coleman



There has been some irregular attendance with children who nominated for the Choir. A Choir Roll will be confirmed at the end of this term with children who have had regular attendance this term. A choir commitment note was sent home earlier this term with a request to pay \$55 music levy if not already in the instrumental program and confirming choir membership. Please return these notes signed and ensure the media release section is also signed in anticipation of any local performances we may be asked to perform at. An electronic roll has been set up so children are recording their attendance. Children will be invited to **Eisteddfod and Gala Performances** based on their attendance and effort recorded in the roll. Our first performance is ANZAC Day in Week 1, Term 2.

Rehearsal times are:

Tuesday and Thursday – 1st Break

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman

Music is a more potent instrument than any other for education. ~ *Plato*

2022 MUSIC PROGRAM TIMETABLE

DAY/TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7.50am	SENIOR CONCERT BAND Tina Greenfield tgreen202@sws.edu.au			SENIOR STRING ORCHESTRA Carla Mulligan cmull@sws.edu.au	
9.00am	WOODWIND LESSONS Tina Greenfield tgreen202@sws.edu.au	STRING LESSONS BEGINNERS Carla Mulligan cmull@sws.edu.au		STRING LESSONS CONTINUING Carla Mulligan cmull@sws.edu.au	
11.00am		CHOIR Fiona Coleman		CHOIR Fiona Coleman	
11.40am	WOODWIND LESSONS Tina Greenfield	BRASS LESSONS Kelly Clarke-Elliott kclarke202@sws.edu.au		STRING LESSONS CONTINUING Carla Mulligan cmull@sws.edu.au	PERCUSSION LESSONS Ian Brueskill ibrus2@sws.edu.au
1.10pm	BEGINNER CONCERT BAND (Term 2)		YEAR 5/6 CHOIR Fiona Coleman		
1.55pm	WOODWIND LESSONS Tina Greenfield				
2.55pm					