



The Pitch

Music News - Issue 6

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Keep up the fantastic attendance to lessons and rehearsals. Your efforts will be rewarded at our upcoming concerts. Please check the date claimer below.

A reminder also that children are being assessed this term. The report is a progress of how they are going. Your child needs to understand their results and ask themselves if they have met their goals and what they need to do to improve to meet their next lot of challenges.

Persistence, motivation and overcoming these hurdles makes us stronger and give us the ability to achieve and feel confident about our accomplishments. Please ensure children are aware of their lesson times and putting in the extra effort to showcase to the instrumental teacher what they have learned during Semester 1. Be aware of your expectations and what is required from you for success. Practicing and preparing for your assessment will assist in great results. Good luck!! ☺

All permission notes for instrumental fanfare were issued last week with arrival and performance times. Please be aware this is the same day as voting so it will be extremely busy. Entry is free for parents and friends. You are more than welcome to bring snacks and drinks if needed.

Last Friday's band rehearsal was amazing! Such a great improvement from everyone. It really showed that each child was dedicated to practising their part ready to perform as a team. Keep up the great work. You still have time for more improvements!!

FANFARE

Saturday, 21st May at
Kirwan SHS.

Ensemble	Arrival Time	Performance Time
Senior Concert Band	8.00am	9.00am
Junior Concert Band	8.40am	9.40am
String Orchestra	10.15am	11.20am

It is an expectation that every member of these ensembles attend rehearsals and the performance. Please return permission notes ASAP.

MUSIC UNIFORM

Music Shirts have been organised and sized for each child. They are to be collected on **Friday, 20th May** after the whole school parade performance. Please bring a bag to put the shirt in so they are not stained or marked on the travel home. Please **DO NOT** wash the shirts - this will be organised at school. **Return on Monday 23rd May to Mrs Coleman's Room to be marked off.**

Please ensure your child has **navy blue skorts, skirts or shorts, white crew socks and black closed in shoes for performances.** The socks are the ones that come above the ankle and sit above the shoe, not in the shoe.

We look forward to the children performing and showcasing at their best!



Date Claimer

WHAT'S ON - TERM 2	
Week 5 16–20 th May	NAPLAN – Changes to lessons to accommodate children involved
Week 5 20 th May	Whole School Parade – Junior and senior concert band, String Orchestra – Possibly Choir
Week 5 Saturday, 21 st May @ Kirwan SHS	Creative Generations – FANFARE - Heat All senior/junior Band and Orchestra
Week 8 Thursday 9 th June @ Pimpac	Creative Generations - FANFARE Regional Finals (Only if chosen from heats)
Week 9 Wednesday 15 th June	Music Gala – All Instrumental Ensembles and Choir

BAND KARATE/ BAND NINJA

How are you tracking?

Strings – Carla Mulligan
cjmul1@eq.edu.au

Tuesday 9.30am – 11am
Thursday 7.50am – 3pm

Lessons and Orchestra are continuing as normal this term. Practise and attendance has been mostly fantastic. Thank you all for helping make this program so strong!

String Orchestra

Carla Mulligan

The Orchestra have been busy rehearsing their three pieces. We will be performing on Friday 20th at the school parade in

preparation for Fanfare on the following day. Don't forget your instruments! 😊

Brass – Kelly Clarke-Flesser
kclar205@eq.edu.au
Tuesday 11am – 3pm

With Fanfare competition only a few weeks away, it is really important all students are on time and organised with all their equipment for band rehearsals and lessons. Remember that performing on stage is a team effort and requires everyone to 'do their bit' to help the overall team.

For the next few lessons, Brass students will focus on lesson pieces and not band pieces, we have used a lot of lesson time this term to help prepare you for Fanfare and now Ms Clarke must shift the focus to assessment and Band Karate pieces.

Keep practising hard and I will see you next week!

Woodwind – Tina Greenfield
tgree255@eq.edu.au
Monday 9am – 3pm

Woodwind lessons start back in Week 4. Please make sure you bring your instrument along. All students will be receiving their timetable during band rehearsals on Friday. If they do not get one, please email me. I'm looking forward to getting back into it.

Junior / Senior Concert Band
Monday 7.40am

Great work to all of the students who remembered to bring their instruments to our rehearsals. Week 4 will be all back to



normal. Please make sure you are practising your songs. You are doing such a great job!

Junior Concert Band
Monday Second Break 1.10pm

As above

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

I could really see great improvement this week with practise. Keep up the great work in practising, attending lessons and being organised.

Whole School Choir
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Some children are being constantly reminded by peers for rehearsals. We may have an opportunity to perform some of our new songs at whole school parade in Week 5, depending on time. Keep learning your words and singing beautifully.

Rehearsal times are:
Tuesday and Thursday - First Break

Folk Group
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This small group is working hard on preparing some very hard pieces and doing something different. Don't forget if your child is interested in joining to come and see me or come and view a rehearsal on Wednesday's at second break.

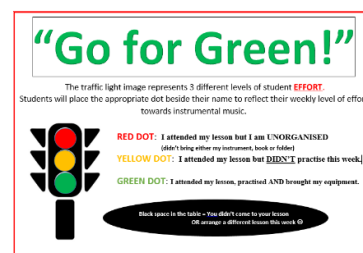
Go for Green

THE IMPORTANCE OF PRACTICE

When new pieces and scales are learned in the lesson it is important to go over these new ideas often so we are familiar and comfortable with the new songs. This enables us to feel confident and relaxed in the lessons as well and you will enjoy it a lot more! A few little things to help you -

- ❖ Keep your fingernails short!
- ❖ Organise your music bag the night before with everything you will need.
- ❖ Fill out your practice chart as soon as you have finished practising! (only count actual playing time please).
- ❖ Set a timer to help you practice. When the buzzer goes off that's your practice done!
- ❖ 60min per week is the minimum amount to ensure progress each week.
- ❖ Set yourself a goal and try to achieve this goal.

Happy playing and I look forward to the rest of term.



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, are organised for



their lessons with correct equipment and are turning up on time, the music staff have developed two rewards.

GREEN DOT: I attended my lesson, practised 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 practise enough this week. I need to practise 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 organisation.

The second award works in with our school PBL where students doing an outstanding job in lessons, practising, improving skills and "WOW-ing" their teacher will receive stars towards their '75 star chart' in their classroom towards the end of Week 5 party etc.

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman

*"Music is the universal language of mankind."
~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

"Words make you think a thought. Music makes you feel a feeling. A song makes you feel a thought." ~ E.Y. Harburg

"Music is a world within itself with a language we all understand." ~ Stevie Wonder