



The Willows State School

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Music News - Issue 8

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GALA NIGHT

Wednesday, 15th June, 2022

4.30pm T C B C

All our performers are ready and invite you to an afternoon of entertainment.

It is an expectation that all members of our music program are available to perform at our outside school events. The Gala Night is a performance to showcase what your child has been learning for the first half of this year. It also allows your child to build confidence and perform in front of a large crowd in preparation for the Eisteddfod in Term 3 and share with you their learning progress. All performers are required to wear full music uniform as requested in previous newsletters. Please make sure you have all your music and instruments ready for the night. We would like the night to run smoothly and quickly with all children ready in the Performing Arts Centre. All children must be seated in the TCBC conference room to minimize entry and exit and to get children on and off the stage as smoothly as possible. Younger children must be with their parents at all times and displaying audience manners. No children are to be left unsupervised or on play equipment. The following groups will be performing: Choir, Junior Strings, Senior Orchestra, Beginner Band, Concert Band, Dance Troupe, Folk group and Rock Band. All are welcome to come and watch our sensational musicians performing.

WHAT'S ON - TERM 2

Week 9 Wednesday 15 th June	Music Gala – All Instrumental Ensembles and Choir 4.30pm
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WHAT'S ON - TERM 3

Week 9/10 Wednesday 7 th - Monday 12 th Sept	Townsville Eisteddfod – All Groups – Townsville Civic Theatre
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BAND KARATE/ BAND NINJA

How are you tracking?

Strings - Carla Mulligan

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Tuesday 9.30am - 11.00am

Thursday 7.50am - 3.00pm

Well done to everyone who has already been assessed. I'm looking forward to hearing more from you in the lessons next week and what improvements you have made.

Beginners will be assessed in their lesson as well as rehearsing their song for Gala Night. This is their first performance and they are very excited to share with you their progress in such a short time.

String Orchestra

Carla Mulligan

Keep up the fantastic playing. I'm looking forward to you sharing your pieces with family and friends at our Gala Night.



Brass - Kelly Clarke-Flessner

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Tuesday 11.00am - 3.00pm

Final assessments are happening this week. Please ensure you have practised and are ready to showcase at your best.

Woodwind - Tina Greenfield

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Monday 9.00am - 3.00pm

Well done to all of you for getting your assessments done over the past two weeks. Many of you are developing well. For those of you who have been practicing regularly, well done. You could certainly tell that you have been putting in a lot of effort and your results reflect this.

Senior Concert Band

Monday 7.40am

All of you should have received your new piece, Moai. This piece is quite difficult and tricky, so please make sure you are practicing now, to start to get it prepared for the Eisteddfod in Term 3. The more practice you put in the better it will be.

Junior Concert Band

Monday Second Break 1.10pm

It is so great to see how excited you all are about music. Please make sure you are working on developing a smooth sound, even when tonguing. You will be receiving a new piece of music in Week 8 to start practicing for the Eisteddfod. Please make sure you are practicing and putting in a lot

of effort into learning this piece. There will be an email link next week to find a recording of the piece, so you can listen to how it goes. Remember, practice now, will mean a better performance in the long run. If you learn this first piece quickly, we can add another one in.

Percussion - Ian Brunskill

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Friday 11.00am - 3.00pm

The percussion assessment starts next week, students have the test piece circled in their books. Look forward to seeing your progression. Keep practicing!

Whole School Choir

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Congratulations to all the Choir members who have been turning up for rehearsal without reminders. Your enthusiasm to singing and confidence is growing every rehearsal. We have organised another rehearsal on Friday, 10th June from 2pm to have a run through with the accompanist in preparation for our Gala. They are very excited to share their pieces with you.

Rehearsal times are:

Tuesday and Thursday - First Break

Go for Green

THE IMPORTANCE OF PRACTICE

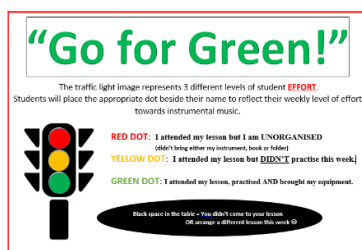
When new pieces and scales are learned in the lesson it is important to go over these new ideas often so we are familiar and comfortable with the new songs. This enables us to feel confident and relaxed in



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 the term.



GO FOR GREEN - Recognition of Practice and Great Work

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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 practise, 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.


Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments/Fees

All Instrumental and Choral children need a shirt for our gala night. Please ensure you see Mrs Coleman for your size. These are available from school for your child to change into. 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 are very excited as we will be using our new music shirts for the Gala. Thank you to our P & C.

Musically Yours,
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"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