



The Pitch

Music News - Issue 11

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It's only been 3 weeks back and it has been so busy as the children are working enthusiastically in preparing for our upcoming 25 Year Celebration performance and our Annual Eisteddfod. It's great to see the kids enthusiasm and excitement coming to rehearsals and lessons. The Instrumental students are still working so hard and dedicated to improving their playing. Great work to you all and thanks to all the parents for your continued support and reminding them of lessons and getting them to school on time for rehearsals.

Eisteddfod notes should be starting to come home by the end of Week 5. I'm in the process of having buses booked and a **draft** timetable is attached below. Please pencil **Tuesday 6th September - Monday 12th September** into your diary. Some families have not paid the program fee which covers the Eisteddfod bus. Please make payment, if you haven't, before we head to the Eisteddfod so your child can attend. **It is an expectation that all members of the Instrumental and Choral programs are attending all rehearsals.** If there is an absence, we ask that it is being followed through with the Ensemble teacher via email, phone call or note. If children have missed too many rehearsals, **they will not be invited to the Eisteddfod.** We have had, in the past, some children upset when they don't receive an invitation to attend. Please ensure that they are organised and ready for each rehearsal and lesson. Keep up the

practice and attendance and your efforts will be rewarded.

A reminder to organise your child has the correct uniform. It's essential that children are dressed appropriately in our school music uniform for the event. Please ensure you are organised with appropriate navy blue skorts/skirts/shorts (of appropriate length), black shoes and **white ankle (Crew) socks**. Music shirts will be given out on day of performance and returned when they arrive back at school to be washed and ready for next event.

Date Claimer

WHAT'S ON - TERM 3	
Week 4 Wednesday 3 rd August	Strings Workshop For all Strings students 9 – 10.30 am MCPA and L Pod
Week 4 Tuesday 2 nd August	Junior Concert Band Extra rehearsal 1.10 – 2.10pm
Week 4 Wednesday 3 rd August	Strings Workshop L Pod – 9 – 11am
Week 5 Friday 12 th August	25 Year Anniversary Choir to perform at parade – 9am TCBC
Week 6 Thurs/Fri 18/19 August	Extra Curricular Group Photos
Week 7 Friday 19 th August	TWSS FUNFAIR Various Instrumental Groups/Choir – 5pm
Week 7 Tuesday 23 rd August	Junior Concert Band Extra rehearsal 1.10 – 2.10pm
Week 9/10 Tuesday 6 th September – Monday 12 th September	Townsville Eisteddfod All Groups – Townsville Civic Theatre



BAND KARATE/ BAND NINJA

How are you tracking?

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

Tuesday 9.30am - 11.00am

Thursday 7.50am - 3.00pm

Please take note of changes to the Beginners timetables for Week 4 onwards. Lessons will be from 12.40pm over in L Pod. A workshop is being conducted in Week 4 for all students. This will be a productive couple of hours where children can do sectional practise on their Eisteddfod piece, experiment with making various sounds and learning from our partner high school students. The Beginners will be part of this workshop to watch the KSHS students perform.

String Orchestra
Carla Mulligan

All students have been coming to lessons and mostly all practicing consistently. Well done to all of you for continuing to try your best! This piece is hard - but I know you can do it. It's already developing quickly and we'll work on improving that in the workshop on Wednesday.

Remember, building discipline in your commitment to your music journey by consistently picking up your instrument at home to teach yourself will help you become a great musician. KEEP GOING! You are doing great! Every little bit counts.

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

Tuesday 11.00am - 3.00pm

Welcome to Week 4!!! This means we are almost halfway to reaching our goal of performing at the Townsville Eisteddfod. Brass students are expected to regularly attend their band rehearsals and have worked on a small section of at least 1 band piece. Smart and simple tips to utilise your home practice time is to:

- ONLY work on particular bars you can't play (contain errors). Playing through the entire band piece is not an effective way to improve your part at this stage of your performance preparation.
- Use a pencil to mark fingerings, write in your counting or circle dynamics (volume levels) you need to improve in these tricky bars.
- Practice like you are performing on stage every time. Be consistent with how you approach practice at home in order to prepare you for the lights and stage! (consistently play with good seated posture, hold your instrument properly, play with good sound, tongue your notes, breath through your mouth and not your nose etc.)

Woodwind - Tina Greenfield
tgree255@eq.edu.au

Monday 9.00am - 3.00pm

Well done for everyone who has been remembering to check their lesson times, and coming at the right time. Remember, it is very important to remember to bring



your instrument every Monday morning. It is hard to teach a proper lesson without it.

Senior Concert Band

Monday 7.40am

Great job on so many of you being prepared for Concert Band this week. You are starting to make a great sound, so keep up the practicing as much as you can. We have the Eisteddfod this term, so it's important you are doing everything you can to help everything run smoothly.

Junior Concert Band

Monday Second Break 1.10pm

Well done to all of those who remembered to come along to practice on Monday. We have our new piece to play and performances at the Eisteddfod coming up. If you don't come along, you won't be able to perform with us. Junior Concert Band will need a little extra rehearsal time before the big event. They will be extending their practice time on Tuesdays from 1.10 to 2.10 Week 4 and 7 only. Please keep this in mind as we fast approach Week 4.

Percussion - Ian Brunskill -

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Friday 11.00am - 3.00pm

Just a reminder that lessons will continue on a rotational timetable. Please ensure you are equipped for your lessons and turning up on time. Timetables are on display outside the room, in your child's class and a copy handed to your child. Please email me if you have any concerns.

The percussion ensemble is working hard on preparing their piece for eisteddfod. Attendance to lessons has improved. Practicing your parts, techniques and skills every week is very important. Keep up the great work!!

Whole School Choir

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All Choir members are at 100% attendance. They are doing such a great job though and are always on time and turning up. Well done!! We have some work to do on parts in our new songs and syncing actions for our novelty performance, so **attendance to rehearsals is important**. We are entered in the novelty section for Eisteddfod. This is a section where children are able to still focus on their singing but have a bit more fun by adding actions and dressing up. The children have decided that the 'luau theme' is good for our Shake the Papaya Down. Children will need to wear a white shirt with black bottoms, Grass skirt (Any colour) and Lai to match. Flower's in hair or anything you think fits the theme is accepted. If you are having trouble sourcing this - please let me know ASAP. This is not to be an extra huge expense for a 5 mins performance - borrowing from a friend is a good idea.

I'm looking forward to hearing them perform at our 25 year Anniversary and Fun Fair. Will be a good practice in readiness for the eisteddfod.



Go for Green - To assist with practise!

THE IMPORTANCE OF PRACTISE

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 over the holidays.



Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments/Fees

Please ensure your child is collecting their instrument to take home. We do not want them stored at school. Keep up the practise when you can!!

Please be organised with correct materials and uniform for the Eisteddfod in week 9/10 as stipulated in previous newsletters and above.

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman

	003A: Year 6 & Under Primary Choral Championship	162: Year 6 & Under Concert Band Group 154: Year 6 & Under Instrumental Quartet/Quintet (Woodwind / Strings)	158: Year 6 & Under Percussion Ensemble Group	005B: Year 6 & Under Unison Choir 009B: Year 6 & Under Folk Choir	007B: Year 6 & Under Novelty Chorus Choir	163: Year 6 & Under Beginner Concert Band Group 167: Year 6 & Under String Orchestra Group
Date	Tues 6th Sept AM	Wed 7th Sept AM	Wed 7th Sept PM	Thur 8th Sept AM	Fri 9th Sept AM	Mon 12th Sept AM
Be at Music Room	8.30am	8.45am	1.10pm	7.30am	8.15am	7.30am
Bus/taxi Departs School	9.15am	9.30am	1.30pm	8.15am	9.00am	8.15am
Session Starts	9.00am	9.00am	2.00pm	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am
08:00 Approx section starts	10.00am	10.30am	2.00pm	9.00am	9.45am	9.00am
Bus/taxi Departs Venue approx.	11.45am (depending on adjudication time)	1.00pm (depending on adjudication time)	3.00pm (depending on adjudication <u>time</u>)	11.30am (depending on adjudication time)	11.00am (depending on adjudication time)	12.30pm (depending on adjudication time)
What You Need	Water bottle, Morning Tea	Music, instrument, percussion instruments/mallets, water bottle, Lunch	Music, percussion instruments/mallets, water bottle	Water <u>bottle</u> , <u>Morning</u> Tea, instruments (Folk)	Water bottle, Morning Tea, instruments, Costumes	Music, instrument, percussion instruments/mallets, water bottle, Lunch