



The Pitch

Music News - Issue 12

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The Eisteddfod is nearly upon us and groups are rehearsing very hard so they are ready to perform at their best. We have 115 children participating in one or more events. Notes are being sent home this week notifying you of what your child is participating in and when they will be out of the school. The Eisteddfod is starting for us on **Tuesday, 6th September** and we will have various groups attending every day until **Monday, 12th September**.

The top of the note lists all the events that your child is participating in. There is a timetable on the note indicating relevant times of when buses/taxi's leave the school and arrive back from the Civic Theatre and what to take. I have included a copy at the end of the timetable. Please confirm all the events listed on your permission with your child in case I have missed them out of a group. **If I have, please let me know ASAP.** The bus company is on a tight schedule with all Townsville schools being involved in the Eisteddfod and it is important that we are sticking to an agenda. Please check highlighted times of events on your child's permission note and ensure your child is at school dressed appropriately ready to go with appropriate gear. Please ensure you are organised with appropriate navy blue skorts/skirts/shorts (of appropriate length), black shoes and white ankle socks.

The Civic Theatre have a COVID-19 regulation plan that needs to be adhered to. This year we are allowed to use the rooms out back to store instruments and bags etc. and sit in the theatre, however if your child is sick, please take the necessary precautions and let us know.

Please ensure your child also has water and healthy food to take with them on the day. Please be aware of times if you are making Tuckshop orders in case your child is not at school to receive it.

Please return the **'whole sheet'** and ensure each appropriate area is signed ASAP. 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. If you have any further questions, please contact us at the school.

For the first few weeks this term we have had children involved with rehearsals and various trainings. Most children have come to see us and organised a way around trying to get to both. We understand you can't be in two places at once, but appreciate you trying to organise yourself and informing us of your decisions. Remember to be resilient and persistent. Take some time out for yourself and think positive. You are all amazing and contribute to our school community with pride and always achieve fantastic results.



Date Claimer

WHAT'S ON - TERM 3	
Week 6 Thur 18 & Fri 19 Aug	Extra Curricular Group Photos
Week 7 Tues 16 Aug	Junior Concert Band Extra rehearsal 1.10 – 2.10pm
Week 7 Fri 19 Aug	TWSS FUNFAIR – 5pm Various Instrumental Groups/Choir
Week 8 Thurs 1 Sept	Full School Assembly – 9.15 Various Instrumental Groups/Choir performing at Eisteddfod showcasing their work to the school
Week 9/10 Tues 6 - Mon 12 Sept	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

String Orchestra
Carla Mulligan

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

Tuesday 11.00am - 3.00pm

We have made it halfway through Term 3! Time flies when you have awesome Brass students to teach each week!

Just a few small notices:

1. Keep practising your instrument - both for personal improvement and to play more your Eisteddfod band piece confidently and accurately.
2. Junior Band rehearsals are compulsory. They are a requirement of school and Education Queensland and this expectation was clearly stated in your student contracts signed by parents and students at the beginning of the year. Miss Greenfield has informed me that some Brass students are not attending the second lunch break rehearsals (every Monday).
3. Please email Ms Greenfield if you are absent from band rehearsals on Mondays. Because we take a roll of this activity, we must know where the students are (either in rehearsal with us or away from school etc). EQ expects us to have comprehensive Duty of Care for all students on our roll, as they are participating in an activity that falls outside the scope of the normal 9 to 3 school learning time. We really appreciate your help to ensure we know the whereabouts of each band members each week.

Thank sand happy practising!



Woodwind - Tina Greenfield

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Monday 9.00am - 3.00pm

Just a reminder that assessments are due in Week 8. Please make sure you are practicing your pieces. All students should know what they need to play. Please feel free to email me if you need any confirmation on what you are playing.

Senior Concert Band

Monday 7.40am

Please make sure you are attending on time for the next 2 weeks. This is very important, as we are in the lead up to the eisteddfod. When you are practicing this piece, please also make sure you are adding in all dynamic markings (the louds and quiet), and counting your rests in between.

We are also playing at the Fun Fair. Please make sure you are at the stage 5 minutes before we start with your instrument all set up. I'll see you there by the stage at 7:10pm

Junior Concert Band

Monday Second Break 1.10pm

Well done on making sure you are all coming along to rehearsals. These next 2 weeks are important if you are coming along to the Eisteddfod. Please make sure you are coming as soon as the bell goes. This is very important as we need as much time together as possible.

Please make sure you are practicing how to play short notes and counting your rests, and playing the entire piece the whole way through. This is very important!

We are also playing at the Fun Fair. Please make sure you are at the stage 5 minutes before we start with your instrument all set up. I'll see you there by the stage at 7:10pm

Percussion - Ian Brunskill -

ibrun2@eq.edu.au

Friday 11.00am - 3.00pm

The Percussion Ensemble are 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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Well done to all the children who performed at our 25 Year Anniversary parade on Friday. You received a lot of compliments from visiting parents, community and past staff. Well Done!!

Next performance is Fun Fair this Friday. Please meet me at the music room at 5.30pm to perform at 5.45pm in TCBC. Performance is in Free Dress.

As the Eisteddfod creeps closer it is essential that children are attending all rehearsals. All Choir members are at 100% attendance. They are doing such a great job and are always on time and turning up. Well done!!

Don't forget to be organised for our novelty performance as stated in last newsletter. 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 lei to match. Flowers 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.

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 practice when you can for Eisteddfod!

Shirts will be available in the music room on the day your child is performing at the

Eisteddfod. Children will change into their shirts at school before they leave and change back into their shirt when they arrive back to school from the theatre. Please ensure your child has white ankle socks, black shoes, matching coloured hair accessories and navy blue skorts/skirts/shorts ready to showcase our school at its best. No Make-up.

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman

I would teach children music, physics, and philosophy; but most importantly MUSIC, for in the patterns of music and all the arts are the keys of learning.
~ Plato

Music education opens doors that help children pass from school into the world around them - a world of work, culture, intellectual activity, and human involvement. The future of our nation depends on providing our children with a complete education that includes music. ~ President Gerald Ford

	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	006B: 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	Thurs 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/road 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
Adjudication starts	10.00am	10.30am	2.00pm	9.00am	9.45am	9.00am
Bus/road Departs Venue approx.	11.45am (depending on adjudication time)	1.00pm (depending on adjudication time)	3.00pm (depending on adjudication time)	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 bottle, Morning Tea, instruments (Folk)	Water bottle, Morning Tea, instruments, Costumes	Music, instrument, percussion instruments / mallets, water bottle, Lunch