



# The Pitch

## INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

### Music News - Issue 13

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**We're days out from Eisteddfod week and we're all very excited!!** It is surely going to be a very busy and hectic week, yet very rewarding at the same time! We wish all 115 students the best as you participate in this grand event and hope you enjoy the experience of performing at the Civic Theatre. We are very proud of your efforts at rehearsals so far and know you will receive positive feedback on your performances.

It is important your child is prepared and organised for the day. Please check the timetable (at end of this newsletter) to make sure you have lunch, water bottles, instruments, music, costumes etc for the correct day. **Buses are on a tight schedule with school runs - we need to be on time.**

Please wear your black shoes and white **crew** socks (above the shoe on ankle) and correct coloured navy blue skorts, skirts or shorts. It may be a good idea to prepare the day before!! ☺ Your music shirt will be hanging up in the music room for you to change into when you arrive. Choir needs to be dressed and bring costumes (as indicated below) on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> for the novelty section.

Thank you for those getting permissions back quickly. If your child is sick on the day and/or unable to attend, please inform the school ASAP on 4799 1333. It is possibly better to avoid ordering tuckshop on the days your child is involved at the Eisteddfod.

A reminder that our first year instrumentalists will be required to hand back their instruments at the end of Term 4 so they are cleaned and repaired for our 2023 new recruits. Our 2022 beginner players have excelled greatly with their newly acquired skills and are sounding fabulous. We would hope that a lot of them are continuing in 2023. You will be required to purchase your own instrument, as mentioned at our recruiting night and now is a good time to start looking for a good quality secondhand instrument. We do have a list available on preferred brands and further information on purchasing your own instrument that will go home early Term 4. There are a lot of good secondhand instruments around at a good price - you just have to find them. There have been many good brands advertised on FB Buy and Sell websites. There are a lot of stores with various payment plans available also. Please ask your child's instrumental teacher for further information on purchasing and brands to look for if you require further information. If there are any concerns about purchasing an instrument and you would like to discuss this further, please come and speak with us so we can assist where necessary. If you play our more expensive instruments such as cellos, tenor sax, bass clarinet, double bass, euphonium, baritone and tuba, you will be loaned the instrument again in 2023.

You are invited to our whole school parade on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September, 9.15am, to watch the Orchestra and Choir perform as pre-eisteddfod practice.

**Date Claimer**

<b>WHAT'S ON - TERM 3</b>	
<b>Week 8</b> <b>Thurs 1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>Sept</b>	<b>Whole School Parade – 9.15am</b> <b>TCBC</b> Orchestra and Choir Pre-Eisteddfod performance
<b>Week 8</b> <b>Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b>	<b>No PERCUSSION Lessons – SFD</b> Ensemble lessons held on Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> instead
<b>Week 9/10</b> <b>Tues 6<sup>th</sup> –</b> <b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Sept</b>	<b>Townsville Eisteddfod –</b> All Groups – Townsville Civic Theatre
<b>Week 9/10</b>	No Choir Rehearsals
<b>WHAT'S ON - TERM 4</b>	
<b>Week 1</b>	Application for Instrumental Program 2023 Recruiting Sent home
<b>Week 4</b>	Performers Concert TCBC 4.30pm – TBC
<b>Week 4</b>	Recruitment Testing Starts
<b>Week 6</b>	Instrumental Recruitment Night

**BAND KARATE/ BAND NINJA**

**How are you tracking?**

**Strings** – **Carla Mulligan** –

[cjmul1@eq.edu.au](mailto:cjmul1@eq.edu.au)

**Tuesday 9.30am – 11.00am**

**Thursday 7.50am – 3.00pm**

What an eventful term this has been! Good luck to all my wonderful students who are participating in Eisteddfod on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup>. I am sure all the hard work will pay off! Please remember to have everything organised the night before and have your music shoulder rest, spare strings, and your instrument packed and ready to go. I

can't wait for them all to perform. I am sure they will represent Willows proudly!

**String Orchestra**

**Carla Mulligan**

The Orchestra is sounding amazing!! You have all been working hard to learn your parts and try your best in rehearsals. I am looking forward to you showcasing at your best and all your hard work being rewarded at the Eisteddfod. Now just try your best and let's enjoy! ☺ See you on Thursday at our concert for the whole school parade.

**Brass** – **Kelly Clarke-Flessner** –

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**Tuesday 11.00am – 3.00pm**

As we are getting toward the end of the term, it's imperative that students are focussed during lessons and rehearsals in order to get through Eisteddfod and assessment preparation. Last week a large chunk of learning time was lost due to students not listening or following instructions. Let's remember that our practice and rehearsal rooms are still classrooms and that the school expectations apply to our Instrumental program (both lessons and band).

On a more positive note, Eisteddfod is next week! I hope you are ready to represent the school and show off all your work and talent to the wider Townsville community. You always make me proud and manage to put a massive smile on my face when I can watch you on stage! To make sure you can play your part to the best of your ability, work on only small specific bars not the entire piece! Details to improve can include dynamic changes,



tonguing/slurring changes etc. This helps make sure errors in rehearsals are overcome and mastered ready for the performance!

**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 practising 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**

Well done to those students who are always on time and ready to play before 7:50am. I have noticed in recent weeks some students are showing up late every week. Please let me know if there is an issue at the moment to get your students to and from Band in the morning. As we are coming up towards the Eisteddfod, and into Term 4, it is very important that we are using our short time together well.

**Junior Concert Band**

**Monday Second Break 1.10pm**

Your Eisteddfod is in Week 9. Please note, only students who have been attending regularly will be allowed to go. We have had a few students in recent weeks choosing to go and play instead of coming to Beginner Band. Beginner Band is NOT a choice. Well done to all of you that have been attending every week and practising hard. Remember, it is not a competition to see who can play

the loudest, so please play with good quality sound at all times.

**Percussion - Ian Brunskill -**

**[ibrun2@eq.edu.au](mailto:ibrun2@eq.edu.au)**

**Friday 11.00am - 3.00pm**

The Percussion Ensemble need to attend lunchtime rehearsals with Mrs Coleman to practise their Eisteddfod piece. It's important you are putting in the extra effort individually so your part is well known when you come together as an Ensemble. Due to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September being a Student Free Day - make up lesson for Ensemble will be held on Monday afternoon 5<sup>th</sup> September.

**Whole School Choir**

**Fiona Coleman**

Thank you to all choir members who took time out of their night to entertain the crowd at our Fun Fair. It was a long performance, but you did amazingly and displayed good practice for our upcoming Eisteddfod.

I'm very excited with the beautiful sounds being produced. That extra time spent on the tricky sections is coming together nicely. They are working extremely hard and I'm very proud of their efforts, dedication and commitment during rehearsals. The part work is starting to sound harmonious. Your discipline will shine on the day and I look forward to you representing our school and enjoying the experience of performance and getting on stage. Good luck, smile and enjoy the experience!! 😊

There are NO rehearsals during Eisteddfod week unfortunately as we'll be



at the theatre. There are **NO** rehearsals during the last week of this term for both Choirs. ENJOY YOUR BREAK!!

Our **novelty section** song is prepared and they need to practise in their own time. They have been working hard on putting their display together. Please come dressed on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September (novelty section day) in your '**luau theme.**' Don't forget to bring a change of clothes when you return to school. Closed footwear is needed to and from the theatre and onstage. The novelty section is all about taking singing to a different level including with a bit of fun doing actions. A reminder that we do not ask that you go to great expense for a 5 min performance.

## 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. To help acknowledge those students who regularly practise, are organised for their lessons with correct equipment and turning up on time, the music staff have developed two rewards.

#### Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments/Fees

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!

All our music shirts will be used constantly during the Eisteddfod and many of our music students will wear them many times throughout the week.

All children performing at the Eisteddfod need their folders with their music to be organised.

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman

*The true beauty of music is that it connects people. It carries a message, and we, the musicians, are the messengers. ~ Roy Ayers*

*Music is the strongest form of Magic. ~ Marilyn Manson*



	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
<b>Date</b>	<b>Tues 6th Sept AM</b>	<b>Wed 7th Sept AM</b>	<b>Wed 7th Sept PM</b>	<b>Thur 8th Sept AM</b>	<b>Fri 9th Sept AM</b>	<b>Mon 12th Sept AM</b>
<b>Be at Music Room</b>	8.30am	8.45am	1.10pm	7.30am	8.15am	7.30am
<b>Bus/taxi Departs School</b>	9.15am	9.30am	1.30pm	8.15am	9.00am	8.15am
<b>Session Starts</b>	9.00am	9.00am	2.00pm	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am
<b>Approx section starts</b>	10.00am	10.30am	2.00pm	9.00am	9.45am	9.00am
<b>Bus/taxi Departs Venue approx.</b>	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)
<b>What You Need</b>	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
<b>Bus Type</b>	BUS	BUS	TAXI	BUS	BUS	BUS