



The Pitch

Music News - Issue 14

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Congratulations to all Choir and Instrumental students who participated in the annual 2022 Townsville Eisteddfod. Music is definitely thriving in Townsville. It was nice to see the amount of entries in the competition and lots of children representing their schools. Our 115 children were a little nervous but enjoyed the experience and performed with confidence and pride. The competition was of a very high standard in all the sessions we were competing in. All the attendance to rehearsals and lessons were rewarded. The comments were very positive to read in all sections they were involved in. Well done to all! We are very proud of you! Thank you also to all the parents who ensured their children were at school on time, dressed correctly and with the right gear. Your help is greatly appreciated!! 😊 The following are our fantastic results:

- Choir - Novelty Section - Third
- Senior String Orchestra - Third
- Junior Concert Band - Did Not Place
- Choir Championship - Highly Commended
- Senior Concert Band - Third
- Choir - Unison Section - Third
- Choir - Folk Section - Highly Commended
- String Quartet - Highly Commended
- Wind Quartet - Third
- Percussion Ensemble - Did Not Place

Remember, you are better than your last performance. KEEP PERSERVERING!! We are extremely proud of all of you!! Well Done!

If you were unable to see your child perform at the Eisteddfod, you are invited to our Performer's Night **Term 4 - Week 4, Wednesday 26th October at 4.30pm** where they will do it all again. 😊

If your child is interested in learning an instrument and starting in our Instrumental Program for 2023, you are also invited to be guests at our Performer's Night and be entertained by our current members and see what our program has to offer and what your child may be part of from 2023.

INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

We have very limited spots for our new recruits to our Instrumental Program for 2023. This is determined on instrumental teachers, time allocation, school instruments and current students already in the program. All children in Year 2 and 3 will receive an application to apply for testing. Any child in Year 4 and 5 who would like to be considered can come and collect an application form from the office. Acceptance to the program is based on subject achievement, behaviour, parental support and whether or not your child is physically attributed to their chosen instrument. **Application forms will be sent home Week 1 next term.**

Education Queensland states that only children in Year 2 are invited to the Strings program and Years 3 to 5 for



Woodwind, Brass and Percussion. **If your child in Year 2 is not interested in learning a string instrument, you are asked to wait until the next intake at the end of next year.**

Forms must be returned no later than **Friday 21st October** so your child can be physically tested on their chosen instrument in **Week 4**. You will be notified of your child's success by Week 5 and are expected to attend an **Information Evening on Wednesday, 9th November** to find out further information. If your child is accepted, there will be a cost of purchasing instrumental requirements (book, folder, stand, accessories), compulsory music program fee for all and an instrumental hire fee for the year unless a violin/viola or percussion player. We look forward to seeing our prospective players join our program for 2023. If you have further questions, please come and see me.

Current instrumentalists in Years 3 to 5 will also receive a note in Week 1 about whether they are continuing in 2023. It is important that this note is returned by **Friday, 14th October** so we can allocate numbers for our 2023 Instrumental Program. **If your child is not continuing, you must let their teacher know ASAP.**

A reminder that our first year instrumentalists will be required to hand back their instruments at the end of Term 4, so they can be 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 in Week 1, Term 4. There are a lot of good secondhand instruments around at a good price - you just have to find them. 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 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.

If you are upgrading your child's instrument and wish to sell it, I'm happy to add to the newsletter. Please send me the instrument and contact details via email and I'll publish in the next newsletter.

Instrumental timetables for Term 4 will be emailed at the end of the second week of the holidays, given to your child, displayed outside the music room and emailed to your child's class teacher. Please ensure you are attending on time. Lessons will resume on Day 1 (Tuesday 4th Oct), Term 4.

Have a great relaxing break and see you all again in term 4!!

PERFORMERS CONCERT

Wednesday, 26th October, 2022

**Date Claimer**

WHAT'S ON - TERM 3	
Week 10	No Choir Rehearsals
WHAT'S ON - TERM 4	
Week 1	Application for Instrumental Program 2023 Recruiting Sent Home
Week 2 Fri, 14 th Oct	Continuing Students Notes DUE Back
Week 3 Fri, 21 st Oct	Notes Due Back for New Instrumental Recruits, 2023
Week 4 Wed, 26 th Oct	Performers Concert TCBC 4.30pm
Week 4	Recruitment Testing Starts
Week 5	Notified of Success for Instrumental Program 2023
Week 6 Wed, 9 th Nov	Instrumental Recruiting Information Session – TCBC – 5.30pm
Week 6 Fri, 11 th Nov	Remembrance Day – Choir 10.30am TBC

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

Congratulations to all of the Strings students for a FANTASTIC effort this term!!! The String Orchestra performed several times and the Beginner Strings performed for their first time!! Every performance you all tried your best and did a very good job.

Lessons and Orchestra rehearsals will continue in Week 10 and start again in Week 1.

HOLIDAY PRACTICE TIP!!!! Holidays are for fun and adventures! So I believe in relaxing a little. However, remember to pick up your instrument every now and then to remind yourself how much you love playing! Please make sure you practise before our first day of lessons and Orchestra in Term 4. Have a wonderful holiday and be sure to have fun!

String Orchestra**Carla Mulligan**

A big congratulations to the Willows String Orchestra for achieving so highly at the Eisteddfod, coming third in your category. You all rallied and practised so hard to prepare for this performance. Your focus during rehearsals, in your lessons, home practice, and passion for music are what help you play so well. You played extremely well at Eisteddfod and represented the school with impeccable behaviour. You should all be very proud of your hard work and commitment! Keep it going team!

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

Tuesday 11.00am - 3.00pm

Congratulations to the Beginner Band students who competed last Monday. Hopefully all the students will catch "the performance bug" and will want to continue a long and rewarding music-making journey involving competitions and other music performances.

Woodwind - Tina Greenfield
tgree255@eq.edu.au

Monday 9.00am - 3.00pm



Great job to those of you that have attended their lessons every week. This is a reminder to all students that PRACTICE is IMPORTANT. Many students this term have been attending every week. It is very important that students are practising regularly, particularly in the upcoming holidays.

Senior Concert Band

Monday 7.40am

Well done to those of you who performed at the Eisteddfod. Congratulations on your third place achievement. We received great positive feedback on how our ensemble is developing and you should be happy with your efforts. We have more performance opportunities next term. New music will be coming - enjoy your break!

Junior Concert Band

Monday Second Break 1.10pm

Congratulations to those of you who played at the Civic Theatre. Although you didn't place, you represented the school well and your behaviour was exceptional. We are so proud of you all.

Whole School Choir

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Big congratulations to the Choir who performed at a very high standard at the annual Eisteddfod against some much more experienced children. I was very proud of you all. Your commitment and dedication were really rewarded. I look forward to you presenting again and hearing your wonderful sounds at our Performer's Concert. Rehearsals will continue as normal in Term 4 as we prepare for Remembrance Day, Graduation, Christmas and, most importantly, to celebrate and

have fun in doing what you love - SINGING!! ☺

Percussion - Ian Brunskill -

ibrun2@eq.edu.au

Friday 11.00am - 3.00pm

Congratulations to the Percussion Ensemble performing at Eisteddfod. Although you didn't place, your work ethics have improved greatly. I look forward to working together on our next piece and performing at the concert. Have a safe holiday and I'll see you the first Friday back in Term 4.

Go for Green - To assist with practice!

THE IMPORTANCE OF PRACTISE

GO FOR GREEN - Recognition of Practice and Great Work

Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments/Fees

Big THANKS again to our P&C who funded our music shirts. They looked fantastic at the Eisteddfod!! Thank you for being organised and in the correct uniform.

INSTRUMENTS FOR SALE

Please send information to fcole7@eq.edu.au including instrument type, brand, size, contact details and your



asking price and I will publish in next newsletter.

[Keep a look out on FB Market Place.](#)

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