



The Pitch

Music News - Issue 15

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Hope you all enjoyed your break with family and friends. Welcome back as we prepare for a very busy Term 4.

Please check the date claimer below with all instrumental/choral members detailing dates that your child will be required for various events. **All children** in both Choirs and Instrumental programs are performing on **Wednesday, 26th October** at our Performers' Concert. This is our last formal performance for the year. It is expected that every member of the Choral and Instrumental groups is in attendance as a requirement of you being part of the Instrumental/Choral program. If you were unable to attend the Eisteddfod last term, you are invited to our night starting **at 4.30pm in the TCBC** to be entertained.

☺ All children are required to be at the music room by **3.45pm** to change and tune up, ready to start promptly at **4.30pm**. Your child is more than welcome to stay back at school and wait for your arrival. Please provide them with a small afternoon snack to eat prior to changing.

It is essential that there is no talking or movement during the performances and concert etiquette is of utmost importance. A reminder that all children must be supervised and playground equipment is out of bounds.

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 Performers'

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 have received 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.

Education Queensland states that only children in Year 2 are invited to the Strings program and Year 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 Year 3 to 5 have also received a note on whether they are continuing for 2023 in Week 1. 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 have been emailed and are displayed in your child's classroom and outside music room block.

We look forward to sharing our last term of music with you.

PERFORMERS' CONCERT

Wednesday, 26th October, 2022

Date Claimer

| WHAT'S ON - TERM 3 | |
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| Week 1 | Application for Instrumental Program 2023 Recruiting Sent home |
| Week 2 Friday 14 th October | Continuing Students Notes due Back |
| Week 3 Friday 21 st October | Notes due back for New Instrumental Recruits, 2023 |
| Week 4 Wednesday, 26 th October | Performers' Concert TCBC 4.30pm |
| Week 4 | Instrumental Recruitment Testing |
| Week 5 | Notified of Success for Instrumental program 2023 |
| Week 6 Wednesday, 9 th November | Instrumental Recruiting Information Session – TCBC – 5.30pm |
| Week 6 Friday, 11 th November | 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

This term is all about practice! All students need to create a home schedule of 10 minutes practice four times a week. The Junior Strings will be undergoing a number of lunch time performances this term, as well as the Performers' Concert in Week 4. Please encourage your child to keep picking up their instrument to learn their notes and play with confidence!

Well done to ALL students for consistently showing up on time and trying their best last term. Your energy and love for music is what makes The Willows Strings Program so great. Keep it up! Looking forward to seeing what you will achieve in this fun last term.

String Orchestra
Carla Mulligan

We have a short term ahead of us. Orchestra will run from Week 1 to 8. The students will be learning the Chicken Dance as well as some Christmas Carols. In the Week 4 Performers' Concert they will be performing Hiawatha and Jackaroo Jive.

One more note: Please make sure that your child arrives on time for Orchestra rehearsal each week. It is hard to start rehearsal when most of a section is yet to arrive. Thank you to those that have been

arriving consistently on time. It is very important to have all students playing their part. That's what makes them sound so fantastic.

BEGINNER STRINGS - Our Beginner Strings are going to be performing at our **Performers' Concert in Week 4, 26th October**. Please make sure you mark these dates on your calendar to attend. We would love to have them all attend to celebrate their learning this year.

Brass - Kelly Clarke-Flessner -
kclar205@eq.edu.au
Tuesday 11.00am - 3.00pm

Welcome to Term 4!! Please be aware of the change of lesson groups this term. I have moved some students to new groups to make sure each student has the best chance to play with others around the same playing level. Please check the groups before looking at the lesson times.

This term, all Brass groups are expected to work hard and try to improve their playing skills using two tracking systems to understand your performance goals:

- Working through the method book and Band Karate songs checklist to collect at least one more belt this term.
- Trying to get through the current Instrumental music curriculum playing level ready for the next level up in 2023.

Work hard, be organised, attend lessons with a focused attitude and let's see what you can achieve by the end of 2022!



In Week 4, I will not be teaching as I will be doing recruiting this week.

Woodwind - Tina Greenfield

tgree255@eq.edu.au

Monday 9.00am - 3.00pm

Hi everyone, I hope you all had a relaxing holiday! Timetables for lessons are available on the notice board. Woodwind assessment will be held during Week 6/7. Remember to keep up your practise to keep achieving green on the Go for Green chart!

Senior Concert Band

Monday 7.40am

I am looking forward to a great Performers' Concert on the **26th of October**! We will be performing our piece that we performed at Eisteddfod. It is important that we have everyone there to contribute to the concert and show off all of your great achievements.

Junior Concert Band

Monday Second Break 1.10pm

As above.

Whole School Choir

Fiona Coleman

The Choir will be performing and showcasing their pieces from this year for you at the Performers' Concert. The Choir are preparing for Remembrance Day also and will perform on Friday, 11th November.

Percussion - Ian Brunskill -

ibrun2@eq.edu.au

Friday 11.00am - 3.00pm

Lessons are going well and children have music to practise in preparation for assessment taking place this term. Lessons in Week 4/5 will be rearranged to accommodate for recruitment testing also. Children have received a timetable and should be turning up with all gear at the right time.

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

I'm missing one of our new music shirts. Please check at home in case you accidentally have forgotten to bring it back. It's a size 14. Place on my desk - no questions asked.

All instruments will be collected by **Friday, 25th November (End of Week 8)** for repairs and cleaning and to get ready for our 2023 Instrumentalists.

If you are a Beginner and continuing into 2023, you need to purchase your own instrument. If you need further



information on this, please contact your child's Instrumental teacher or myself.

If your child has outgrown their instrument or looking at upgrading, you are more than welcome to advertise the instrument through the school newsletter. We always have parents looking for good quality secondhand instruments. Please contact me with any information you would like published for the next newsletter.

INSTRUMENTS FOR SALE

Contact Name: Kaye

Contact Number: 0421 543 101

Instrument: Viola with bow, case, rosin (no shoulder rest)

Brand: Enrico

Size: ½ size / 13 inches

Book: String Basics

Asking Price: \$150

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
Marketplace.**

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman

***"Life is one grand sweet song to start
the music." ~Ronald Reagan***

***"Do not neglect your music, it will be a
companion which will sweeten many hours
of life to you." ~ Thomas Jefferson***