



The Pitch

Music News - Issue 2

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WOW!! Well done to all our instrumentalists!!! Great reading of the timetable, being organised and getting to lessons on time this fortnight. Instrumental teachers have sent home the loan agreement forms, commitment forms and requirements lists. These payments should appear in your QParents soon, but if not, please pay at the office. The instrument is yours when the loan agreement form is returned.

Please keep reminding children to check the timetables in the morning and collecting children in their groups so that lessons can start promptly. This will allow children to get their full 30 minute lessons. If your child is absent, please notify your instrumental teacher so it can be recorded correctly. Lessons and rehearsals are always on unless specified on timetable or you've been notified by the teachers. If an instrumental teacher is away they are not replaced but lessons will be made up at another time if possible. A sign will be placed on the instrumental door and teachers and children notified.

If your child is involved in a school activity, away on excursion, needed in class for assessment, please contact your child's instrumental teacher so lessons times can be adjusted. If your child forgets their instrument for the day - it is still important that they turn up to the lesson so they are aware of what is happening and what to do during their week of practice ready for the next lesson.

A reminder that if you find a fault or there is something wrong with the instrument, please return it so it can be looked at and repaired if needed. Any damage caused to the instrument through misuse or 'droppage' etc is at the borrower's expense. Instrumental folders are being distributed slowly through the office.

Date Claimer

WHAT'S ON - TERM 1	

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

Tuesday 7.50am - 3.00pm
Friday 9.00am - 11.00pm

The first week back of string lessons was absolutely fantastic! All of the students were so enthusiastic and excited to try their best. It is also very exciting to welcome so many new beginner students into the program.

Parents, I'd like to thank you for your continued support and encouragement of your child's musical development. It helps so much when you listen to them perform and help them set up a regular practice routine. This is what makes these students sound amazing!

String Orchestra
Carla Mulligan



Orchestra is sounding amazing, but unfortunately last week we had a few absent. Please contact me to let me know so I can prepare for rehearsals. It is a requirement of Education Queensland that children are a part of an ensemble which will enhance their playing. I look forward to seeing everyone at 7.50am on Tuesday mornings.

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

Wednesday 11.00am - 3.00pm

Over the past two lessons I have worked with students who are enthusiastic and excited!

Just remember to "colour in" your minutes of practice on your Term 1 Practice Chart whenever you do some home practice. At the end of each week a parent/guardian will have to sign this practice chart.

At the end of the term we will look at this chart and determine if we are putting enough consistent effort at home in order to learn our songs and progress on your instrument.

Please check the timetable and arrive on time. Be organised and ready for learning. This in turn will create success and your enjoyment for playing!! 😊

Percussion - Ian Brunskill -
ibrun2@eq.edu.au

Thursday 11.00am - 3.00pm

Awesome to have such keen percussionists ready for lessons. Some students are still without equipment but the majority are eager and turning up prepared. Please

email me if you require any assistance or help with requirements. A timetable will be sent home and displayed in your child's class. Please check carefully so they are organised to arrive on time and prepared.

We are still looking for more beginner percussion students. If you are new to the school or would like to be part of the percussion group see the music teachers for further information.

Woodwind - Tina Greenfield
tgree255@eq.edu.au

Monday 9.00am - 3.00pm

Well done to all of our beginners for a fantastic start to the year. Most are now working towards learning their first three notes and pages 5/6 in their Sound Innovations books. If you have not already purchased this book, please look at buying it as soon as possible. We work from this book every week from here on out. I would also like to thank all of the parents that have been helping students to put their instruments together and reading their music at home. It is great to see so many of you taking an interest in their music learning. With the instruments sitting in the storeroom over the holidays, some joints will be a little tight for now, however should loosen up as the weeks progress.

To all of my Grade 5's and 6's, keep up all of the hard work. Students are currently working towards an assessment in Week 9/10. Please keep practicing your pieces. For parents of Clarinet students learning high notes, I know this time can be extremely frustrating and loud. It does



take time to learn these notes, and your patience is much appreciated.

Senior Concert Band Monday 7.40am

Congratulations on a great start to 2023.

This term we have two pieces that we need to learn. I would encourage you to listen and play along to the music when practicing at home. It is vital that we are all working together on playing the best that we possibly can. Regular practice is a necessity.

Please make sure you are showing up on time as we have a lot of learning to do. It is very important that we are spending time at home learning this music. Thank you to those who have been already practicing these, and have learned their parts.

Junior/Senior School Choir Fiona Coleman

I'm looking forward to having both Junior and Senior Choir again this year.

Junior rehearsals will happen on Tuesday and Wednesday at first break every week.

Senior rehearsals will happen on Thursday and Friday second break every week.

Children who have been turning up for rehearsals have received an official welcome note. Please complete whether your child is accepting the offer or not accepting and return to school so families can be invoiced correctly by the end of

term. Ensure the media release section is also signed in anticipation of any local performances we may be asked to perform at. A roll has been set up so children are recording their attendance. Children will be invited to Choral Fanfare, Eisteddfod and other performances based on their attendance and effort recorded in the roll.

Practice is essential for progress. Your child will only succeed with a good practice regime being set in place from the beginning and your encouragement, support and praise will only enhance improvement. Persistence and setting short term goals is the pathway to success. If you feel you or your child are struggling, please come and see us so we can assist in making this 'life-long' learning experience fun. Please find timetables at the bottom for when instrumental teachers, lessons and rehearsals are occurring.

Go for Green - To assist with practice!

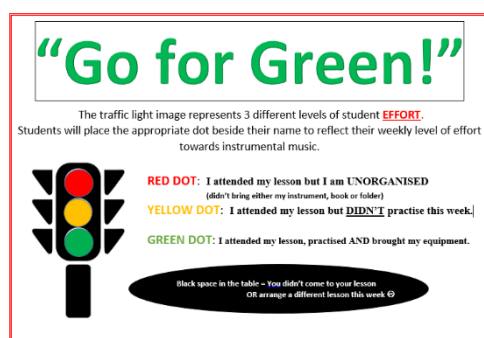
THE IMPORTANCE OF PRACTICE

When new pieces and scales are learned in the lesson it is important to go over these new ideas often so we are familiar and comfortable with the new songs. This enables us to feel confident and relaxed in the lessons as well and you will enjoy it a lot more! A few little things to help you.

- ❖ Keep your fingernails short!
- ❖ Organise your music bag the night before with everything you will need.
- ❖ Fill out your practice chart as soon as you have finished practicing! (only count actual playing time please)



- ❖ Set a timer to help you practice. When the buzzer goes off that's your practice done!
- ❖ 60 min per week is the minimum amount to ensure progress each week.
- ❖ Set yourself a goal and try to achieve this goal. Happy playing and I look forward to the rest of term.



GO FOR GREEN - Recognition of Practice and Great Work

~ ~ STARTS WEEK 3!! ~ ~

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 practice, organized for their lessons with correct equipment and turning up on time, the music staff have developed 2 rewards.

GREEN DOT: I attended my lesson, practiced AND brought all of my equipment. I am doing my very best to be a better musician.

YELLOW DOT: I attended my lesson but I DIDN'T practice enough this week. I need to practice to be a better musician.

RED DOT: I attended my lesson but I didn't bring my instrument and/or book and/or folder. I need to work on my organization.

The second award works in with our school PBL where students doing an outstanding job in lessons, practicing, improving skills, "WOW-ing" their teacher will receive stars towards their '75 Star Chart' in their classroom towards the end of Week 5 party etc.

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman

"Music is worth teaching because it empowers children spectacularly." - Richard Gill