



# The Pitch

## Music News - Issue 3

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Just a reminder to all of our Instrumental students that they need to read their timetables carefully and arrive to lessons on time.

### Choral Fanfare

Fanfare is a statewide competition for Choral students from Queensland state schools only. It happens every second year. Both our Junior and Senior Choirs will be participating. Notes will be sent home with more information in Term 2.

### Date Claimer

WHAT'S ON - TERM 1	
<b>Week 10</b> <b>Friday, 31<sup>st</sup></b> <b>March</b>	<b>EASTER Bonnet Parade</b> – Beginner Strings - TBC
WHAT'S ON - TERM 2	
<b>Week 1</b> <b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b> <b>April</b>	<b>ANZAC Day Service</b> – Senior Choir Time - TBA
<b>Week 5</b> <b>TBC</b>	<b>Creative Generations –</b> <b>CHORAL FANFARE - Heat</b> All Junior & Senior Choral Students
<b>Week 8</b> <b>TBC</b>	<b>Creative Generations =</b> <b>FANFARE Regional Finals</b> (Only if chosen from heats)
<b>Week 9</b> <b>Thursday</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Music Gala</b> – All Instrumental Ensembles and Choir
<b>Week 9</b> <b>Saturday</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup> of June</b>	<b>Choral Fanfare</b> – Junior and Senior Choir

Strings - Carla Mulligan -

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**Tuesday 7.50am - 3.00pm**

**Friday 9.00am - 11.00pm**

It has been great seeing all students get back into the swing of lessons and home practice.

Continuing students have been exceptional at remembering to arriving for their lessons on time during Tuesday lessons. Beginner String students are still learning this new habit. Ideally, all students will leave their class five minutes before their lesson time. That way we can do as much playing on their instrument as possible in their thirty minute lesson.

### String Orchestra

Carla Mulligan

The String Orchestra continues to be a very positive and rich musical experience for all students involved. It is wonderful to see how all students look out for one another. Especially the Year 6's looking after our new Year 4 members. Please make sure your child continues attending Orchestra rehearsals before school. It is very important for their musical learning and experience.

Thank you families for all your support. It is always a team effort for your child to learn an instrument. Looking forward to them reaching new levels of creativity and musical excellence throughout the year.



**Brass - Kelly Clarke-Flessner -**

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**Wednesday 11.00am - 3.00pm**

This term the students are trialling a new practice goals system called the "Golden Ticket". For students to receive a stamp on their personal ticket, they need to document their home practice (on the sheet provided), attend their lesson and bring their book and instrument to their lesson. Students with consistent stamps each week, will be awarded with a voucher to use at the tuckshop.

Students have been trialling this new system for the past three weeks and they are engaged and excited to show their Golden Ticket in lessons. They also seem to enjoy the connection to Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory! We will be trialling the Golden ticket for the remainder of the school year and we hope to build on this initial enthusiasm to support students with home practice for lessons and performances.

**Percussion - Ian Brunskill -**

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**Thursday 11.00am - 3.00pm**

We are 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.

Students are turning up on time for their lessons which is great to see. Keep up the great work and organisation.

**Woodwind - Tina Greenfield**

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**Monday 9.00am - 3.00pm**

Well done to all of you who have been practising and working on learning your new skills. Thank you to the parents/carers who have been encouraging their children to practice. Beginners (those in their first year of learning) are working on playing their first three notes, developing a quality sound and persistence. Please remember, every child's musical journey is different, and we learn at their speed. We are working towards our first assessment in Week 9. This will be a song in their book that they feel confident in playing.

For continuing students, please make sure you are working on your assessment tasks. Assessments are due in Week 9. If you are not sure what you are playing for the assessment, please let me know.

**Senior Concert Band**

**Monday 7.40am**

Well done on everyone starting the year strong. Just a reminder that you should be practising your Concert Band music at home. Monday morning is used as Ensemble practise time, and I would love to spend more time on putting the parts together, rather than individual students learning their parts. We are a team, and we really would love to see everyone working together towards a common goal.

Here are a few tools for you to help support your child.

1. Listening to the song on YouTube - Please type in the song title and



composer into YouTube. Students can use this to practise along at home.

2. Writing out notes/beats - If students do not feel secure in their music reading, please support them in allowing the students to write out their notes or rhythms at home as part of their practise time.
3. Ask a teacher - If your child is struggling with a specific part, please let them know that they can go and ask either Mr Brunskill, Ms Clarke, Ms Greenfield on the days that they are here, or Mrs Coleman if they are really stuck. Students should try to work it out themselves by working out their rhythms and notes, however, if they are still struggling, please let us know.

We are looking at having a fantastic year, and band is already starting to come together.

### 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 second break every week.**

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

The continued cancelled plays have interfered with our rehearsals. Hoping the weather has now calmed so we can have some consistency.

Due to this, I'm still confirming regular attendance of names. Children selected for both Senior and Junior Choir will receive a note in the coming week with a contract of commitment and request to pay \$55 music levy. Please return these notes signed and ensure the media release section is also signed in anticipation of any local performances we may be asked to perform at. An electronic roll has been set up so children are recording their attendance. Children will be invited to Choral Fanfare and Eisteddfod and other performances based on their attendance and effort recorded in the roll.



### GO FOR GREEN - Recognition of Practice and Great Work

#### HOW ARE YOU TRACKING?

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

**GREEN DOT: I attended my lesson, practised 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** practise enough this week. I need to practise 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 organisation.

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

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

All children who are part of the music program are required to pay a compulsory \$55 music program fee. *This will assist in maintaining and upgrading music uniforms, maintaining the music library, photocopying, music scores, competition entry fees, upgrading accessories, equipment and instruments and Eisteddfod bus.*

Children will be allocated a shirt in the coming weeks which is to be stored at the school. We do ask that your child is prepared for any upcoming performances.

It is a requirement that all children in the music program wear with their shirts, navy blue skirts, skorts or shorts, white ankle CREW socks (above

the shoe) and black closed in shoes for performances as indicated on the note.

Folders are required for all performances. These are available from the office and all payments of \$14 are to be made at admin. The folders are very durable and will last your child a long time if well looked after. They will be handed out upon payment. If your child has paid and we have missed giving them a folder, please ensure they ask myself or their Instrumental Instructor.

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman

Music is a more potent instrument than any other for education. ~ *Plato*