



The Pitch

Music News - Issue 5

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We have arrived at the end of the first term. How quickly time has gone - but what great achievements from everyone so far. We look forward to sharing this progress with you at our Gala next term and for our Choir at State Fanfare.

Term 2 timetables will be emailed to you from your Instrumental teacher. If you don't receive a copy, please let us know. Lessons and rehearsals will continue **as normal Day 1, Week 1 of Term 2**. Your child's classroom teacher will receive a copy of the Term 2 timetable, as will your child. Our goal this term is to have no interruptions to lessons and getting to lessons on time without reminders. Please ensure you have a copy of the timetable viewable at home to help with these organisational skills. There have been some minor changes with some groups.

A reminder that we are participating in the statewide competition, Fanfare 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. Regional Festivals will take place on

Saturday, 17th June.

Place TBA.

PLEASE CLAIM THIS DATE!!!

Attendance at rehearsals is getting better, but some children are still arriving late. Please keep up the practice

over the holidays. Concert band resumes first day back at 7.40am.

Have a great break!! We look forward to seeing you refreshed when you return for a busy term ahead!!

Date Claimer

WHAT'S ON - TERM 1	
Week 10 Friday, 31st March	EASTER Bonnet Parade Beginner Strings 10am TCBC
WHAT'S ON - TERM 2	
Week 1 Monday, 24th April	ANZAC Day Service Senior Choir Time 9.30am TCBC
Week 5 Saturday, 17th June	Creative Generations – CHORAL FANFARE - Heat All Junior & Senior Choral Students
Week 8 TBC	Creative Generations - FANFARE Regional Finals (Only if chosen from Heats)
Week 9 Thursday, 15th June	Music Gala All Instrumental Ensembles and Choir

Strings - Carla Mulligan -

cjmul1@eq.edu.au

Tuesday 7.50am - 3.00pm

Friday 9.00am - 11.00pm

This term has flown by! All students have gotten back into the swing of playing, home practice, orchestra and lessons. They have done very well! Over the holidays have a wonderful Easter break! We will be starting everything as per normal Week 1 Tuesday for Continuing and Friday for Junior Strings.



Beginner strings: Week 10 Friday

31st March the Junior Strings will be doing their first ever public performance at the Year 1-2 Easter Parade at 10am in the TCBC. All parents are welcome to come and cheer on their child! The students are sounding fantastic!

String Orchestra

Carla Mulligan

The Orchestra should be commended for their amazing effort thus far. We have completed a piece and now just finessing it. The reading and technique skills are improving greatly. Keep up the great work and don't forget to keep practising over the holidays.

Brass - Kelly Clarke-Flessner -

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Wednesday 11.00am - 3.00pm

Hi Brassies, since I was away last week, students will perform their assessment pieces in Week 10 lesson. Make sure you bring your instrument, book and other equipment to this lesson.

Have a relaxing break and make sure you take your instrument home over the holidays.

Percussion - Ian Brunskill -

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Thursday 11.00am - 3.00pm

There were a few children away last week and this week we have the PBL rewards. Please ensure you are seeing the teacher to make your lesson if it needs changing.

Have a great holiday and keep up the practice!! See you next term.

Woodwind - Tina Greenfield

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Monday 9.00am - 3.00pm

Well done to all of you for completing your first assessments. It was great to see so many of you ready to go.

Senior Concert Band

Monday 7.40am

Thank you to all of the students who have been showing up on time for rehearsals. Unfortunately, we have had many students showing up late recently. Please remember that it is important that we are all as on time as possible so we have quality learning time. Just as a reminder **ALL WOODWIND and BRASS** students who have been learning their instrument for more than a year should be coming every week. Percussionists have been amazing and all of you have been attending regularly...**WELL DONE PERCUSSION!!!**

We are currently learning two songs for our first concert of the year. Please make sure you are practising your band music. Rehearsal time isn't for learning your notes, it's for learning how your part works with others. The two songs we are learning Ozzie Mozzie and Quest of the Black Knight.

Junior/Senior School Choir

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Our next performance is at our ANZAC day parade at school in the TCBC at 9.30am on Monday, 23rd April. You are invited to come to our parade. Children will be singing the Australian and New Zealand national anthem, Can you Hear the Children Marching and The Last Anzac.

We have very limited time. Fanfare is next term. Please make sure you are learning your words and attending all rehearsals. Saturday, 17th June is our performance and all children must be in attendance.

Both choirs have been working extremely hard and attendance has been exceptional!! Keep up the great work and keep singing over the holidays!!!

Rehearsal times:

Junior Rehearsals will happen on Tuesday, first Break and Wednesday at second break every week.

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

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.

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 IMPORTANCE OF PRACTISE

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 practising! (only count actual playing time please)





- ❖ Set a timer to help you practise. When the buzzer goes off that's your practice done!
- ❖ 60min per week is the minimum amount to ensure progress each week.

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.

All instruments need to be collected from the instrumental room and taken home.

HAVE A GREAT EASTER!!

Musically Yours,

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