



The Pitch

Music News - Issue 6

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Welcome Back to Term 2!!!!

Congratulations to the Senior Choir who performed at our school ANZAC service on Monday. The ceremony was well organised, whole school behaviour was commendable and the Senior Choir children performed beautifully for their first official performance. Having the whole school participate, with the Choir leading, created a special moment for our whole school during the service. Well done to all for your participation and showing respect.

Term 2 timetables were emailed during the holidays. Your child's classroom teacher has received a copy of the timetable as well as your child. 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 the coming weeks. Regional Festivals will take place on

Saturday, 17th June.

Place TBA.

PLEASE CLAIM THIS DATE!!!

We also have our **GALA NIGHT** on **Thursday, 15th June in TCBC** for all our instrumental groups to perform and share their hard work this year.

Make sure you are attending all rehearsals so you are prepared and ready to showcase and perform at your best! 😊

All instrumental students are doing a fantastic job and we couldn't be more pleased with their efforts and having them be a part of our music program. A reminder that children are being assessed this term. The report is a progress of how they are going. Your child needs to understand their results and ask themselves if they have met their goals and what they need to do to improve to meet their next lot of challenges.

Persistence, motivation and overcoming these hurdles makes us stronger and give us the ability to achieve and feel confident about our accomplishments. Please ensure children are aware of their lesson times and putting in the extra effort to showcase to the instrumental teacher what they have learned during Semester 1. Be aware of your expectations and what is required from you for success. Practising and preparing for your assessment will assist in great results. Good luck!! 😊

I will start organising shirt sizes for members next week. Please get children to write their size up beside their name so we can allocate a music shirt for their performances this year.

Date Claimer

WHAT'S ON - TERM 2	
Week 9 Thursday, 15th June	Music Gala All Instrumental Ensembles and Choir
Week 9 Saturday, 17th June	Creative Generations – CHORAL FANFARE All Junior & Senior Choral Students



Strings - Carla Mulligan -

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Tuesday 7.50am - 3.00pm

Friday 9.00am - 11.00pm

It was fantastic to see my Beginners in Week One and start playing music together again. All students were enthusiastic and excited to learn new things! Get those practice routines up and running again for our Go for Green chart. Performing is a big part of playing, so if you can take the time to have 'home concerts' this will greatly improve your child's confidence on their instrument.

String Orchestra

Carla Mulligan

Orchestra rehearsals will continue as normal from Week 2 - 10, 7:45am in the music room. This music is supposed to be a little challenging for the students and they will gradually build their confidence of playing in the Orchestra week by week. So please encourage them as much as you can which will help prepare for Gala Night and better rehearsals.

Brass - Kelly Clarke-Flessner -

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Wednesday 11.00am - 3.00pm

I hope you have had a relaxing Easter break and are now ready to get back into making some music in Term 2. The Term 2 Brass timetable has been emailed to all the Grade 4, 5, 6 teachers and each student has been given a copy to keep. If they didn't collect one during their Week 1 lesson, there are plenty of spares in the

instrument music practice room pinned to the Brass portion of the pinboard. There are some changes due to public holidays.

This term has some exciting performance opportunities for the Willows music community, including our first Music Gala night in which all our music ensembles will perform. Students are expected to be prepared for weekly lessons and rehearsals and ensure they are regularly practising their pieces.

Percussion - Ian Brunskill -

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Thursday 11.00am - 3.00pm

I'm looking forward to having a very successful term with all the Percussionists. Thanks for those who were able to organise their requirements over the holidays. Beginners are doing a great job - keep turning up with all your gear at the right time. Well done!!

Woodwind - Tina Greenfield

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Monday 9.00am - 3.00pm

Well done everyone for remembering lessons on the first day back this term. I only had to make a couple of phone calls to classes, so that was amazing. All students should have a coloured copy of the Term 2 timetable with them. Please make sure they have theirs. If they didn't get one during Week One, please send them to the music block and they can receive a copy.

We have had a great first week back with lots of wonderful stories from the Beginners around Hot Cross Buns. Please



keep up the focus and practice this term, as we are starting to see fantastic results from so many players.

For continuing students, please make sure you are working on both your concert band and lesson music at home. We had a fantastic first week back, with learning a lot of new content, so the more regularly you can practice, the more consistent you will be at producing results.

Senior Concert Band Monday 7.40am

Concert Band is back up and running. Please make sure you are arriving before 7:45am and are getting ready to play straight away. This is extremely important as we are coming up towards performance time. Just a reminder to all students that everyone is to help setup and pack up. This is part of being a responsible musician, and many hands make light work. It should only take us five minutes to set up and we should be ready to play by 7:50am. Make sure you are practising the parts you find tricky at home.

BEGINNER Concert Band Monday Second Break 1.10pm

We have some exciting news for all Beginner Woodwind, Brass and Percussion students. **BEGINNER BAND is BACK**, and will be starting in Week 4 Term 2. We are still locating a venue to start rehearsals and will let you know as soon as possible. Students are to eat during second lunch and then when the play bell goes, Beginners come to rehearsal. These will run into the last lesson of the day until 2:10pm. All Beginner Woodwind, Brass and Percussion

students (who started this year) are expected to come along. I look forward to seeing you all there 😊

Junior/Senior School Choir

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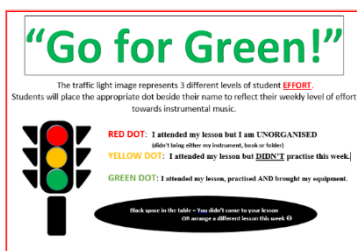
Time is getting closer for our major competition of CHORAL FANFARE in Week 9. Please make sure you are learning your words and attending all rehearsals.

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!!

A Choir roll has now been confirmed and handed to admin. **If you have not returned the commitment note, please return ASAP as invoicing needs to be completed to request the \$55 music levy payment if not already in the Instrumental Program.** Please return these notes signed and ensure the media release section is also signed in anticipation of any local events 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 **Fanfare, Eisteddfod and Gala 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 practice, 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 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 organisation.

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 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 practice. When the buzzer goes off that's your practice done!
- ❖ 60min 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.

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman

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