



MUSIC TALK

"It's not necessarily the amount of time you spend at practice that counts, it's what you put into the practice." – *Eric Lindross* (Canadian Professional Ice Hockey Player)

DOES PRACTICE MAKE PERFECT?

MARCH 10

For most students, music is both a fantastic educational opportunity and a wonderful recreation activity. While some will achieve a high level of mastery on their chosen instrument, the majority see lessons as a constructive use of leisure time.

With only 24 hours in a day, and so many activities to fit in, music practice can become increasingly difficult to squeeze into a routine. Undoubtedly, regular practice makes a noticeable difference in both a student's progress and their technical skills. It is worth remembering though, that learning music carries far more benefits than just the ability to play an instrument and while practice should be encouraged, a lack of practice does not make music lessons a waste of time or effort.

Rather than spending several hours practicing, like exercise, a small amount done regularly will usually create the best long-term result. Indeed the majority of learning and progress towards new skills should be happening in lessons. For younger students at a beginner level, one of the primary goals for practice should be to retain skills, and develop a habit of regular playing. To encourage this, and ensure that practice does not become a chore, nor a perceived punishment, take time to listen to your child play to you each day, even if only for a few minutes.

Yes practice makes perfect – but above all, music learning should be fun and help create a lifetime of benefit and enjoyment.

WELCOME

We would like to wish a very warm welcome to all the students and their families that have started lessons with us over the last few weeks. We look forward to helping you achieve your musical goals over the coming months and years.

At the Music Education Centre, we are very proud of the high calibre of all our teachers and we trust that you will enjoy the opportunity to benefit from their experience, and passion for music.

Should you ever have any queries about your lessons, goals, performances etc, feel free to discuss this at any time with your teacher. We believe that everyone should be given the opportunity to benefit from a musical education, and want to help you get the most from our lessons with us.

EASTER HOLIDAYS.

The Music Education Centre office will be closed on:

GOOD FRIDAY – 2nd April

EASTER SUNDAY – 4th April

EASTER MONDAY – 5th April

For these public holidays
(Lessons run as normal on 3rd April)

LESSON FEES – EFFECTIVE TERM 2/APRIL 2010

MUSIC EDUCATION CENTRE

Lessons are billed on a monthly basis

30 minutes - \$26.00

45 minutes - \$39.00

1 Hour - \$52.00

Payments must be made for the month at the start of each month. Lessons missed by students cannot be made up nor refunded

MUSIC IN SCHOOLS

Lessons are billed on a term basis

20 minutes - \$18.50

30 minutes - \$26.00

Payments must be made for the term at the start of the term. Allowances are made for one lesson to be missed each term

FORTE SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Lessons are billed on a 10 week basis

Group Classes - \$200 per term

Individual and shared lessons cost varies depending upon lesson length

Lessons missed by students cannot be made up nor refunded.

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PERFORMANCE **AFTERNOON**

The Music Education Centre believes that performance is an important part of a music education.

Performances not only create measurable goals to work towards, but also are an important tool in developing confidence, and presentation skills.

Each term the MEC runs "Performance Afternoons" to give students the opportunity to perform in front of a supportive audience, and get the best from their musical education

WHEN:

Sunday March 28th

WHERE:

Takapuna War Memorial Hall

The Strand Takapuna,
2pm and 3pm

Or

Tirimoana School Hall,

Kokiri Street, Te Atatu
1pm

Book your performance on the lists in the waiting rooms at the Music Education Centres.

SEE YOU THERE!!!

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