



MUSIC TALK

"I am open to the guidance of synchronicity, and do not let expectations hinder my path." – Dalai Lama

ALIGNING PARENTAL EXPECTATIONS

JULY 10

Just as there are many different goals for students to achieve, there are an equally high number of different expectations that parents will have about progress, practice and even musical styles.

In the competitive world in which we live, it is only natural that we, as parents, expect our children to be as good, or even better than their peers. Where the difficulty lies, is choosing the scale on which to measure who is best. The student with the most advanced technique may be well below the sight reading abilities of another. They in turn could have a more limited musical theory understanding. A well rounded musical education includes a whole variety of skills. Some students need to work diligently with a lot of practice to achieve their goals, while others achieve with extra effort in lessons and very little at home.

The best way for parents to ensure expectations remain realistic is to take an active role in the learning process. For some this may be sitting in on most lessons, or speaking regularly with the teacher. This is not always possible, and therefore the Music Education Centre provides most students with bi-annual progress reports to help give an idea of how a student may be progressing. While some students do not need this type of feedback, for most these reports provide a record of the teachers expectation for students, and perhaps most importantly, measuring a student against their own abilities rather than as a competition with others.

Reports are included for most individual lesson students with this month's invoice.

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PERFORMANCE AFTERNOON

Congratulations to the following students who all received "Performer of the Day" award at our last Performance Afternoon on the 28th June.

ERIN GERAGHTY – Piano/Voice
BAYLEE HOLLIDAY - Voice
FINN McDONNELL - Piano
KLAUS TUSHA - Guitar
MACY TORRINGTON - Flute
VIVIAN WHYTE - Piano
ROSIE WHYTE - Piano
ANNABELLE DING – Accordion

Performance is an important part of a musical education and these events are held each term for students of all levels, ages, and instruments to have an opportunity to develop their skills on-stage. We look forward to seeing even more talented musicians at our next performance to be held on 12th September.

WIN A MONTH OF FREE LESSONS

Entries into our online survey draw close this month. Please visit www.surveymonkey.com/s/WNBDZKF And complete the brief customer survey to be in with your chance to win. For more details, pick up a flyer from our centre receptions.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The Music Education Centre is open as normal over the school holiday period. "Forte" students and those learning with us through their school will resume lessons from 19th June.

ABRSM THEORY EXAM CLASSES.

Limited spaces still available in the Friday, 6.30pm class, held each week in Glenfield
A must for students needing theory pre-requisites for their practical exams
Call Gabrielle: 027 222 8428

SPECIAL FUN CLASSES FOR 3-7 YEAR OLDS

Our "Forte School of Music" Classes are a great start for children in Music. With a special multi-sensory learning approach, these lessons make music FUN!

Classes are graded according to age, and are given at our centres in Glenfield, Henderson and in Ponsonby.

For the young musician in your family call the Music Education Centre today on 0800 89 39 39 and arrange a trial lesson this month.

Give your child a head start in music.
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LESSON FEE CHANGES

With the recent announcement from the Government about an increase in GST, lesson fees will increase 50cents per half hour individual lessons from 1st October 2010.

As fees for our "Forte" group students are already changing to \$225 per term from next month, there will be no further increase for these students in October.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

Congratulations to all the Music Education Centre students that have recently passed external music examinations. Some of these successful candidates were:

ABRSM Piano

Barnaby Hope-Simcock, Grade 1
Rory Johns, Grade 1 (merit)
Daniel Body, Grade 1 (merit)
Micheala Teape, Grade 1
Anahera Holmes, Grade 1
Alexandra Reekie, Grade 3 (merit)

Trinity Piano

Selena Fu, Grade 1 (merit)

SINGING CLASS – NORTH SHORE

This special introductory programme for school age students is a great way to start developing your voice.

When: Tuesdays, 7pm,

Where: Music Education Centre, 75 Bentley Ave, Glenfield

Cost: \$13 per 30 minute group lesson (billed monthly)

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