



the music education centre

WELCOME

Welcome to our mid winter edition of Music Talk. In this edition we share our good news about upcoming events and performance opportunities.

We chat about our inspiration for how to continue making music part of your every day life today and share this with friends and family. We congratulate our special prize draw and regular draw winners.

OPPORTUNITIES

Mark the 12th of September on your calendar for MEC performance afternoons.

Held in a friendly supportive environment they give the opportunity for all students to gain on-stage experience and meet other students. Students gain fantastic tools to increase self-confidence and presentation skills. Talk to your teacher this month about getting ready for your performance.



“ the joy of learning music is alive! ”

MUSIC TODAY

We recently referred to the relaxation and brain benefits of classical music and how it can enhance your everyday life in our online Tips (Online at: <http://tinyurl.com/Top-Tips-MEC>) “ Classical music can benefit any age and there is something for everyone.”

It is interesting to note how classical music and all music genres continue to move through the ages and be relevant as technology changes. For example - as well as the recognisable classical themes from movies and television, we are now seeing popular video games for youth culture feature “classical” music to enhance the gaming experience.

Advances in digital technology also make music more accessible today than ever before. Electronic instruments can closely replicate the sounds of traditional instruments and also add a whole new world of exciting sounds with which to make music. The unlimited array of tab music and lyrics available online is continuing to grow.

We find amidst the exciting times spent exploring many of these opportunities, our students of every age continue to require consistent lesson time and support from us and practice encouragement from their families, thereby discovering their own appreciation for making music. While building skills in a logical, structured and achievable manner.

Whether it be pop, rock, jazz or classical music that interests you, a solid foundation in theory and technique provides the building blocks and tools to allow musical success.



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ABRSM EXAM CLOSING DATES

The closing date for the end of year practical sitting is Friday 6th August. Please make sure that you make arrangements with your teacher.

Terms of Tuition

We appreciate the commitment you make to providing a musical education for your children and would like to thank all those parents who ensure lesson fees are paid promptly.

As you already know, the Music Education Centre has a policy that students must pay lessons in advance, however some students are allowing their accounts to fall well overdue. As we have only limited vacancies for music lessons, if payments are not made on time, we will be reluctantly compelled to stop lessons until fees are paid up to date. This will mean that there are spaces available for new students to start lessons.

We are sure that you understand that our music teachers have bills to pay themselves. Each teacher can only be paid after their students money has been banked into our teachers trust account, therefore teachers can not give students unlimited free credit for the service that they provide.

If you are unable to pay immediately please contact the Music Education Centre office so that we can discuss a payment arrangement with you.

ON THE INTERNATIONAL CIRCUIT

MEC student Alexandra Reekie, gained 1 first and 2 second places at the Accordion Teachers Guild International Festival, in the USA last month. More student achievements to come!

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FORTE FESTIVAL 2010



The annual Forte Festival is on!
For a showcase of how much fun making music is for our youngest students!

- DON'T MISS OUT
- SUNDAY 19th SEPTEMBER
- BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE

Tickets at your nearest MEC
Centre - reception area.

PRIZE DRAW WINNERS

Congratulations Kirstyn Mew, our July prize draw winner! To be in to win every month - a free music lesson make sure you are signed up to our e-news, just click 'win here' on our website.

Thanks for our survey responses,
K Parkinson - Nth Shore.
Is the lucky survey draw winner.