



# MUSIC TALK

"Music should strike fire from the heart of men, and bring tears for the eyes of woman." – Ludwig van Beethoven

## PERFORMANCE MAKES PERFECT

**MAY 09**

Making music is so much more than just playing the notes. Presentation, and performance skills add an essential dimension to an overall music education. The Music Education Centre's Performance Afternoons are an excellent opportunity for students of all levels and abilities to develop these important skills. Last month, students at both our North Shore and West Auckland Centres gave fantastic performances to supportive audiences full of family and friends.



Whilst all the up and coming musicians did a great job, several students stood out for their excellent efforts. "Performer of the Day" awards were awarded to:

QIANYU BAI – Piano – John Mercer  
HELEN WANG – Accordion – Campbell Bettridge  
ARAM VALES – Guitar – Bojan Madzunarov  
KLAUS TUSHA – Guitar – Bojan Madzunarov  
KEALY MATHEWS – Voice – Dianne Harvey  
PATRICIA SALCEDO – Piano – Maria Aitkin  
SALOTE TUIGAMALA – Guitar – Frank Yang  
Our next Performance afternoons will be held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June – so start planning now!

## PRACTICE TIPS AND TECHNIQUES

For many parents, it can sometimes be a challenge to find ways to encourage children to keep up regular music practice. Here are a few ideas that you might like to try – Remember different techniques work for different students so see which ones work best for you.

- Set aside a regular time each day to create a routine.
- Listen to your child playing and take an interest in seeing what they can achieve.
- Set goals with your child for the practice session – ie: "show me how you can play this page, 4 times."
- Reward good work and most importantly avoid the temptation to associate a punishment with lack of practice. (Never say "if you don't practice there will be no TV." instead turn it around to "Lets do your practice so we can watch TV"

Practice –whilst important is only a part of creating musical success. Encourage your child but don't force them. Music should be fun and by celebrating the success they achieve when they do practice, children will start to become much more self-motivated.

**MOST OF ALL – HAVE FUN SHARING THE JOY OF MUSIC WITH YOUR CHILD!!!**

## Rock School

All the band members from our West Auckland Rock School programme gave a great show at ZEAL in Henderson last month. In addition to the 5 great bands the crowd was treated to some fantastic original solo works, written by a few of these up and coming performers.

The exciting band programme is a fantastic opportunity for students that have already got solid instrumental skills to start learning about how to work together in a real band and improve composition and improvisation skills – and remember this course is available on the Shore from Term 2.

For those that are interested in seeing the students from this band programme in action – check them out at:

### **THE LONDON BAR**

**Wellesley Street – Auckland City**

**Saturday Night – 9<sup>th</sup> MAY**

(There is a small cover charge)

See you there.

## **MUSIC EDUCATION CENTRE**

**CALL: 0800 89 39 39**

**[www.musiceducation.co.nz](http://www.musiceducation.co.nz)**

## **STUDENT ACCOUNTS**

**Please remember:**

- **Our lessons are invoiced in advance.**
- **Lessons missed by students are still charged.**
- **Payments should be made monthly for students at our centre, or on a term basis for those learning in schools.**
- **All Music In Schools students should have now paid for their term 2 lesson fees.**

**Thank you for giving this your attention.**

## **QUEENS BIRTHDAY**

### **HOLIDAY**

The Music Education Centre is CLOSED on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** for the Queens Birthday Weekend.

## **Great Fun Classes for Young Children!**

***GIVE YOUR CHILD A FUN INTRODUCTION  
TO THE WORLD OF MAKING MUSIC!***

- Specialist Classes for 3-7 year olds
  - Fun Small Group lessons
  - Piano, singing and theory combined
- Limited Spaces for Term 2 still available**

**Book Today!!!**

**0800 89 39 39**

### **PIANO – FREE TO A GOOD HOME**

Thanks you to Sandie Souter for her kind offer to give (on semi-permanent loan) her John Brinsmead upright piano to a deserving family.

For information about this please call Sandie on **4195198**

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