



# MUSIC TALK

"Resolve to perform what you ought, perform without fail what you resolve" – Benjamin Franklin

## WHO SHOULD BE IN CHARGE OF A CHILD'S EDUCATION?

**JUNE 09**

Parents are provided with a variety of educational choices for their children. Sports, art, culture and other extracurricular activities all have a part to play in the overall development of a child. Generally most parents want to give their children the very best opportunity to have a well rounded education, however the limitations of time and resources mean that choices often have to be made.

In considering the best activity for their child's development, it is common for parents to ask their child "do you want to do it?", and then let this be the deciding factor. Certainly, having a child interested and enjoying their learning is important, although, it can sometimes be a mistake to make this the sole criteria in making a decision. I am sure that we can all think of times when we were children ourselves, and if we had been asked "do you want to go to school?" we might have said no – not today! Despite this our parents will have still encouraged us to go because they recognised the benefit that it provided to our development.

Learning music should be fun, but like any education, it there are challenges that students experience, and times when motivation can be low. In the long term though, music is one of the few activities that allows a child to learn using their primary learning style, whether it be visual, auditory or kinaesthetic. (continued overleaf)

## PERFORMANCE AFTERNOON

Every term we hold Performance Afternoons for our students, and this term the date is **SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

Performances are a great way to develop confidence and presentation skills, and fill an important part of a general musical education.

To book your performance time, please make sure that your teacher enters you on the performance list in the next week or so.

### VENUES AND TIMES

#### **NORTH SHORE STUDENTS**

Takapuna War Memorial Hall  
The Strand, Takapuna  
**2pm and 3pm**

#### **WEST AUCKLAND STUDENTS**

Tirimoana School Hall  
Kokiri Street, Te Atatu  
**1pm**

#### **CENTRAL AUCKLAND STUDENTS**

Ponsonby Intermediate School Hall  
Clarence Street, Ponsonby  
**1pm**

**SEE YOU THERE!!!**

As a result, this also allows the brain to develop connections between the learning styles, which in turn, has a positive flow through to other areas of their education.

Music develops analytical thinking skills whilst encouraging creativity. Mastery of a particular song requires goal setting, self discipline and determination to achieve success. All these are skills that have a positive impact in later life. Playing music in a group, band or orchestra, develops the skills of teamwork and interaction and performance helps develop confidence.

In making educational choices for your children, take the time to weigh up the benefits. The choices you make for your child today, will affect who they turn out to be tomorrow.

## WEBSITE AND STUDENT BLOG

Go to:

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

Log on to our student blog and have your say! Share your experiences of learning and performing with the MEC

This is a great way to share your musical successes.



## **MUSIC EDUCATION CENTRE**

**CALL: 0800 89 39 39**

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

## **MISSED LESSONS**

Lessons missed by students cannot be made up nor refunded.

Whilst we appreciate you informing us of your absence in advance, please make sure that your account is paid in full each month.

Thank you for giving this your attention.

## **SCHOOL HOLIDAY LESSONS**

The Music Education Centre is open for lessons are normal in the July School holidays. Lesson continuity makes a real difference in students' success.

If you need to reschedule your lesson time for the holidays, please arrange the time with your teacher now so that suitable arrangements can be made.

## **MAKE MUSIC A FAMILY AFFAIR**

Learning music is fun for all ages. Did you know that the Music Education Centre has many adult students too? Don't leave the music making in your family up to your kids. Why not learn an instrument too?

Lessons are available for adults after work times and on weekends so call us today - **0800 89 39 39**

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