



MUSIC TALK

"A mind once stretched by a new idea never regains its original dimensions"
– Anonymous

ARE YOU MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR LESSONS?

SEPTEMBER 09

Students learn music for all sorts of different reasons. Yes, music lessons are fun and creative, and learning an instrument has such a positive effect on general education.

In order to receive the greatest value from your lessons with the Music Education Centre, take the time to consider the following ideas, and discuss them with your teacher to see if they are appropriate for you.

Lesson Length – Can you benefit from a longer lesson? As students reach higher levels, the material covered becomes more technical, requires greater music interpretation and will be more complex. An extra 15 minutes each week will give you both the time to cover your material more thoroughly, and also introduce additional material, theory, technique or different genres of music. All students who have been learning for more than 3 years should be having lessons longer than 20 minutes each week.

Performance Goals – From our regular performance afternoons to school assessments and even living room performances for friends and family, performance is an essential element in a rounded musical education. Developing repertoire and presentation skills and setting regular performance goals can make a real difference in your playing

Examinations – These are the best way to get an objective assessment of progress. Talk to your teacher about the syllabus and grade level that best suits your needs

We look forward to working with you and bringing your joy of music education to life.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Well done to MEC student, Danya Pavlovich for making it to the final of the "Project Twin Streams" song quest. Danya learns guitar from Robert Wiseman and also is a part of our "Rock School" program.

Danya's original song "One World" was selected as a finalist for the best environmental song by under 18 year olds. Danya is only 12 so this is a wonderful achievement

The final was held at the "Global Café" in Henderson on the 22nd August.

ROCK SCHOOL PARTY

It was great to see so many students at the end of last month having a great time and enjoying the music of the students in our Rock School Courses.

All the bands did a great job with some outstanding performances and made sure a great time was had by all.

If you want to join one of our bands – please contact Petia on rock@musiceducation.co.nz for more details.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Lessons at our Music Education Centres continue as normal over school holidays. If you are planning to be away over the holiday period, you must let your teacher know in advance or you will be charged.

Remember, lesson continuity is a key to long term success, so make sure you get the most out of your lessons with us.

School holidays run from 28th September to 11th October 2009.

MEC Guitar Ensemble

Meet new friends as you play your favorite instrument and practice towards public performances.

We're looking for enthusiastic and committed young musicians with 6 months or more playing experience for our new ensemble. Ensemble will be run by experienced guitar teachers and will have performances at the end of each term.

AUDITIONS (one short piece):

Saturday 12th September - 3:30pm

REHEARSALS:

Every Saturday from 19th September
3:30pm - 4:30pm

HELD At MEC in Glenfield

Program will suit all playing levels.

COST:

\$7 per rehearsal. All music provided.

For all enquiries: Contact Bojan Madzunarov
bojmad@yahoo.com

MEC PERFORMANCE AFTERNOON

Our performance afternoons will be held on the Shore and in the West on the 13th September.

Students should book their lesson times with their teachers as soon as possible.

The following points should help make your performance even more enjoyable.

Each session is only 1 hour. Please take the time to wait until the end of each session to support all the other performers.

These performances are a great opportunity to develop good audience skills. During performances please sit quietly and enjoy the music - and parents, please set an example.

Stage craft and presentation make a difference. Dress well- and SMILE!!!!

When you play, aim for a high standard; be proud of whatever you achieve and most of all - HAVE FUN!!!

See you there!!!

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EXAMINATION RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Caren Hopcroft** (*Jessica Jones*) -
Passed NZMEB Piano Grade 1, (Distinction)
- Isabella Holdsworth** (*Jessica Jones*) -
Passed NZMEB Piano Grade 1, (Honours)
- Olivia Holdsworth** (*Jessica Jones*) -
Passed NZMEB Piano Grade 1, (Honours)
- Oliver Carruthers** (*Jessica Jones*) -
Passed NZMEB Piano Grade 1, (Credit)
- Connor Wallace** (*Jessica Jones*) -
Passed NZMEB Piano Grade 1, (Credit)
- Ronan Wallace** (*Jessica Jones*) -
Passed NZMEB Piano Preliminary, (Merit)
- Olivia Milsom** (*Jessica Jones*) -
Passed NZMEB Piano Preliminary, (Credit)
- Jessica Cameron** (*Jessica Jones*) -
Passed NZMEB Piano Prelim. (Pass Plus)

2009 FORTE FESTIVAL

This is the annual highlight for our Forte Students. Focussed on giving our youngest students the opportunity to enjoy playing on stage, this event is something really special.

When: Sunday Afternoon 20th Sept.

Where: Dove Theatre - Kristen School
(on the old Albany Highway)

Cost: \$10 pp or Family pass (8 people)
for \$50.



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