



MUSIC TALK

"Self-expression must pass into communication for its fulfillment." – Pearl S. Buck

COMMUNICATION – Making the difference for student success!

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Teaching music is much more than giving instructions and assessing student progress. Education is about effective two-way communication. Just as the student should benefit from a teacher's experience and advice, the teacher too needs to analyse the feedback from the students to ensure understanding, and also to set relevant goals.

While the primary focus of communication is generally between student and teacher, parents too form an essential link in the chain to ensure long term benefit and success. With young students in particular, it is the parents' understanding and guidance at home that ensures real progress. In addition to being able to reinforce the teacher's ideas between lessons, the simple fact that a parent is showing an interest makes a tremendous difference in the students own motivation and enjoyment.

Parents cannot be expected to attend every lesson, however, whenever possible, take the time to at least talk regularly with your teacher, as your involvement can be hugely beneficial. If you do have any questions that you would like to ask, feel free to attend the last 5 minutes of a lesson. Waiting until after the lesson will often mean the teacher has to move on to their next student and will not be able to give you the feedback you need. Remember also that you can always contact our teachers by phone, through our centre on 0800 89 39 39.

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EXAMINATION RESULTS

Congratulations to:

Alexandra Reekie (*Grade 1 Hons*)

Mira Bi (*Grade 4 Merit*)

Maggie Ding (*Grade 1*)

All of whom passed their
Accordion Examination Board of
New Zealand exams last month.

They are all students of Campbell
Bettridge.



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**

PERFORMANCE AFTERNOONS

Performance is an important part of a musical education. Our final performance afternoons for 2009 are a fantastic opportunity for all students to benefit from this valuable experience. Please make sure you get your teacher to book your performance time, so that you don't miss out. Admission is FREE and all friends and family are welcome to attend.

NORTH SHORE

Takapuna War Memorial Hall
2pm, and 3pm

WEST AUCKLAND

Tirimoana School Hall
1pm

CENTRAL AUCKLAND

Ponsonby Intermediate School Hall
1pm



MUSIC EDUCATION CENTRE

CALL: 0800 89 39 39
www.musiceducation.co.nz

Nineteen children between six and eleven years of age, all students of MEC teacher, John Mercer, performed on the piano at the Rose Centre on 19th October, to an appreciative audience of family and friends.



Some students have been learning only a few weeks while others have been learning for several years. The students are learning to read music, they also learn how to practice, rehearse and perform pieces. Reading and practicing develops their reading and listening skills, coordination, imaginations and musical sense. While rehearsing and performing develops determination, self-possession, focus and courage. All these, but especially the last were well on display last night.

John teaches the piano at Belmont and Hauraki Primary schools through the Music Education Centre's programmes.

School Holidays

Most lessons at the Music Education Centre will continue though until SATURDAY 19th DECEMBER. Students that will be going away before this date should let their teacher know as soon as possible, or call our centre on : **0800 89 39 39**

**Our office will reopen in 2010 from
Tuesday 5th January
Make sure you check your first
lesson date directly with your
teacher.**

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