



the music education centre

## WELCOME BACK TO A NEW TERM OF LESSONS!!!

Each month, the Music Education Centre helps hundreds of young up and coming musicians towards their musical goals – however, parents also are an essential ingredient in helping their own children achieve success.

The reasons why parents choose music lessons for their children vary from family to family. From the well documented educational benefits that music learning offers, to simply a positive and fun recreational activity, the decision to give a child the opportunity to learn music is something that is usually made only after careful consideration.

The benefits of musical education can be roughly grouped into two main areas – extrinsic and intrinsic. For those that seek a crossover of benefits into other areas of learning or academic result, there have been countless studies on the extrinsic value playing an instrument can offer. For many parents though, music learning is primarily about that – learning to play an instrument. Student motivation too can be grouped into performance and mastery goals and therefore parents need to remain mindful that their perception of value from learning music can be vastly different to that of their child.

Students motivated by performance goals, generally seek external praise and acknowledgement for their achievements. In these situations parental interest, praise and emotional reward is essential – recognising obvious success.

For those driven by mastery, encouragement rather than praise can often be more important. Recognising the smallest improvements on the journey towards mastery is arguably the most important tool to keep students on the road to success.

Regardless of parental intention, or student motivation, there is no question that there is a direct correlation between parental involvement and a student's long-term playing of a musical instrument. Between lessons parents do need to encourage their children, help keep them on-track, and ultimately take the responsibility to ensure that their child continues with lessons. This might mean changing the expectation of musical achievement, or indeed, rethinking the very definition of success.

Above all, music education requires a long-term commitment, so even when things do not seem to be running to plan, as parents we need to step up and make sure we do our part to help our children reach their potential.



### FORTE SCHOOL OF MUSIC CLASSES FOR 3-7 YEAR OLDS

Some say this is perhaps the most FUN way to get your little one to start making music.

With structured courses, graded according to age, these small group lessons allow youngsters to explore the world of music making with songs, rhythm games, and basic piano skills – all with teachers specifically trained to work with this age group.

Limited spaces for new term two classes are still available

Free trial lessons are offered during the week of 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> May – Don't delay! – **BOOK NOW!**

For class times, or more information check out:

<http://www.musiceducation.co.nz/early-childhood/>

or phone **0800 89 39 39**

### QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

The Music Education Centre is closed on statutory holidays. Therefore our office will be closed on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June for the Queens Birthday Observance.

Lessons continue as normal over the rest of the long weekend, and will have been invoiced as such on your May account.

### HAVE YOUR STATEMENT EMAILED EACH MONTH

Thank you to those students who have requested delivery of their lesson invoice/statement by email. If you would like yours also delivered electronically each month, please let us know by emailing [lessons@musiceducation.co.nz](mailto:lessons@musiceducation.co.nz) giving your student name and we will set this up for you. If you prefer to continue receiving your statement by post, you don't need to do anything.

## **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

Music Education Centre lessons are invoiced in advance – either on a monthly, or per term basis. As teachers' income is based solely on lesson fees received from students, we request that all students pay their lesson invoice promptly upon receipt.

For your convenience these options are offered:

**CASH** – At either our Glenfield or Henderson Centres.

**CHEQUE** – At our centres or by post to 75 Bentley Ave, Glenfield

**EFTPOS** – At either our Glenfield or Henderson Centres

**CREDIT CARD** – Visa, Mastercard, American Express

Either at our centres or by phone on 0800 89 39 39

(Diners Club payments can be made at our centres in person only)

**DIRECT CREDIT** – 02-0272-0323284-02 (please include a reference)

## **SCHOOL HOLIDAY COURSE**

*"The Halls were alive with the Sound of Music"* – or at least the halls of the Music Education Centre in Glenfield over the second week of the school holidays.

This year saw the introduction of a new holiday programme, to give piano students an opportunity to both have fun and also get specific guidance towards exam preparation.

Catering to students of all ages (right through to adult) this course offered both group tutoring and supervised individual practice time.

Following the success of this terms inaugural course, the centre plans to make this programme a regular part of the services offered at our centres.

Keep an eye out for further information about the July holiday programme in the coming months – or feel free to contact us at any time on 444-5654 to pre-book your place in the course.

## **CARPARK RESTRICTIONS – NORTH SHORE CENTRE**

As part of the City Council's remedial work on the Glenfield Leisure Centre swimming pool, we have been advised that there may be major disruption to our carparking area. Over the school holidays, a new gasline is being installed and from 20<sup>th</sup> April the main construction work is being commenced. Work is scheduled to be completed by 8<sup>th</sup> June, however, over this time, please be prepared to use the carparks at the front of the leisure centre. As the swimming pool is closed over this time there should be adequate spaces. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

## **ROCK SCHOOL EXAM RESULTS**

Well done to these students who achieved excellent results in their recent Rockscool (UK) drum examinations

Hariette Johnson *Debut grade with merit*

Cody Spooner *Grade 1*

Charles King *Grade 1 with merit*

Maya Derwyn-Roberts *Grade 1 with merit*

Alex Melrose *Grade 1 with merit*

Jason Stein *Grade 1 with distinction*

Domenic Johnson *Grade 4 with merit*

Mark D'Gama *Grade 4 with merit*

Holly Isherwood *Grade 4 with distinction*

## **GOOD LUCK**

The New Zealand Accordion Association South Pacific Championships and Festival is being held again over the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of this month. The Music Education Centre has traditionally been a strong supporter of this event, and indeed our students have almost always been well represented in the list of prizewinners each year.

We would like to wish all of our students participating in the 2015 festival the very best of luck and look forward to reporting your successes in up-coming editions of the "MusicTalk" newsletter.

