



the music education centre

## EXCITING CHANGES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD!!!

This year we have sought feedback from students and parents about how we can make your learning experience with the Music Education Centre better. We want to thank you for your suggestions. We have modified some of our policies and will be implementing them in the coming months.

- 1) A recurring theme in customer feedback was the importance of seeing their children perform. With this in mind we are aiming to place a stronger emphasis on performance, especially with our Performance Afternoons each term. Teachers will be aiming to have at least 75% of their students performing, regularly, which is a great way to build confidence and presentation.
- 2) Our billing systems too have come under some scrutiny.

### LESSON FEES FOR 2016:

30 minute individual lessons will be held at the current rate of \$29.90 per lesson (\$30 for cello). Our teachers are committed to offering the very best value to students and are working hard to ensure that fees can be kept competitive.

20 minute and group lessons are offered to younger or beginner level students for whom these represent the best learning environment. These lessons are a little cheaper (\$24.90 and \$19.90 respectively) than 30 minute lessons, however most of our existing students should now be at an age or level where shorter lessons are no longer the best option.

Our Forte Group classes have had their fees held for some time, and from late February the 45 minute group lesson will be \$24.40 per lesson.

We have enjoyed seeing the positive difference that learning music has made across all areas of our students' lives and look forward to seeing you all continue to flourish and progress in the year ahead.

Thank you for choosing the Music Education Centre to help bring your musical potential to life!



## MISSED LESSONS – MAKE UP LESSONS AND LESSON CREDITS

Thanks to your feedback we will be standardising our lesson crediting policies for 2016.

We are pleased to advise that from 2016 all students will now be entitled up to 4 lesson credits each year during school term times. *(If you are not attending in School holidays, please advise this with your teacher in advance so that you will not be charged).*

This means that in cases of illness, holidays, school trips etc, your account can be adjusted.

Please note: Any absences more than this will not be credited or refunded.

Our teachers are ONLY paid from the lesson fees you pay (and only WHEN you have paid). Therefore, lessons do need to be paid in advance and in full. Adjustments will be made on the following invoices.

### **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.

## EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS Our students have had some great results in the last few weeks! Well Done!

**Isabella Palemene-Itunu** Silver Foundation Piano – Karina Liman  
**Marguerita Collins** Silver Foundation Piano – Karina Liman  
**Meher Singh** Silver Foundation Piano – Karina Liman  
**Blake Bishop** Gold Foundation Piano – Amanda Morley  
**William Dickson** Gold Foundation Piano – Amanda Morley  
**Qing Zhong** Gold Foundation Piano – Amanda Morley  
**Jasmine Liu** Gold Foundation Piano – Amanda Morley  
**Victoria Wang** Gold Foundation Piano – Amanda Morley  
**Maya Nagarajan** Gold Foundation Piano – Amanda Morley  
**Kyla Porteous** Rockschoo Debut Guitar – Georgi Dobrev  
**Tom Fraser** Trinity Grade 1 Piano - Amanda Morley  
**Esther Carr** Trinity Grade 1 Piano - Amanda Morley  
**Natasha Wright** ABRSM Grade 1 Piano – Raewyn Thomas  
**Catherine Chen** ABRSM Grade 2 Piano – Prue Bell  
**Grace Hu** ABRSM Grade 2 Piano – Prue Bell  
**Callum Armstrong** Rockschoo Grade 2 Guitar – Nick Cebalo  
**Alice Cawley** ABRSM Grade 2 Piano – Janet Tracey  
**Oliver Hunt** Rockschoo Grade 2 Guitar – Georgi Dobrev  
**Saartje Ly** ABRSM Grade 2 Piano – Janet Tracey  
**Samantha Malveda** ABRSM Grade 2 Theory – Gabrielle Reid  
**Sairaj Lal** Trinity Grade 2 Piano – Elaine Wong  
**Scott Shrimpton** Rockschoo Grade 2 Drums – Tristan Deck  
**Chris Mei** Rockschoo Grade 3 Guitar – Kevin Fan  
**Hannah Mace** Trinity Grade 3 Piano – Elaine Wong  
**Alice Qiu** Rockschoo Grade 3 Bass – Frank Yang  
**Yerang Seo** ABRSM Grade 3 – Gabrielle Reid  
**Austiner Hellesoe** ABRSM Grade 3 Piano – Gabrielle Reid  
**Jacob Marriott** ABRSM Grade 3 Piano – Gabrielle Reid  
**Yue Gao** Rockschoo Grade 3 Drums – Frank Yang  
**Phoebe Shaw** Rockschoo Grade 3 Piano – Joy Liu  
**Evelyn Campbell** ABRSM Grade 3 Piano – Raewyn Thomas  
**Bryon Tantau** Rockschoo Grade 4 Guitar – Frank Yang  
**Shannon Liu** ABRSM Grade 5 Theory – Gabrielle Reid  
**Holly Isherwood** Rockschoo Grade 5 Drums – AJ MacFarlane  
**Olivia Dong** Rockschoo Grade 5 Vocals – Frank Yang  
**Mark D’Gama** Rockschoo Grade 5 Drums – Tristan Deck  
**Shania Riethmann** Trinity Grade 6 Piano - Amanda Morley

On behalf of all the teachers and staff at the Music Education Centre, we wish you and your families a safe, happy and musical summer.



## Performance Afternoon – Performer of the Day Awards

Our final performance afternoon for 2015 was a great success. In the West, there were so many performers that we finished almost an hour later than usual!!!!

There were very many good performances by students of all ages, and Performer of the Day Awards were given to:

- Alexandra Reekie – Piano
- Dagmara and Otomar Rudolph and Emily McDonalds Voice students
- Jack Skelton – Accordion
- Allaryce Go – Piano
- Finn Wright – Piano
- Virgilio Manaio – Piano
- Amado Manaio – Piano
- Hannah Peterson – Piano
- Ivan Su – Drums
- Joshua Churches – Guitar

We look forward to more great performance next year!



## Important Dates

**December 19<sup>th</sup> 2015** – Last teaching Day  
**January 5<sup>th</sup> 2016** – Office opens for telephone enquiries  
**January** – teachers begin to resume their regular lesson schedules  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February** - Anniversary Day  
**Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> February** – Forte classes resume  
**Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb** – Ponsonby Intermediate lessons resume  
**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Waitangi Day holiday  
**Mon 8th Feb** – Waitangi day observance  
**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Music In Schools lessons resume