



the music education centre

## WELCOME BACK TO THE MUSIC EDUCATION CENTRE FOR 2016!!!

While many of our teachers and students have been enjoying the summer break, - we have been busy behind the scenes preparing for the great year ahead.

### NEW TEACHERS

After an extensive search (which started back in October last year) we have selected some great new teachers to join our team for 2016. Only the best applicants we invited to audition – specifically focussed on identifying their teaching talent, and then a select few were inducted in our teacher training.

### TEACHER TRAINING

Covering general aspects of teaching philosophy, lesson planning and practical teaching skills, our annual course gives you the confidence that your teacher has both the knowledge and support to give your child a great start in music

### FEE STRUCTURING

As you may have read in our Christmas newsletter – we have made some major changes to simplify our lesson billing policies. Now all of our students are able to have up to 4 credits per year for lessons missed through illness, school trip, holidays etc. Even better news is that our standard 30 minute individual lesson rate is remaining at \$29.90.

Our group lesson fees and 20 minute lesson fees have had some inflation adjustment this year, to \$19.90 and \$24.90 respectively, with our Forte Group class rate changing to \$24.40 per 45 minute lesson.

### NORTH SHORE MAINTENANCE

Students at our North Shore branch may notice the paint work has been touched up for the start of the New Year, and we now also have new carpet in our group teaching classroom!

We are ready for a great year ahead, and look forward to seeing you develop your musical potential over the coming months.



## WHY NOT ENROL A FRIEND?

If you love making music, - imagine how it would be even better to be able to jam along with a friend or family member.

The Music Education Centre has teachers on a range of 15 different instruments, so whether you like drums or violin, we have someone to help you.

Remember also, that no matter what age you are- we have great programmes for students as young as 3 right through to retirement age.

February is the best time to enrol, as we have the most choice of lesson times to offer – so tell your friends to give us a call today!

**0800 89 39 39**

## 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!

Ysabel Mercado – Grade 2 Trinity Piano – *Gabrielle Reid*

Amelie Back – Grade 2 Trinity Piano – *Gabrielle Reid*

Jeannie Mati – Grade 2 Trinity Piano – *Gabrielle Reid*

Alice Hout – Grade 2 Trinity Piano – *Gabrielle Reid*

Jessica Brown – Grade 2 Trinity Piano – *Gabrielle Reid*

Patrick Marriott – Grade 1 Trinity Piano – *Gabrielle Reid*

Daniel Huang – Grade 1 Trinity Piano – *Gabrielle Reid*

Ian Zhang – Grade 1 Trinity Piano – *Gabrielle Reid*

Callum Dron – Grade 1 Trinity Piano – *Gabrielle Reid*

Luciano Pouwels – Grade 1 Trinity Piano – *Gabrielle Reid*

Wayne Wu – Grade 3 ABRSM Theory with Merit – *John Mercer*

Alisha Lawrence - Trinity Initial Piano with Merit – *Theresa Fourie*

William Withell - Trinity Initial Piano with Merit - *Theresa Fourie*

Troy Jellyman - Grade1 Trinity Piano - *Theresa Fourie*

Marissa Ogilvie- Grade 1 Trinity Piano - *Theresa Fourie*

Martha Coltman- Grade 1 Trinity Piano with Merit - *Theresa Fourie*

Kea Churchill - Grade 1 Trinity Piano with Merit - *Theresa Fourie*

Molly Withell - Grade 2 Trinity Piano - *Theresa Fourie*

Sarang Yoon - Grade 2 Trinity Piano with Distinction - *Theresa Fourie*

**Are you worried about starting your child on the right note?**

Our special classes are specially designed to 3-7 year olds. Bookings now open for term 1. Limited spaces Book your FREE trial today!



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**OUR FIRST PERFORMANCE AFTERNOON FOR 2016 WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY APRIL 10<sup>th</sup>. Mark this date in your Calendar TODAY!!!**

**North Shore: Takapuna War Memorial Hall**  
**West Auckland: Tirimoana School Hall**



### Important Dates

**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 8<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Waitangi Day observance  
**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Music In Schools lessons resume  
**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Enrolments close for Music In Schools students  
**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> March** – Good Friday  
**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Easter Monday