



the music education centre

## KEEPING THE MUSIC ALIVE IN 2017

The summer holidays are often a welcome break from the regular routine, but with the transition into the New Year, and many students changing schools, we can help make sure that your musical opportunities can kick off in term one with as little disruption as possible.

With programmes at 41 schools and our two centres, the Music Education Centre is the ideal place to keep your music flowing in the New Year. Whilst our teachers and staff usually get in touch with students over summer to confirm plans, there are a few things you can do to make sure that you can get back into your music making as soon as possible.

### STUDNETS LEARNING AT OUR CENTRES

Lessons at our centres continue in the New Year automatically. Just confirm the date for your first lesson (most teachers are back mid-late January) and remember to keep practising over the break. If a teacher change might be needed, our office staff will help confirm that with you around Anniversary Weekend.

### STUDENTS LEARNING IN SCHOOLS

#### *Staying at the same school*

Your lessons will continue as normal from the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of term (a couple of schools will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> week). Your term 1 invoice will be sent in January and can be paid before lessons recommence.

#### *Changing schools*

Our office staff will be in touch to offer you lessons at either our centre or your new school. If you prefer you can contact Brittany at our centre on 0800 89 39 39 and she can take your details and make sure things are organised for you before the start of term 1.

### FORTE GROUP CLASSES

These lessons will continue as normal from the start of the new school term (after Anniversary Weekend).

The last lessons for our –in-schools students are being held on 9<sup>th</sup> December with all other lessons at our centres and in Ponsonby running until the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Our office will reopen for telephone enquiries from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017. In the meantime have a safe, enjoyable – AND MUSICAL summer!



## PERFORMANCE AFTERNOON

Our final performance opportunity for 2016 and a great chance to celebrate our students' success and progress over the last 12 months.

Make sure you have booked your performance time and remember to invite all your friends and family!

**WHERE?:** Takapuna War Memorial Hall, and Tirimoana School Halls.

**WHEN?:** 11<sup>th</sup> December – 1pm, (West) 2pm and 3pm (Shore)

**COST?:** FREE!!!



## 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 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.

## SHOW YOUR TALENT AT GLENFIELD MALL

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!!

Looking for something to do in the January Holidays?

Want to win great prizes?

Have a special talent you can't wait to show?



The mall is once again running its talent quest open to everyone yet to start high school.

Heats run from 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Jan with the GRAND FINAL on 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017.

Enter online or find more details at:

[www.glenfieldmalltalent.co.nz](http://www.glenfieldmalltalent.co.nz)

## What Great Year!!!

Thank you to all our students, their families, and of course our teachers for making 2016 as memorable and successful as it has been.

Highlights have been our great performance afternoons each term giving students of all ages, instruments and levels a chance to shine.

In the middle of the year, we partnered with the Glenfield Mall to run a talent quest and were thrilled to see Music Education Centre students doing so well.

One of our students, Alexandra Reekie represented New Zealand at the World Accordion Championships in Russia, and many other accordion students won various age-group categories in the NZ accordion Championships.

The Forte Festival, for our youngest students was the biggest to date, and for the first time included students from our partner Forte School of Music in Howick.

Thanks everyone for making 2016 so GREAT!

## Lesson Accounts

All of our students are invoiced for lessons in advance, either on a monthly or term by term basis.

Our teachers are only paid for lessons when the money has been received from the students. Therefore, if your account is not paid, your teacher is not getting any money.

With the end of the year fast approaching, our teachers would all appreciate all students ensure their fees are paid up to date, before the Christmas break.

## Want to give the gift of music to someone special?

The Music Education Centre has lessons for all ages, all over Auckland and on a range of instruments.

Gift vouchers are available and can be pre-purchased for any number of lessons.

If you would like more information about lesson vouchers, feel free to contact the centre on 0800 89 39 39.

## EXAMINATION RESULTS

Music Education Centre students are encouraged to enter external examinations. Whilst there are still some candidates to sit before Christmas, in recent weeks we have received results from the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music for some of our students that have recently passed.

**Laura Waretini** passed Grade 1 piano with merit (teacher – Blain Austin)

**Maya Perera** passed Grade 1 piano with Distinction (teacher – Blain Austin)

**Shaun Hernandez** passed Grade 3 piano with merit (teacher – Don Brough)

**Tony Zhang** passed Grade 5 viola (teacher – Jonna Arthur)

**Veronica O'Donnell** passed Grade 6 piano (teacher – Don Brough)

**Katherine Chong** passed Grade 6 violin with merit (teacher – Jonna Arthur)

**Amy Wang** passed Grade 6 violin with merit (teacher – Jonna Arthur)

Congratulations to you all – and best of luck to everyone sitting in the next couple of weeks!

## Student Progress Reports.

Student progress reports for students taking individual lessons at our centres or in schools are completed by teachers twice a year. Your report should either be included with this newsletter or be mailed in the coming weeks.

If you do not receive a report, or would like to discuss anything regarding progress, please talk directly with your teacher. Students in "Forte" group classes should be receiving their reports in person at their last lesson for the year.