



MEC

the music education centre

May 2013 Edition

# MUSIC TALK

" the joy of learning music is alive! "

**Welcome to the second term. Traditionally it's a busy time, with the external exams, many competitions & of course MEC's own special Performance Afternoons!**

**What are your goals for this term? Why not post on your very own social site for MEC students: [social.musiceducation.co.nz](http://social.musiceducation.co.nz) & tell us what you hope to achieve.**

## EXAMINATION RESULTS

We are proud to be a recognised exam centre for the Australian 'Foundation of Music Education' examinations. These exams are a fantastic way for younger students to get an external measurement of progress & we are pleased to announce the following candidates, who all passed last month:

- Natalie Raphael (Bronze)
- Amber Wilson (Silver)
- Kjlyn Donila (Silver)
- Jasmine Kernohan (Silver)
- Daniel Huang (Silver)
- Nadia Braganza (Silver)
- Xaviera Xu (Silver)
- Altanya Suparman (Gold)
- Daniel Breen (Gold)

“ My son has been learning....at MEC since he was seven, he's now nearly 15. My daughter has been learning since she was 8yrs.

I didn't realise when we started just how much they would gain from music lessons, the important life skills learnt along the way. Music has encouraged commitment, enhanced memory & confidence, provided the opportunity for them to perform & join an orchestra. Kim & Rus

if you would like to send feedback, please email: [info@musiceducation.co.nz](mailto:info@musiceducation.co.nz)

Well done! These exams are particularly suited to students learning in our early childhood 'Forte School of Music' classes as much of the exam repertoire comes from these course books. The next closing date is scheduled for 4th June, so talk to your teacher if you would like to know more.

## AWARD WINNING - EARLY CHILDHOOD MUSIC - AT MEC

We believe that the award winning 'Forte' courses are the very BEST option for young children to get a start in music. Designed to cater to the specific learning needs of 3 to 7 year olds, these fun & exciting classes introduce children to basic piano skills, but more importantly develop all round musical foundations, through the combination of theory, singing rhythm activities & instrumental playing that are all included in the lessons. We offer these classes exclusively, in Auckland N.Z!

**BOOK YOUR CHILD FOR A TRIAL LESSON. With a new term of classes starting this month, we have limited spaces for your child to come along & see how much FUN learning music can be. Call 0800 89 39 39 TODAY!**



See you soon!

Young imaginations captured at our Early childhood classes!

Exclusive! Award winning!

- West Auckland
- North Shore
- Central Auckland



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## GOOD LUCK - NZ ACCORDION CHAMPIONSHIPS

Each year the New Zealand Accordion Association hosts the South Pacific Accordion Championships. The Music Education Centre is a supporter of this event. Many of our students will be competing at both a national & international level.

Held over Queens Birthday Weekend at the Raye Freedman Theatre in Epsom, this event features many world class performances & is an annual highlight for accordionists of all ages.



We would like to wish all our students competing the very best of luck & look forward to publishing results in Music Talk.



## PERFORMANCE AFTERNOONS

The first term performance afternoons were a great success. Audiences at West Auckland & North Shore were treated to a range of students, instruments, levels & musical genres. It was especially good to see so many beginner level students taking to the stage to show off their skills for the first time, some after only 7 or 8 lessons! Performer of the Day Awards were presented to the following students:

- Francine Bacho – Guitar – (Teacher: Nick Cebalo)
- Annie Yu + Charlie Edmonds - Violin duet – (Teacher: Bridget Goh)
- Annie Puller – Piano – (Teacher: Elena Reekie)
- Ensemble – Violin – (Teacher: Bridget Goh)

## THEORY CLASSES

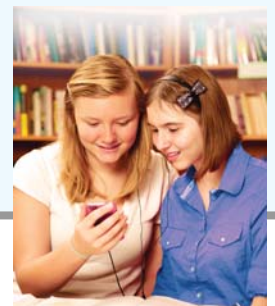
Sound music theory knowledge is important in creating a better understanding of music & essential for those interested in taking music to a higher level. Many high schools place a high importance on the value of musical theory & in some cases, theory exam results can be a requirement to participate in school choirs, bands & orchestras.

Small group theory lessons are offered at our North Shore centre in Glenfield & with lessons charged out at only \$12 per class, these represent excellent value, preparing students for the ABRSM examinations. Lessons are held at the centre each Friday at 6pm. For more details, contact the Theory Class teacher, Gabrielle Reid on ph: 444-5654.

### WEST AUCKLAND STUDENTS! REFER A FRIEND & GET 2 FREE LESSONS

This promotion closes later this month, so HURRY! Simply refer a friend or family member for individual lessons at our Henderson Centre, We will give both YOU & YOUR FRIEND your next two lessons free of charge. Open to siblings as well as friends at: 118c Railside Ave, Henderson.

View pg 2 of our April Newsletter on our website for details.



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