



the music education centre



## Hello Everyone!

Welcome back into a new term of music making.

### Your Term Ahead

Now is the time to build on all the foundations you have developed in the first six months and really start achieving some measurable results. Why not take the opportunity to discuss what you hope to achieve over the coming months with your teacher, so you can make the very best use of your time in lessons in term three, before getting caught up in the busy lead up to Christmas in term four.

### World Championships

**GOOD LUCK** – To one of our up and coming accordion students, 12 year old Alexandra Reekie. She is competing in both the American Accordionists Association Competitions in New York and then representing New Zealand at the World Accordion Championships in Canada this month. Alexandra learns both piano and accordion from Music Education Centre teachers, Andrew Jones and Campbell Bettridge. The centre is so proud to see our young students achieving on the world stage.



### Report Errors

**APOLOGY** – Some of our students learning at our centres or in Ponsonby may have received incorrect student progress reports last month. This was due to an error in the pdf generation at the time reports were printed. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. All students affected by this error will find a corrected report enclosed with this month's invoice.

### 3rd Annual String Festival

The Music Education Centre has been a major supporter of the North Shore Strings Festival and this year was no exception.



The Northcote Baptist Church was filled on 6th July with a wide variety of music, ranging from JS Bach to Michael Buble, in a programme that showcased some of the very best in up and coming violin, viola and cello talent. Coordinators (and MEC teachers) Jonna Arthur and Ali Al-Azzawi joined students onstage in duets, ensembles, trios and orchestras.

Several other MEC teachers also helped out, such as flute soloist, Sharon Han, pianist, Candy Lai and compere and accordionist Lionel Reekie.

### MEC ONLINE:

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Our website,

Is full of links to musical activities, resources, FAQs and information about our lessons and teachers!

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# MUSIC TALK

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## Performance Afternoons

Each term we provide a platform for all students to gain on-stage experience.

This term, both the Takapuna War Memorial Hall and Tirimoana School Halls played host to enthusiastic performers, all keen to show off their developing skills!

A special thanks to Don Brough for helping to run the West Auckland event this time around and also to all the MEC teachers who took time out on a Sunday afternoon to help encourage their students!

Performer of the day certificates were presented to: Maike, Annie, Joshua, Alanah, Newton, Matthew and Maya. It was especially great to see so many up and coming drum students keen to join the pianists, flutists, accordionists, guitarists, violinist and singers in entertaining the supportive and encouraging audience.

Performance experience forms an important part of music education. All students are encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities to help gain the full benefit from their time learning with the centre.

The next performances will be held on **Sunday 15th September** so mark the date in your diary today so you can get ready!

(Performing can be extra helpful before sitting end of year exams – you should always feel free to discuss these performances with your teacher.)

## Exam Results

MEC is a strong advocate for external examinations. We have good history of exam successes and are pleased to report on some of our students that have recently achieved success.

### FOUNDATION OF MUSIC EDUCATION (Piano):

Mia-Rose Bray	Bronze
Samikssa Kesavan	Bronze
Zoe Roisin McArdle Peterson	Bronze
Estee Sophia McPherson	Bronze
Ethan Daniel King	Bronze
Taylor Zara Bicknell	Bronze
Jake Adam Bicknell	Bronze
Valerie Tay	Bronze
Finn Oliver Grieve	Bronze
Amy Kelly	Bronze
Samuel Ross Carryer	Silver
Kenneth Lin	Silver
Rochelle Naomi O'Connor	Silver
Iona Stevens	Silver
Melitta Cadelis	Silver
Julian Lolesio Cheung-Tau	Silver
Melania Kyra-Leeza Lata	Silver
Naobi Nishida	Gold
Virgilio Manaos Junior	Gold
Todd Daniel Simpson	Gold
Alina Jane Reekie	Gold
Isaac Emmanuel Paradesh	Gold
Amelie Katherine Seagar	Gold
Jasmine Pausch	Gold
Emily Julia Lucy Potter	Gold

### ASSOCIATED BOARD OF THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC:

- William Hko - Grade One Piano with Merit – (teacher – Kate Ellis)
- Alex Markham - Grade One Piano with Merit – (teacher – Kate Ellis)
- Bella Emery – Grade One Theory with Distinction – (teacher – Judy Mitchell)
- Christie Anderson – Grade Five Theory with Distinction – (teacher – Kath Geelan)

### TRINITY COLLEGE (LONDON):

- Susie McCluskey - Grade Three Piano (84%) – (teacher – Tammie Fung).

## Great Early Childhood Classes For 3 to 7 Year Olds!

**A new term of our fantastic 'Forte School of Music Classes' is now underway!**

There are limited spaces still available. We believe that these award winning classes are the best way to introduce strong musical and instrumental skills in a fun environment. We offer the first lessons as a free trial!

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