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While it has already been an exciting year for our teachers and students, there is still plenty to look forward to in October which is the start of the final term for 2013.

## END OF YEAR EXAMINATIONS

For many students, term four exams represent the culmination of the year's work. The Music Education Centre has a proud history of exam success and we wish all our candidates the very best of luck. Over the last month or so, we have had some wonderful results come in for students that have already sat exams recently, our congratulations go to these successful musicians.

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

- Janneke Grundemann** - Grade 1 Piano with Distinction (Teacher: Alice Kang)
- Sam Parker** - Grade 1 Piano with Merit (Teacher: Janet Tracey)
- Moana Lamdin** - Grade 2 Piano with Merit (Teacher: Alice Kang)
- Ashley Ward** - Grade 2 Theory with Distinction (Teacher: Alice Kang)
- Etini Mareko** - Grade 3 Piano with Distinction (Teacher: Alice Kang)
- Cindy Wei** - Grade 5 Violin (Teacher: Jonna Arthur)
- Liam Goad** - Grade 5 Violin (Teacher: Jonna Arthur)

### TRINITY COLLEGE (LONDON):

- Elsie Prins** - Grade 1 Piano with Merit (Teacher: Amanda Morley)
- Joshua Porter-Day** - Grade 1 Piano with Distinction (Teacher: Amanda Morley)
- Evelyn Campbell** - Grade 1 Piano with Distinction (Teacher: Raewyn Thomas)
- Hermione Bennett** - Grade 2 Theory with Distinction (Teacher: Jessica Bates)
- Ruskin Swedlund** - Grade 2 Theory with Distinction (Teacher: Jessica Bates)
- Robert Newey** - Grade 2 Piano with Distinction (Teacher: Amanda Morley)
- Sophia Scott** - Grade 3 Theory with Merit (Teacher: Jessica Bates)
- Ruskin Swedlund** - Grade 3 Flute with Distinction (Teacher: Jessica Bates)
- Justice Zemke-White** - Grade 4 Theory with Merit (Teacher: Jessica Bates)
- Shania Riethmann** - Grade 4 with Merit (Teacher: Amanda Morley)
- Hermione Bennett** - Grade 4 Flute with Distinction (Teacher: Jessica Bates)
- Sophia Scott** - Grade 6 Flute (Teacher: Jessica Bates)
- Jocelyn Rooke** - Grade 6 Flute with Merit (Teacher: Jessica Bates)
- Justice Zemke-White** - Grade 6 Flute with Merit (Teacher: Jessica Bates)

## PERFORMANCE AFTERNOON

Our term three Performance Afternoon on 15th September was a great success. Both on the North Shore and in the West, audiences were treated to some wonderful performances across a variety of instruments.

A special congratulations to the following students as the recipients of our 'Performer of the Day' awards:

Carolina Lewin, Natasha Welch, Michael Hsu, Andrew Chen, Jacob Marriott, Alina Reekie, Benjamin Ling and Corey Jeffries.

**MARK DECEMBER 8 - IN YOUR DIARY TODAY.** This is the final Performance Afternoon for the year and we hope to see as many students as possible join us to celebrate another great year of making music with MEC!

**LABOUR WEEKEND** - The office is closed on Monday 28th October for the Labour Day Holiday. Lessons will continue as normal on the Saturday and Sunday of Labour Weekend.

## MEC'S ACCORDION STUDENTS TO THE FORE!

Keep an eye on your TV screens on Saturday 13th October when one of our students has been selected as a semi-finalist in 'What Now's' 'The One' talent competition.

Angela Chen was one of thousands of people that auditioned for The One she is one of 10 acts that will advance to the first semi-final round.

Her performance will be played on What Now on the 13th of October.

Following this, there will be a week of voting on [www.whatnow.tv](http://www.whatnow.tv) to decide the top 5 acts to proceed. These will be announced on the 20th of October.

Please support Angela by giving your vote online, and remember to keep watching! ...Speaking of accordion...

In our August news, we mentioned that one of our other accordion students – 12 year old Alexandra Reekie – was representing New Zealand at the World Accordion Championship in Canada. We are thrilled to report that in a lead up competition in New York, Alexandra gained three age group US championship titles before moving on to the under 18 years Junior Virtuoso Entertainment category in the World Championships, where she achieved a fantastic top 10 placing.

**Both Angela and Alexandra take lessons at our North Shore centre from teacher, Campbell Bettridge, himself a past NZ and South Pacific Accordion Champion.**





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## Early Childhood News



# FORTE FESTIVAL

**WOW!!!** What a great event again this year. For our youngest students, this annual Festival features children as young as 3 years old showing how much FUN it is to make music.

The Brian Gerrard Theatre was filled with the sound of piano, singing and wonderful music in three separate concerts on Sunday 22nd September.

**WE STILL HAVE SPACES AVAILABLE FOR YOUNG STUDENTS TO JOIN OUR EARLY CHILDHOOD 'FORTE' COURSES!**

These award winning courses are uniquely offered by MEC in NZ & are designed for 3 to 7 year olds.

Come along and have a first lesson to see how great an introduction to music these classes are.

Why not give our centre a call on 0800 89 39 39 to find out the best class time for your young children and book a trial lesson **THIS MONTH!**

