

Music lessons offer many more educational benefits than just learning how to play an instrument. At the Music Education Centre, we believe that music is a tool that helps in overall education.



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Why not jump on line and have a look at this article recently published in the New York Times: -

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/10/13/opinion/sunday/is-music-the-key-to-success.html>

## SPEAKING OF SUCCESS..

**Our students are continuing to achieve great results in external music exams. There are many more students due to sit this month, but here are a few of our students that have passed exams in recent weeks.**

- Oliver Hunt** (teacher: Nick Cebalo) Debut Rockscool guitar with merit
- Jay Huggins** (teacher: Nick Cebalo) Debut Rockscool guitar with distinction
- Connor Borrie** (teacher: Gabrielle Reid) Grade 1 Rockscool piano with merit
- Miette Woller-Harris** (teacher: Regan Simons) Grade 1 Rockscool guitar with merit
- Jack Sunthorn** (teacher: Frank Yang) Grade 1 Rockscool guitar with distinction
- Johnathon Thanaraj** (teacher: Regan Simons) Grade 1 Rockscool guitar with distinction
- Tyrell Snelling** (teacher: Gabrielle Reid) Grade 1 Rockscool piano with distinction
- Olivia Dong** (teacher: Frank Yang) Grade 1 Rockscool guitar with distinction
- Blake Morris** (teacher: Lyn Buchanan) Grade 1 Rockscool drum with distinction
- Ethan Vertongen** (teacher: Regan Simons) Grade 1 Rockscool guitar with distinction
- Luke Bennett** (teacher: Mario Demiraj) Grade 1 Rockscool guitar with distinction
- Alice Cawley** (teacher: Mario Demiraj) Grade 1 Rockscool guitar with distinction
- Stephanie Rooke** (teacher: Lionel Reekie) Grade 2 AEBNZ accordion with merit
- Adam Seth** (teacher: Lyn Buchanan) Grade 2 Rockscool drums with distinction
- Adrian Brown** (teacher: Chenny Chen) Grade 3 Rockscool guitar with distinction
- Ethan Renner** (teacher: Regan Simons) Grade 4 Rockscool guitar
- Travis Dunsmore** (teacher: Regan Simons) Grade 4 Rockscool guitar
- John-Paul Alvarez** (teacher: Ripu Bhatia) Grade 4 Rockscool guitar with distinction
- Martin Greshoff** (teacher: Ben Wilson) Grade 4 Rockscool Bass with distinction



We wish all of the other students sitting exams in the coming weeks the very best of luck and look forward to publishing their successes in future newsletters.

## PERFORMANCE AFTERNOON – TERM 4

**Yes...our end of year Performances are nearly upon us. Performance lists will be put up at each centre later this month, for you to book your slot for...the 8th DECEMBER.**

We hope that everyone will take advantage of this opportunity to showcase their progress throughout 2013.

No matter which instrument you play, level, age or even genre of music, our performance afternoons are the perfect venue to develop all those extra skills, including self-confidence and presentation that can only be mastered in front of an audience. Remember that admission is free so please remember to invite family and friends for a fun afternoon of musical entertainment.

**VENUES:** Tirimoana School Hall, Kokiri Street, Te Atatu (1pm).  
Takapuna War Memorial Hall, The Strand, (2pm and 3pm).

## TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

It is not only our Music Education Centre students that excel in International Exams.

We have just received confirmation that another 6 of our teachers have gained the LRSL licentiate teaching diploma. This qualification, offered by the UK based Rockscool examination board is recognised and accredited in the UK as being a B Arts equivalent. Congratulations to:

**Elena Reekie, Joy Liu, Thomas Stein  
Ying Xiao, Eden Mead and Mario Demiraj**



Kenji Iwamitsu Holdaway also achieved the level 4 certificate in teaching from Rockscool. We are proud of having a team of expert teachers and are pleased to be able to offer all our students the opportunity to benefit from this wealth of knowledge and experience.





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## TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

**Have you ever considered music teaching as a career option?**

**With many of our students achieving excellent results in top level grade exams, it may be appropriate for some of our up and coming musicians to consider helping the next generation develop a love of music.**

**If you are at an advanced level, give Lionel Reekie a call on 444 5654 and discuss whether you have what it takes to start teaching with our organisation.**

**With all prospective teachers completing an audition process and then undertaking teaching training over the Christmas holidays, should you be selected to join our team, you can be confident that you have the skills to help develop people through music.**

**We are particularly keen to find teachers for piano and guitar, with availability after school times and during the school day. Most opportunities exist for part-time positions. Applications are open now so call today!**

## MEC ON FACEBOOK

**Have you 'liked' us on Facebook yet?**

**Our page is a great place to post your photos of musical events and successes.**



Share your love of music, and keep up to date with everything that is happening at MEC.

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