



the music education centre

All of the teachers and staff of the Music Education Centre would like to thank our students and parents for their support throughout 2013. We are proud to have helped so many up and coming musicians towards their goals, and look forward to seeing them continue to flourish in the New Year.

## SEASONS GREETINGS!

Summer is a great time to make music and share it with family and friends. Here are some hints and tips to keep the music flowing in your home over the summer:

- Learn some Christmas tunes to play on Christmas day (check out some of the easy arrangements on-line from our friends at the Forte School of Music In Australia. - <http://www.fortemusic.com.au/christmas-carols/>)
- Make your own Gift CD – record some of your playing on your smartphone and then save then burn the audio file to CD on your computer. What a special present for your parents or grandparents
- Take your guitar, ukulele, or even keyboard (if it runs on batteries) to have a sing-along at the beach or even camping
- Give the gift of Music. Remember the Music Education Centre sells lesson vouchers so you can give them a skill that may bring them a lifetime of enjoyment! Contact our office for more details – 0800 89 39 39.



## PERFORMANCE AFTERNOON

Have you booked your performance time yet?

**WHEN:** SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2013

**WHERE:**

*North Shore*

Takapuna War Memorial Hall  
2pm and 3pm

*West Auckland*

Tirimoana School Hall  
1pm



Admission is FREE!!!

This is our final performance opportunity for 2013 and a chance for all students to celebrate their achievements over the last 12 months.

**SEE YOU THERE!!!**



## LESSON FEES FOR 2014

There will be a small inflation adjustment to our 20 and 30 minute individual lesson fees for 2014. 30 minutes will now be charged based on **\$29.50** per lesson. 20 minute lessons will be **\$22.00** per lesson. Lessons will continue to be invoiced in advance and payment is due upon receipt of that invoice. Lesson fees that are not paid on time may be subject to a late fee of \$5. Lesson fees for our group "Forte" classes will not be increased at this stage.

## EXAMINATION RESULTS

The Music Education Centre is proud to have seen so many students excel in external examinations this year. Many of the end of year results are still to be sent out, however, CONGRATULATIONS to these students who have already received their marks.

### ASSOCIATED BOARD OF THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC

Alex Gordon (Gabrielle Reid) Grade 1 Piano  
Emma Rogers (Gabrielle Reid) Grade 1 Piano  
Katherine Beeson (Judy Mitchell) Grade 1 Piano with Merit  
Madeleine Lord (Gabrielle Reid) Grade 1 Piano with Merit  
Jacob Marriott (Gabrielle Reid) Grade 1 Piano with Merit  
Cate O'Sullivan-Watts (Gabrielle Reid) Grade 1 Piano with Merit  
Andrew Chen (Bridget Goh) Grade 1 Violin with Distinction  
Alice Hirst (Judy Mitchell) Grade 1 Piano with Distinction  
Sadheera Weerapperuma (Andrew Jones) Grade 1 Piano with Distinction  
Katherine Chong (Jonna Arthur) Grade 3 Violin with Merit  
Thuryah Al-Azzawi (Andrew Jones) Grade 3 Piano with Distinction  
Deshma Weerapperuma (Andrew Jones) Grade 3 Piano with Distinction  
Aaron Li (Andrew Jones) Grade 4 Piano  
Erin Geraghty (Dianne Harvey) Grade 4 Voice with Merit  
Hanna Williams (Jonna Arthur) Grade 4 Violin  
Vanessa Chong (Jonna Arthur) Grade 4 Violin with Merit  
Renatta Oswaldi (Jonna Arthur) Grade 4 Violin with Merit  
Shania Riethmann (Jonna Arthur) Grade 4 Violin with Merit  
Kathleen Zhang (Andrew Jones) Grade 5 Piano  
Ryan Saena (Andrew Jones) Grade 6 Piano with Distinction  
Jonathan Lau (Andrew Jones) Grade 7 Piano with Merit  
Gigi Alvarez (Andrew Jones) Grade 7 Piano with Distinction

### TRINITY COLLEGE

Jordan Blennerhassett (Theresa Fourie) Grade 1 Piano with Distinction  
Danny Love (Andrew Jones) Grade 3 Piano with Merit  
Leah Morley (Andrew Jones) Grade 3 Piano with Merit  
Hayley Love (Andrew Jones) Grade 4 Piano with Merit  
Alexandra Reekie (Andrew Jones) Grade 6 Piano with Distinction

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day for scheduled “Music In Schools” lessons  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Final “Music In Schools” make up lessons  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Last teaching day at Music Education Centres  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December – HAPPY CHRISTMAS!!!  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Office reopens limited hours for phone enquiries  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January – Regular office hours resume on North Shore  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January – Regular office hours resume in Henderson  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Forte group classes recommence

NOTE: PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR LESSON START DATE DIRECTLY WITH YOUR TEACHER FOR 2014 LESSONS.

Well done too to **Affy Chapman**, who learns singing at the Music Education Centre teacher Janey Te Maro. Affy was a winner in the recent “Sticky TV” competition!

Most students will be receiving their end of year written progress report together with this newsletter. Should you wish to discuss your/your child's progress at any time, please feel free to call the centre on:

☎ 0800 89 39 39

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