



the music education centre

## HOW THE MUSIC EDUCATION CENTRE IS SPECIAL?

With over ninety teachers, 15 different instruments and lessons all across Auckland, the Music Education Centre is one of the country's leading music tuition providers. With over 33 years helping budding musicians, we offer several programmes – each designed to meet different needs of students and their families.

### OUR MUSIC EDUCATION CENTRES

Based in Henderson and Glenfield, these centres focus on providing individualised tuition, afternoons, evenings, and on weekends. With a wide variety of instruments offered, teachers provide lessons to students of all ages, with most taking between 30 minute to 1 hour lessons each week. Where appropriate, parents are able to attend lessons, and with the possibility for lessons to continue during school holidays, our centre is the best choice for those students who are looking for long term consistency of tuition.

### OUR MUSIC IN SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

Offered at 43 different primary and intermediate schools all over Auckland, these lessons primarily suit students at a beginner to intermediate playing level. Using the same high quality teachers as our centre lessons, students can progress to advanced levels, but the limitations of time and space within schools, lessons are usually only 30 minutes (in some cases 20 minutes) each week. Small beginner group lessons are offered at some schools, and naturally, no lessons are given in school holidays. Because of the need to accommodate the varying schedules within schools, music lesson times sometimes change “on the day” which can make it harder for parents to know when to come and sit in – however, when appropriate, parental involvement is always encouraged.

### OUR FORTE SCHOOL OF MUSIC CLASSES

We are proud to offer the courses of Australia's Forte School of Music under license. In 2014, “Forte” celebrates 20 years of offering exciting and fun music lessons. We offer these programmes to our youngest students, in a small group environment, and encourage parents to take an active role in lessons. Please see overleaf for details of how to enrol for term three.



### PERFORMANCE AFTERNOON

Our term two Performances were held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June. We were pleased to see so many friends and family coming along to support our students, many of whom were on-stage for the first time.

It was also great to see such a variety of instruments represented across the two venues, with items on everything from piano to drums and accordion to voice.

Performer of the Day Awards were presented to:

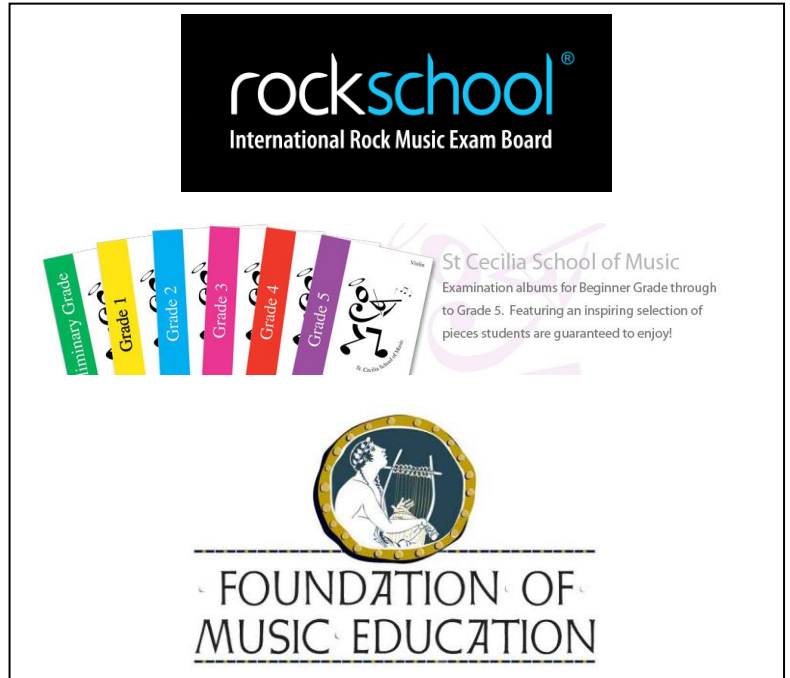
- Jordan Smith – Drums (teacher Thomas Stein)
- Craig Jeffries – Accordion (teacher Christine Johnstone)
- Michelle Nauman – Piano (teacher Elena Reekie)
- Grace Penberthy – Piano (teacher Blain Austin)
- Amrita Manu – Piano (teacher Ron Coleman)
- Nicole Ng – Piano (teacher Tanya Fonseca)
- Priscilla Zhong – Piano (teacher Tammie Fung)
- Phoenix Simpson – Keyboard (teacher Stephen Walker)

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – The Music Education Centre is open daily over the school holidays. Please check with your teacher if you need to change your school holiday lesson times.**

## MUSIC EXAMINATIONS:

The Music Education Centre will be hosting the international "ROCKSCHOOL" examinations at our Henderson Centre later this month. We are very proud to have been selected as the Auckland Venue for these exams, and we are pleased that so many of our students are candidates for this mid-year sitting. For several years, our centre has been the New Zealand administrator for the "Foundation of Music Education" examinations (based in Australia) and we also have hosted examiners from the St Cecilia School of Music. We look forward to publishing the results of our students' successes in the coming months, including these students who recently sat their external examinations.

Bruce Bian (Grade 3 ABRSM Violin With Merit)  
Richelle Feng (Bronze Foundation Of Music Education)  
Chi Kim Nguyen (Bronze Foundation Of Music Education)  
Christlaine Luamanu (Bronze Foundation Of Music Education)  
Nelly Vizner (Bronze Foundation Of Music Education)  
Prajin Chhagan (Silver Foundation Of Music Education)  
William Dickson (Silver Foundation Of Music Education)  
Blake Bishop (Silver Foundation Of Music Education)  
Georgia Zoe Green (Silver Foundation Of Music Education)  
Jairus Vincent Joseph (Silver Foundation Of Music Education)  
Samikssa Kesavan (Silver Foundation Of Music Education)  
Jesse Lee Biddle (Silver Foundation Of Music Education)  
Zoe Roisin Mcardle Peterson (Silver Foundation Of Music Education)  
Mia Rose Bray (Silver Foundation Of Music Education)  
Tumanako Cassidy (Silver Foundation Of Music Education)  
Estee McPherson (Silver Foundation Of Music Education)  
Charlotte Ng (Silver Foundation Of Music Education)  
Natalie Marie Raphael (Silver Foundation Of Music Education)  
Angela Emily Braganza (Silver Foundation Of Music Education)  
Jana Tauwhare-George (Gold Foundation Of Music Education)  
Priyanka Gai (Gold Foundation Of Music Education)  
Yasmin Frances Rosebud Robertson (Gold Foundation Of Music Education)  
Kanishka Suchdev (Gold Foundation Of Music Education)  
Nadia Braganza (Gold Foundation Of Music Education)



## STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS

Enclosed with this month's invoices, many students will be receiving a written progress report. These are designed to give a "snapshot" of students' progress over the first half of the year.

If you even have any questions regarding you/your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your teacher to have a talk about goals and achievement. You can contact our teachers either through our centre, or feel free to ask for their cellphone details if you need to get in touch afterhours etc.

### **GIVE YOUR CHILD THE BEST START IN MUSIC!!!**

**We have limited spaces in our GREAT "Forte School of Music" classes for young children. This internationally renowned course provides a fun and education introduction to music, through its exciting piano-based courses.**

**Lessons are graded according to age, and develop a sound foundation in a variety of musical skills.**

**If your child is aged between 3 and 7 years old, contact the Music Education Centre TODAY to book your FREE TRIAL LESSON**

**Ph – 0800 89 39 39**

**Congratulations to Alexandra Reekie – 2014, 15 years and under Australian International Accordion Champion. Alexandra (13) learns accordion at the Music Education Centre from Campbell Bettridge, and will be representing NZ at the World Accordion Championships in Austria later this year.**

